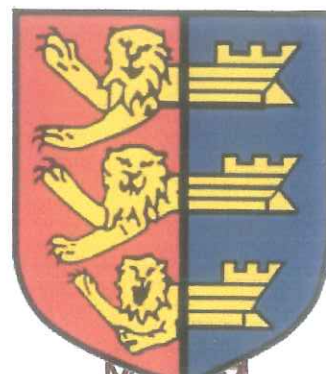
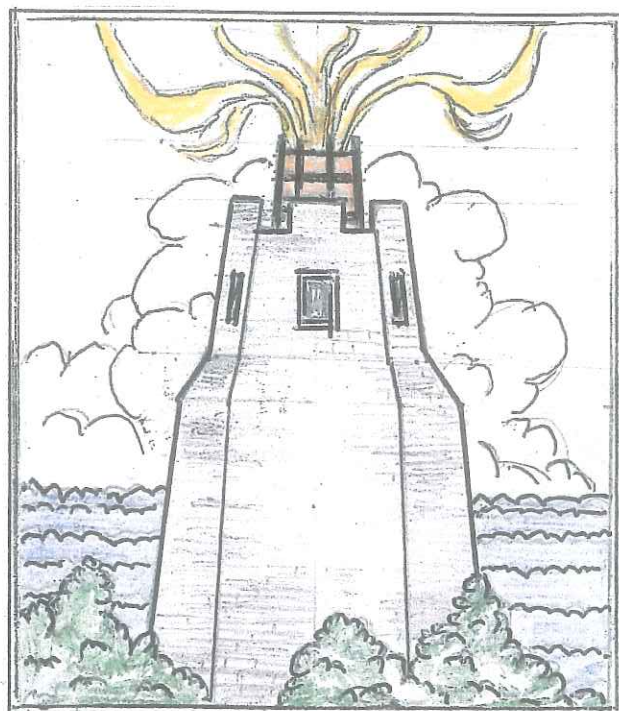




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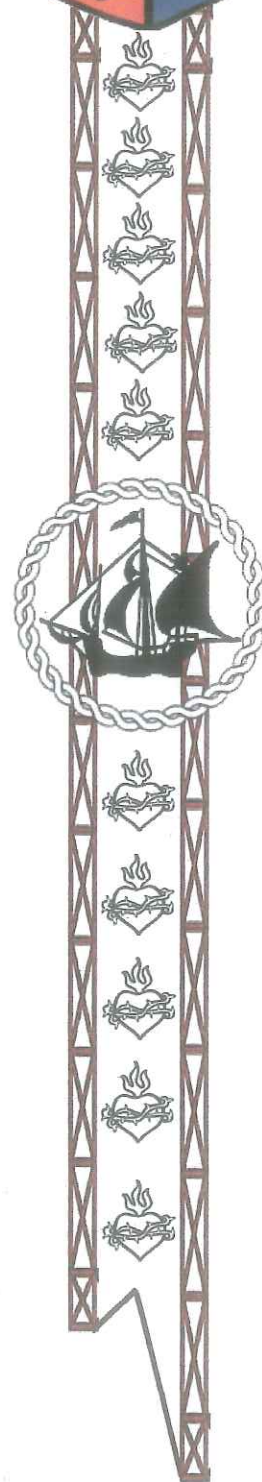
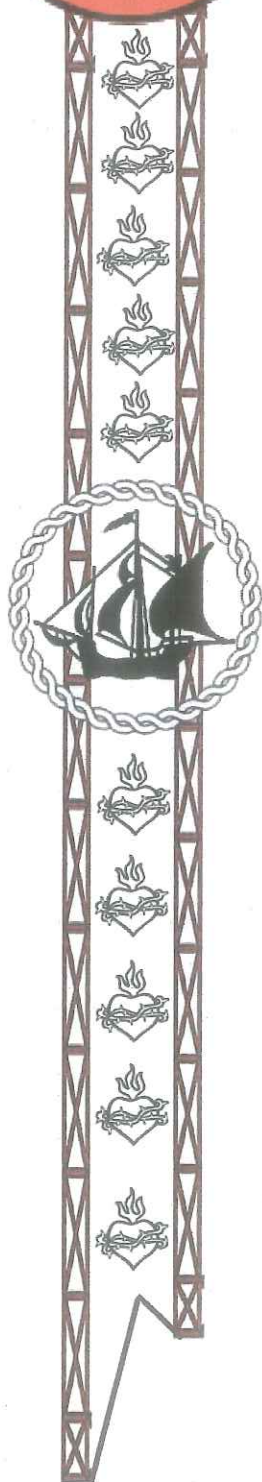
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The objects of the Association are to advance the education of the pupils in the School; by providing and assisting in the provision of facilities for education at the School (not normally provided by the Local Authority) and as ancillary thereto and in furtherance of this object the Association may:

- a) foster more extended relationships between the staff, old boys and others associated with the School: and
- b) engage in activities which support the School and advance the education of the pupils attending it.

NEWS FROM THE COMMITTEE ROOM.

There was a Meeting on Tuesday, 19th. May, 2015.

Membership of the Association remains fairly constant with new members being generally balanced by obituaries. The Association badly needs more members and it was hoped that this year's leavers might be encouraged to join.

The Annual Dinner date was discussed but, although recognising the possible clash with Rugby World Cup fixtures, it was decided that, since Caterer's dates gave us no options, we would stay with the 26th. September and hope that the Dinner attendance would not suffer. The Annual General Meeting and the Old Pharosians vs. the School Football Match would be held, as usual, on that same day.

Peter Burville is continuing to look after our Archives, but in a much reduced capacity, as we have not, so far, been able to find a volunteer to take his place as Archivist.

This is such an important part of our School existence that we hope a volunteer will soon emerge.

The new Sports Hall had received Planning Permission but some discussions were proceeding with Dover District Council and others as to what possible sources of Grants may be available for such a development where the Community would benefit. As a result, no fund-raising initiatives had yet been formulated.

New Catering arrangements for the School will begin in September with the appointment of an external Catering company. The School Catering Manager, Mrs June Tracey, is retiring at the end of the summer term after 31 years at the School.

Since the return in 1944 of the School from evacuation to Wales, there have only been three ladies in charge of our Canteen---Mrs King, Mrs Parfitt and Mrs Tracey. How well they looked after us!

Arrangements for the Beer Festival were well advanced with Paul Skelton and the sub-committee in control.

The Old Pharosians' Association.

Annual General Meeting.

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Old Pharosians Association will be held on **Saturday, 26th. September**, at the Dover Grammar School for Boys, commencing at **11.00 a.m.** Tea and coffee will be available from 10.30 a.m..

Agenda.

1. To read the notice convening the meeting.
2. Apologies for absence.
3. Minutes of the previous AGM.
4. Matters arising.
5. Treasurer's Report.
6. Election of Officers and Committee.
 - President (Dr. John Allingham).
 - Chairman (Jack Kremer).
 - Secretary (PJ Harding).
 - Assistant Secretary (AW Gardiner).
 - Treasurer (Jonathan Fullerton).
 - Membership Secretary (P Skelton).
 - Newsletter Editor (AW Gardiner).
 - Archivist (vacant).
 - Auditor (N Beverton).
 - Committee Members (retiring R Gabriel & MH Smith).
7. Any Other Business.

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ANNUAL DINNER.

26th. September, 2015.

Many Old Pharosians and their guests are regulars at this Dinner, attending every year or, perhaps, every other year. However, we are always very glad to see Old Pharosians who may not have attended for some years or for whom it may be a first time.

The Dinner is held in the wonderful setting of the Great Hall and this venue seems popular and appropriate because, for many, it feels like returning “home”.

Attendance in recent years has been good and we can accommodate up to 150 diners.

Some members contact their friends and contemporaries and come as a party---might you consider this and organise a group?.

The full details and the Menu are shown on the separate application form included with this Newsletter.

We can promise you an excellent 5-course menu and there will be the opportunity for conversation over a glass of sherry before and, of course, after the meal.

Arranging the date for the Dinner can sometimes be difficult because of other events and, not least, the availability of our chosen Caterers.

This year, we have the added complication of the Rugby World Cup and the match between England and Wales not only falling on the only date we could arrange with our Caterers but kicking off at more or less the same time.

Much consideration was given to this conundrum but it was decided that the date of the Dinner could not be altered as too many arrangements had already been made.

We hope that this will not detract from what is an important and well-established event in the School Calendar and that we will see you there.

30+ BEERS AND CIDERS



**AT THE DOVER
GRAMMAR SCHOOL
FOR BOYS**

THE PHAROS BEER FESTIVAL

21st, 22nd, 23rd AUGUST 2015
ALL PROCEEDS TOWARDS A NEW SPORTS HALL

Following the huge success of the Festival last year, we expect even greater enjoyment this year. Preparations have been going on for months, with the “right” beers being tasted and selected. Barrels will again be sponsored by our friends in local businesses and many Old Pharosians.

There will be a selection of English red and white wines this year, as well as soft drinks for any drivers, and cider drinkers should find a tippie to their taste amongst the 8 varieties on offer. There may even be some real lager as well.

There will be a Pizza tent on the Quad. for those in need.

Entertainment will be provided by the Old Lone Gin Band on Sunday afternoon and, between times, the School music system will soothe the soul with suitable symphony---try saying that three times after your third libation!!.

On the tables, there will be a selection of Dingbat Quizzes to keep people occupied between sips and we shall be running the usual raffles for a wheel-barrow full of beer bottles—full ones.

See you there--Bring your friends.

NEWS FROM THE SCHOOL.

THE HEAD WRITES.

The second half of the year, as always, has been very much focused on preparing our older students for the GCSE, AS and A2 external examinations. This was the first year that DGSB Year 11 and Year 12 students were not sent off on study leave, with their normal lessons continuing through the examination period. Despite the vast array of lunch-time, after-school, and even holiday revision sessions that were offered to the students, the School still managed to fit in a wide variety of other, more enjoyable, events.

Students from a number of year groups participated in a production of a new play, "Hood". This was written specially for National Theatre Connections which is an annual festival of new plays written for youth theatres to perform. Every year, over 5000 students take part in plays written by ten young writers. The project culminated with DGSB students performing the play at the Marlowe Theatre in Canterbury in April.

The Sixth Form has also undergone some quite significant changes over the course of this year. Mrs Elizabeth Boxall was appointed the new Head of Sixth Form in April and she is also an Assistant Headteacher in the Senior Leadership Group. She introduced a Sixth Form Enrichment week in June during which the students experienced activities that developed their leadership, team working and communication skills, as well as helping them to gain an insight into a few of the many career possibilities that are available to them. The careers day was very successful, with a number of Old Pharosians, amongst other local employers, taking part in a "speed dating" activity.

We would be delighted to hear from any Old Pharosians who would like to take part in next year's event

Please telephone Mrs Boxall at the School or email her,

eboxall@dovergramboys.kent.sch.uk .

In addition to the careers day, the Sixth Form also participated in an apprentice style task, designing and carrying out a London Tour Day for their Form Tutor and working with the company, Fixers UK, to develop and implement a social action campaign. They chose to focus on the issues young people face in dealing with perceived expectations about body image. Their campaign included the slogan "Anybody in any Body" and it was launched in Dover town centre with the whole year group present, displaying banners, posters and wearing their own design t-shirts to raise awareness.

June also saw the now annual "Grambos" award night. This has become a highlight of the School year and is the DGSB equivalent of the BAFTA's!. Awards are presented to the Film and Media students in the GCSE, AS and A Level classes, recognising the students who have demonstrated outstanding work throughout the year.

Another brand new event, Quadfest, has been launched this July. This is set to become a firm annual favourite amongst staff and students alike and creates a festival feel throughout the School, celebrating every aspect of the Arts.

Live music plays throughout the day on the Quad.. In the Great Hall is an exhibition of all the Art and Technology examination pieces and then, around the School, there are almost 20 different workshops ranging from dance and circus skills to wood carving, gardening and photography.

Amongst all these enjoyable activities going on through the summer term, there is also a more sombre moment when we say goodbye to the staff who are leaving.

This summer, in particular, we will be very sad to see three of our long-standing members of staff retire.

Mr Mike Thomas, English and Drama, who joined in 1983,

Mrs June Tracey, Canteen Manager, who joined in 1984,

Mrs Sue Barham, Headteacher's PA and Senior Administrator, who joined in January, 1994.

NEW SPORTS HALL.

Planning Permission has now been given for this great new addition to the School's facilities.

This new development, which will provide much needed sporting opportunities for the local Community, is expected to cost in the region of £2.5 million. It meets Sports England criteria and standards but, before it can start, the School must raise over 10% of the cost. Apart from expected donations from Old Boys and the School's many friends there is the possibility that, under various Government initiatives, such as the capital funding from the Priority Schools' Building Programme and the Building Schools for the Future project, there may be some Local Authority funding because of its public use. Sports England would also provide major funding which would probably depend upon what funding the School could come up with.

All this means that building is unlikely to begin for at least two years, unless some fairy godparent has some funds lying around needing a good home.

Meanwhile, Headteacher, Fiona Chapman, and the Fund-Raising Committee are actively pursuing all possibilities. It has taken a lot of hard work by many people to reach this stage but "this is just the end of the beginning" and much effort lies ahead.

TEMPORARY BUILDINGS.

The School currently has two temporary classroom units which are very important in the support of GCSE and A Level classes. An application has been made to extend the planning permission to retain them until September, 2019.

ANNUAL CRICKET MATCH.

The annual match between the School and the Old Pharosians was played in beautiful weather on 26th. June at the School. In a 30-over match, the Old Boys scored 192 for 6 to beat the School who could only manage 156 all out.

The Old Boys were represented by Ritchie Hulks(Captain), Tom Bird, Scott Blackman, Steve Durrant, Steve O'Brien, Matt Saddler, Jamie Saddler, John Castle, Paul Castle, Neil Castle and Steve King. Umpires were John Shepherd and Mick Palmer (Old Boys,of course). Individual scores were kept a closely guarded secret but, what looked to be a very young School side made the Old Boys really work for their runs.

SCHOOL SPORTS DAY

Friday, 3rd. July, 2015.

Yet another School Sports Day has come and gone, yet more great competition and the sense, the air, of great excitement gripped the throng of boys and spectators alike.

There is something about a School Sports Day that brings everybody concerned together, concentrated and insulated from the rest of the world, united in effort, enjoying success and anything less without resentment.

Such a good lesson for the rest of life!.

Nowadays, the Track events are held on a full-sized, 400 metre, circuit on the lower field rather than on the old upper field track which measured something less than 300 metres with its resulting tighter bends and shorter straights.

The Field events are held on the top field which has the added advantage of allowing more events to take place overall as timing of throwing events does not depend upon which race is running past them.

Sports Days now only involve Years 7 to 10 as Exam commitments, relief at their completion and the desire to be finally “free” from school mean that the Senior School has little interest in summer events.

The sun shone all day and competitors were provided with plenty of water to ensure against dehydration.

The events were scheduled into morning and afternoon sessions with a break for lunch at mid-day. During the lunch break, the lower field took on the appearance of a shifting kaleidoscope as the boys, in their

house shirts of red and yellow and blue and green, spread across the field into groups of footballers, cricketers and just chasers.

Steve King, ensconced on the verandah of the cricket pavilion, in charge of the microphone, kept competitors informed of events in progress, and impending, with occasional commentary and encouragement for any boy who seemed in need of inspiration---all that over the decibels of a robust music system.

Steve White controlled everything from a very small tent at the finishing line, everybody knew their part in the proceedings and everything flowed like a well-choreographed hobbit movie. Small, two-way radios maintained contact between the various event organisers on the upper and lower fields---such technology and progress unheard of in years gone by!!.

There were new records set in seven events, six in Year 9 and one in Year 10 where Harvey Stacey broke the 300 metre record previously held by his brother. In Year 9, Priory took Castle's record in the 4x100 metre relay but Castle had their revenge by taking Priory's record in the 4x400 metre relay. The longest-standing record broken was in the long jump where Ryan Hanson added more than half a metre to John Ellender's 2004 record. In the triple jump, Ryan bettered the previous record by three-quarters of a metre and added the record for the 400 metres, just for good measure, to his contribution to Sports Day.

The final outcome was a win for Priory House, apparently only the second victory in the past ten years. Your scribe must have brought them luck as, in 1957, when Priory House Captain, he led Priory to victory and received the Graham Piggott Memorial House Athletics Championship Cup.

However, the true result of the Day was the triumph for all those involved, for the Headteacher and the Sports Department, other members of Staff everywhere, gate keepers, water ladies, canteen staff and, last but not least, the boys themselves. Anybody who ever wanted to know what constitutes a good School would have found it here today.

TIMES REMEMBERED AND THE WAY WE WERE.

1909 Fred Whitehouse, our first Head, chose our Motto—FIAT LUX.

1910 “40 Years On” was sung for the first time at the first Prize Distribution in the Town Hall.

1915 School, numbering 190 boys, was divided into 4 Houses---light blue, red, dark blue and green---and thenceforth, points were to be awarded in the various activities towards a House Championship. Events held on Sports Day included a Tug-of-War and a Sack Race, which was won by a very small boy who, it was reported, had ample room in his sack to develop speed. The Obstacle Race was notable for one of the barrels being “resolved into its component parts” by the hurried passage of one of the bigger boys.

Home football and cricket matches were played at Crabble.

W.E.Pearce joined the School Science Department.

1919 the first Old Boys’ Dinner was held in the Grand Hotel.

1924 the first sod for what was to be our new School in Astor Avenue was dug on the lower field.

T.E.Archer joined the Staff.

Mr. Hugh Leney gave “Leney’s” field to the School and money to build the new Gymnasium on the top field.

1925 the School roll exceeded 400.

1929 building of the new School on the hill began in 1929, the contract having been awarded to Claysons of Lyminge.

Cricket was first played on the lower field.

1931 School began in the new buildings in September and the new School was officially opened by Prince George, Duke of Kent, on 1st. December. Lunch was taken in the Great Hall.

The first Old Boys’ Annual Dinner was held in the new School on 1st. November. 50 Old Boys attended.

1998 Growth in School numbers saw the return of the 4 House system and Priory House was reborn, this time in Yellow instead of its traditional Light Blue.

1965-66 Diamond Jubilee Year.

Frank Kendall and Charles Rowlands retired .Graham Tutthill was in 5B.

2015 It is sad to see that “Leney’s” field is no longer used by the School and currently exists as a grass meadow, only used by local people as a short-cut pathway or an exercise area for their dogs. It doesn’t seem so long ago that there were three pitches laid out for football and rugby and an artificial strip for cricket. Once upon a time, there was even a tennis court in the top corner.

SCHOOL ATHLETICS "THEN" AND "NOW".

Since I took on the Editorship of the Old Pharosians' Newsletter, I am constantly on the search for articles to put into it .

Oh yes, we include news of our Old Boys and of how they are still living and learning and, sadly, we have obituaries to report.

But there was and is much about School life past and present to interest our readers, because they were part of it, and to revive old and not so old memories.

Working along these lines, I thought that an article about School Athletics "through the ages" would just fit the bill as my memories stretch back to the early 1950s.

That was a far different time to that in which we now find ourselves.

The effects of the 2nd. World War were still with us.

Food rationing rules were still in force and did not end until 1954.

Winston Churchill had just been re-elected for his final term as Prime Minister.

I could recall many of the stars of yesteryear, and many who were not so athletically gifted but who turned out for the honour of their House team "encouraged", no doubt, by their House Captain.

I can remember the huge distances that Graham Piggott used to hurl the javelin and the ease with which Ken Carran tossed the shot to distances not normally visited by mere mortals.

I can remember the contrasting styles of Ken Lott and Gerry Ramsden, long-legged elegance versus bustling brute force, as they contested the 220 and 440 yards races in the summer of 1952.

Neither won either race but honours were shared.

I can remember the silky technique of Mike Hudsmith as he dispatched the Senior discus almost half as far again as earlier records.

I can remember the thrills, and the noise from the many hundred spectators when we used to have the annual triangular meetings with Dover College and Chatham House School from Ramsgate.

Since those days, two generations have come and gone.

Improved standards of living have seen great changes in the relative sizes and strengths of the boys.

In the fifties, a six-foot (1.83 metre) tall person standing at the back of our School Hall would have had an almost uninterrupted view of the stage. Today, that view would be blocked by an almost solid wall of Years 9 and 10.

Not surprisingly, the standards in athletics, as well as most other sports, have shown great advances over earlier years.

We keep our record of “records”, created year on year, but a new record is not really anything other than a numerical demonstration of how far the human body has progressed since the old record.

The records set by each generation are peculiar to that generation, created by the best at that time and in the conditions prevailing.

I often wonder if old times, distances, heights etc. could be correlated to corresponding sizes of their creators and then compared to similar correlations for modern boys.

I somehow feel that the emerging ratios would not be very different.

In Athletics, many things have changed over the years and our School has seen its share of changes.

How many Old Boys know that the running track laid out on the top field was only some 300 yards/280 metres long?.

I only found this out recently. Not being a runner, it never occurred to me that it wasn't full size---it always seemed a very great distance whenever I had to run round it.

This, and the fact that it was a grass track, meant that it was really all bends connected by short straights. Thus, any records created there were peculiar to that track and not in any way comparable with any created on a full-sized track, let alone a “Tartan “one.

The high-jump is another event overtaken by time.

Earlier generations did not have the modern luxury of landing on a bouncy castle. Cold, wet, barely dug-over sand was their lot.

Therefore, jumping styles were different. The “scissors” jump was no longer allowed, the “western roll” was the norm and the “straddle” quite common. There was something called the “eastern cut-off” but nobody had a clue what that was.

The "Fosbury Flop" had not been invented and would likely have resulted in broken necks if it had.

Who can remember J.H. Whetton setting the Senior high-jump record at 5ft. 9inches (1.753 metres) before going on to become Kent Schools Champion and equalling the then record of 1.78 metres under such conditions?

The use of metric measurement began in 1970 and all the earlier track performances were consigned to history. They were not capable of being converted to metric, even by some clever factor, because they had not actually been measured over the metric distances. Distance and height records, however, were converted. Track records created in 1970, therefore, were all new and, in the next few years, relatively easy to break. That did not mean, however, that the new records were not worthy of the name because some still stand to this day. The Year 7, 4x100 metre relay record and A. Alvey's 400 metre record both stand from 1971.

Steve Talbot's, Year 10, 800 metre record was created in 1975.

In 1976, Steve was ranked number one in England in this event.

In 2002 to 2003, a great effort was made by Mr. Wayne Howe to go through the old filing cabinets and try to separate those Track and Field records set on our own fields from those set by our boys but away from the School. Those venues included the various locations used by the Kent Schools and the England Schools Championships. Whilst recognising performances by our boys elsewhere, it was not reasonable to include them with performances and records created at our Sports Days where facilities would in no way be comparable. For some years, records had become mixed up and records created elsewhere were given as records created on Sports Days.

Thus, the record achieved by Steve Talbot for the Year 9, 400 metres, in 1974, an incredible 53.5 secs., attributed to Sports Day, had, in fact, been run at Crystal Palace during the England Schools Championships.

I wonder just how many "true" records went unrecognised during those years because they did not exceed the (wrong) records given in the Sports Day programmes.

Age groupings also changed over the years.

In 1952, to agree with Standards”(I am not sure whether that refers to groupings used nationally or just to our own system) and “U12 and a half”, “12 and a half to 14”, “14 to 16” and “Over 16” groupings were introduced.

Under these groupings, a corresponding set of “Standard” times, heights and distances was produced.

During PE lessons and two supervised evenings each week after School, boys would attempt to achieve those standards, gaining a House point for every one attained. These points were added to the track and field points achieved on School Sports Day and went towards deciding the Champion House for Athletics that year.

On more than one occasion, the standard points gained by the “average” athlete meant the difference between winning or losing that championship---a triumph for the little guy!.

Later, these groupings were changed to represent school Year groups, so any comparisons now are impossible without a search through birth statistics.

For example, was Mike Hudsmith’s under 12 and a half long-jump record of 4.57 metres in 1954, beaten by a similar-aged boy from Year 7 at 4.60 metres in 1981, or would D Moore have been in the older age group?.

Sadly, times have changed yet again.

Boys in the Senior School no longer participate in School Sports Days due to the pressures of GCSE and A-Level exams, and the natural urge to leave School at the earliest possible moment.

Senior records now lie dormant on some dusty shelf to await a possible future “kiss of life”.

Sports Days, therefore, now only feature boys from Years 7 to 10.

However, this “loss” in no diminishes the exuberance and vitality which the younger boys exude on such occasions, nor the dedication of the PE Dept. in providing the settings in which they can perform. Nowadays, only those records created on our own fields during School Sports Days will be the records future generations will have to better.

NEWS OF OLD BOYS.

STILL LIVING AND LEARNING.

TREVOR HEAVER (1947-55) who taught at the University of British Columbia, where he was Head of the Department of Transportation, is now Professor Emeritus at the Sauder School of Business at the University in Vancouver.

This year, he is the co-recipient of the Onassis Prize for Shipping. Awarded every three years, the prize recognises the world's foremost academics in the field of shipping.

The prize-giving banquet will take place on 14th. September, 2015, at the Guildhall in London.

Trevor says that the voyage from watching ships in the English Channel has been long but greatly rewarding thanks in no small part to the foundation provided by the staff of Dover Grammar School for Boys.

Whilst at School, Trevor played for the 1st. teams in all sports and is happy to report that his limbs are still sufficiently nimble enough to keep him engaged in golden oldies cricket and football.

No doubt, some of us would be happy to learn his secret for this.

The Reverend MICHAEL HINTON (Headmaster 1960-68), living in The Gateway on Dover sea front, is still playing a leading role in the religious life of Dover. He is the editor of the Christian Chronicle newsletter and the force behind persuading Dovorians to buy Fair Trade products.

He is also the secretary of Dover Christian Aid and a member of Christians Together in Dover.

Michael is the author of the One Hundred Minute Bible of which over 250,000 copies have been sold worldwide, printed in 14 languages. It transpired, during a Songs of Praise event at Canterbury Cathedral, that Michael had authored a hymn "The fishermen of Galilee", dedicated to St. Andrew, recalling that, before retirement, Michael was the vicar of St. Andrew's Church in Shepherdswell.

RICHARD ANTHONY KITCHEN (1953-61) has written from his home in Denmark,

He remembers his time at Dover Grammar School for Boys with some affection, enjoying School life although finding staying on for a third year in the Sixth form was somewhat less than invigorating. The best things about being at DGSB, he says, were the great opportunities for playing cricket, soccer, athletics basketball and the trips to The Duke of York's School for swimming, none of which he really excelled at but it was all just good fun. He especially enjoyed being in the CCF RAF section and the Easter holiday stays at air stations.

On leaving School, Rick joined English Electric on a sandwich course at Chelmsford and Brighton Tech.. Several other jobs later, he joined Decca Navigator's Survey Dept. and found himself in Nigeria in 1967. This being Biafra, the job only lasted 3 months because of the impending civil war and he transferred to Norway.

One of Decca's survey stations was in a little fishing village, Klitmoller, in northwest Denmark and it was there that he met his future wife, Kirsten. He transferred to Klitmoller, married, built a house and had two sons. When Decca wound up operations in 1977, he decided to stay in Denmark, eventually moving to Aalborg after 25 years in Klitmoller.

Following heart surgery in 2004, he took early retirement and now, with Kirsten, also retired, enjoys a walkabout and spends the rest of his time child-minding, child-transporting their 3 grandchildren and generally enjoying being an OAP.

JOHN NEWMAN (1957-64) enjoys reading our Newsletter and says that it is a pleasure to read about a School to which he owes a great deal. He especially remembers Mr. Lister and Mr. Murphy for the sheer enjoyment of English Literature he transmitted. Mr. EG Smith enabled him to get a decent grade in Latin and Mr. Best showed a first-former what he could do as a musician. The singing skills, sight reading and the knowledge of harmony he learned served him in good stead in a lifetime of music making.

Dr. Hinton spread ideas and encouraged John to think and he thanks all the other professionals he met in the classroom for playing such a massive part in helping him to achieve the results that enabled him to

spend four unforgettable years at Cambridge and eventually become a teacher himself.

John is now retired but, as Mr. Ruffell would say, still “living and learning”, fighting an ageing memory in the hope that one day his French and German will improve. He plays the organ regularly in a local village church in Chichester, sings with a chamber choir and is currently involved in an opera production.

Presumably to fill in his spare time, he wonders if he should check to see whether the possession of a bus pass would preclude him from playing cricket—if his back would permit.

DAVID McCULLOCH (1983-90) writes from California where he lives with his wife and two sons. He remains in touch with several Old Boys through Facebook but, notably, with Ian Davies, also 1983-90, who was best man at his wedding in 2007.

David was at School during the Headship of Reg. Coleman and continues to feel a great affinity for DGSB. He has particularly fond memories of being taught French by Mrs. Hargreaves and remains a francophile, returning to France every few years.

Mr. Thomas instilled a love of the written language that continues to this day and maths teachers, Kate Curtis and Dave Murray, might be astonished that he managed to attain a good degree in Mathematics and Management from Brunel University.

After working with Gillette for several years, David realised that finance was not for him and jumped into the marketing world. He worked in London for various marketing and public relations agencies before joining a specialist technology industry firm named Text 100. In 2001 he moved to California where Text 100 gave him the opportunity to run its Silicon Valley office, where he worked with great companies including IBM.

After five years, he was hired into the headquarters of the technology company Cisco and, seven years later, he is now the company's worldwide head of public relations.

In 2014, at a gala dinner organised by industry publication PRWeek,, David was honoured as being the “United States PR Professional of the Year” and recently served as President of the Public Relations Society of America Silicon Valley Chapter.

David's older brother, Ron, who was at the School, 1984-87, to take his A-Levels, is now a prominent Foot Surgeon with his own South London practise. He is well known in the profession and numbers the Arsenal Football team amongst his clients.

David says that if there are any current boys or other Old Pharosians interested in a career in public relations or simply interested in getting back in touch he would be happy to hear from them.

His personal Email is: davidwmcculloch@live.com

CRABBLE REUNION.

The annual get-together, organised by Mike Graham at the Dover Rugby Club, took place on Saturday, 18th. July. It has nothing in particular to do with rugby, although the subject usually crops up, but the Club facilities make it a perfect location for a social gathering.

As usual, Old Boys travelled from far and wide---Canada, Denmark, Deal---generally representing those who started at the School between 1952 and 1955. There were some who were at the School either side of these dates and Old Boys of any generation would be made welcome at future gatherings.

Several were accompanied by their wife and, in one case, by her husband.

There was the usual array of School and Team photographs to pore over and locate self and old friends. Any resemblances between "then" and "now" were remarked upon with decorum.

A splendid buffet was laid on, prepared by another Old Boy, although one considerably younger than the rest, and old times were re-created around the tables.

We are always very pleased to hear how Old Boys are "still living and learning" and where they are now. Many have travelled the world and have settled, with their families, into a variety of professions and countries. We have become a world-wide family and it is good that we celebrate this by keeping in touch.



RAF Gaydon, 1961.

Back Row, L to R.

Sqn Ldr. "Ted" Archer, Larter, Munn, Easley, Johnson, Bennet,
Edwards, Aldridge, Castle, Nolan, Henson, Gray, Ratcliffe, Pond,

Fl Lt. Roy Peacock.

Front Row, L to R.

MacRoberts, Walnough, Couchman, File, Bayes, Strank.

OBITUARIES

From the PHAROS March 1915.

Meditations.

Oft do I meditate upon
the times I've left behind me;
the friends once known—now lost and gone,
the ancient haunts, now changed each one
where ne'er again thou 'lt
find me.

Then, with a thought my head does burn,
which nigh to tears would move me,
that those now gone will ne'er return---
new friends they meet, new ways they learn---
will they soon cease to love me?

But next there flashes through my brain;
a thought with which to cheer me:
all are not gone---some yet remain
who love me still, through joy or pain.
The old familiar faces,
Some of them still are near me.

Anon.

P.G.H. EWER (1932-38.). News has reached us that Philip died in 2011 at a rest home in Winchester, Hampshire, where he had lived happily for his last few years.

During his time at the School, he was very active in a number of sports where he represented the School in the 1st.XV Rugby team and the 2nd.XI

Football team. He was Captain of Buckland House, a School Prefect and a member of the School Choir and Dramatic Society.

On leaving School, he became a Clerical Officer at the Home Office. During the 2nd. World War he served in the Royal Navy, promoted through the ranks to Lieutenant, and after the war returned to the Home Office where he rose to Executive Officer. Later he was appointed Principal Officer at the Ministry of Pensions, working in the Department of Health and Social Security.

In 1982, he was awarded the Imperial Service Order (ISO) having completed over 25 years in service.

EDWARD MAYNARD (1942-47.) died in February very suddenly of pneumonia leaving his partner, Jean, four children, six grandchildren and a great grandchild born five days after his death.

Ted worked for the Dover Borough Council, in the Borough Engineer's Department and later the Folkestone and Dover Water Company retiring in 1989 as Chief Assistant after 20 years service.

We do not always get to hear of an Old Boy passing and news can arrive some time after the event.

We have just heard that **PETER MARJORAM** (1949-57) died in Perth, Australia about three years ago.

During his time at School, he was an active sportsman representing the School First teams at Football and Rugby.

On leaving School in 1957, Peter, together with Ken Marsh and Alistair Gardiner, went up to Queen Mary College, University of London, to study Civil Engineering, graduating in 1960 with a B.Sc(Eng) degree.

In 1963, newly married, he applied for a job in Australia and emigrated, sailing from Southampton. There, he joined the Main Roads Department in South Perth.

SIDNEY WILLCOCKS (1955-62) died in March. Entering the Teaching profession, he rose to be Headteacher of the largest Primary School in Dorset. He was also a Council Member of the National Association of Head Teachers.

Sidney's father was once the Headteacher at Aylesham Junior School.

Major **RONALD BROMLEY** MC died in December, 2014, aged 96. He attended Dover County School from 1930 to 1936 and was one of the first group of boys to move into our current buildings which opened in 1931. He well remembered how large and magnificent the brand new buildings were and how the Head loved assembly in the large Hall with its stage, balcony and organ. He remembered how competitive the boys were and how highly they valued good results in their exams. He Captained the School Rugby 1st.XV and was a Lance-Corporal in the Cadet Corps. On leaving School, he went into local government engineering, Articled to the Canterbury City Engineer.

During the Second World War, Ronald trained at several sites in England and Scotland in sound detection and location of artillery and in trials for amphibious landings in preparation for D-Day. In Normandy, in 1944, he set up sound-ranging equipment to pinpoint the positions of enemy guns. He saw action in Belgium, Holland and Germany and reached the rank of Major. After one particular action, he was awarded the Military Cross for total disregard of personal risks in saving others whilst under fire.

After demobilisation he returned to local government and was involved in much of the reconstruction work in the Dover District including the restoration of Maison Dieu House. In one particular excavation in the Dover Market Square area his team uncovered some ancient timbers which later proved to have been part of the Roman Harbour used during the early invasion of Britain. He was member of the Institution of Municipal Engineers and of the Institution of Civil Engineers and retired in 1979 as Engineer and Surveyor of Elmbridge Council.

KENNETH FRANK PASCALL (1944-49) died in July, 2014, at his home in Blackheath, London. He was a member of the School Colts Football X1 in 1948 and a member of the Cadet Corps and the Dramatics Society. He left School to take up an Electrician Apprenticeship.

JOHN MARTIN (1938-40) died peacefully in a nursing home in Worcestershire in November aged 87. Although John was only at the School for a short time at the start of World War 2, he always had strong and happy memories of his time there. He also had strong memories of hearing the sound of guns across the Channel in France and of watching the dogfights between the British and German planes above Dover as he cycled along the clifftops looking for fallen aircraft.

He also remembered the shock of seeing the men returning from Dunkirk and the feeding stations set up at Headcorn Station to provide the troops with tea and sandwiches as they passed through.

Like many others, he was profoundly affected by the War. He did not go to Wales with the other evacuees as his parents were fearful of sending him away. Instead, he had to leave the School and was enrolled at Ashford Grammar School to continue his education.

John eventually left school aged 15 and joined a training scheme run by the Post Office in the telephone and communications department which later became British Telecom..

In 1944, he worked at Dover Castle installing some of the complex communications network used in the preparations for D-Day.

Later, he did his National Service with the Royal Signals in Catterick.

After the War, John took an Engineering Degree at night school and subsequently worked on a variety of innovative technologies. He worked on developing “trunk dialling” which enabled people to pick up a phone and dial anywhere in the world without the need for an operator. He would have been amazed if he had known then how that would develop, but, perhaps he might have imagined the potential.

He led the team that developed the first digital telephone exchange, a project that initiated the installation of the new digital network across Britain and paved the way for the mobile technology which followed.

The importance of this technology was recognised in the Science Museum in London and it has been included in their permanent “Information Age” gallery.

In 1983, he was awarded the Martlesham Medal for services to communication.

John became a deputy director of British Telecom. and then Head of Engineering at Plessey.

In 1991, he was elected to the Royal Academy of Engineering.

RESURRECTIONS.

We have no miracles to report in this edition but live in hope.

Meanwhile, you might like to hear about the Businessman on his way to the airport in a taxi.

After journeying for some time and not recognising any of the usual landmarks, he decided that the taxidriver was on the wrong route. So, he reached over and tapped the man firmly on the shoulder.

There was shriek, a screech of brakes, the driver's door flung open and the driver ran off down the road as if all the hounds from Hell were on his tail.

Several minutes later the taxidriver returned looking very sheepish.

"Sorry about that, Sir" he said. "--but, I'm new to this job today---for the last 25 years, I've been driving a hearse".
