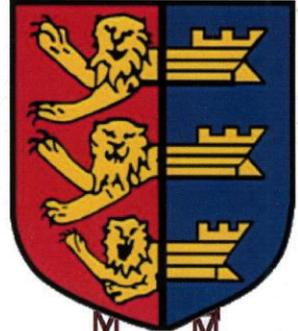
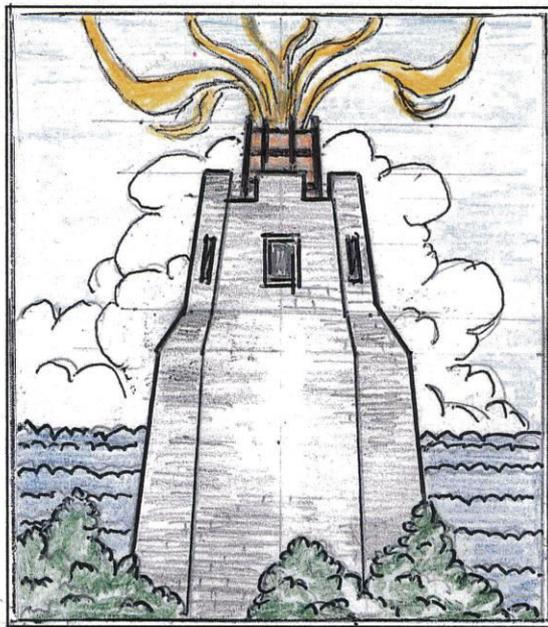




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The objects of the Association are to advance the education of the pupils in the School; by providing and assisting in the provision of facilities for education at the School (not normally provided by the Local Authority) and as ancillary thereto and 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 were meetings on 15th. March, 10th. May and 7th. June, 2016.

Membership of the Association remains fairly constant but the continuing inability to recruit new members remains a serious concern. However, it is hoped that Committee's decision to give all School leavers three years of free on-line membership might improve applications.

All we need are contact addresses.

Our President, John Allingham, has addressed the 6th. Form to encourage boys to join the Association when they leave School and the School will add further encouragement.

We recognise that part of the problem we have in recruitment is the strength of our ability to convince boys of the values of membership and our relevance in this modern age of electronic communication.

Archive material continues to be received and Peter Burville is acting in a "holding" capacity to store it. However, he cannot process data adequately and we desperately need somebody to volunteer to take on the post of Archivist.

The May meeting could not be properly constituted as we did not have the required quorum. Various points were discussed but it was decided to call an extra meeting particularly to discuss the holding of the Annual Reunion Dinner in view of the cancellation of last year's event and the absence of any feed-back from members following comment in the last Newsletter.

The June meeting confirmed our intention to go ahead with the organisation of the 2016 Dinner on 24th. September.

It was decided to place details on Facebook and e-mail as many of our members as possible to give early notice of the event in the hope that this year's Dinner would prove that there is still a desire for its continuance in its traditional form.

It was reported that the Beer Festival had produced receipts of approximately £1,800 to go towards the new Sports Hall fund.

The treasurer reported that a total of just over £9,000 is held in three accounts.

The School is no longer equipped to print and process the Newsletter and we are negotiating with local print firms for future editions.

EDITOR COMMENTS.

The CCF Centenary edition seems to have been well received, judging from the response from past cadets, and led to the CCF Inspection Day having a high-ranking Royal Navy officer, Captain Chris Cook, Chief of Staff for Naval Personnel Strategy and an Old Boy, taking the salute.

Then I had an e-mail from Sir William Fittall—and there was I thinking I had got away with only one spelling mistake and a couple of missed quotation marks !!.

It seems that I “retired” him from Whitehall when he was far too young to be pensioned off. He had in fact completed his career in the Civil Service at the age of forty nine and had left to take up his new duties as Secretary General of the General Synod of the Church of England. He retired properly in November, 2015.

Sir William probably set up some sort of record whilst at School. In 1970, he was appointed Head Boy at the start of his second year in the sixth form. Those were the days when the practice of boys spending

a third year in the sixth form to gain additional or better passes into university had ended due to the change in Oxbridge entry requirements. But, William decided to do a third year to study German and so retained his position as Head Boy to serve a two year term, becoming probably the only boy ever to do so.

Terry Sutton wrote to say he didn't remember telling me that the CCF in Wales for the evacuation was commanded by Freddie Whitehouse. Of course it wasn't---J.C.Booth was the CO.

Freddie died at the end of January, 1939, but I have it on good authority that he was indeed there---in spirit. There was no way that he was going to let his beloved School go off to strange lands in times of peril without being there to keep a watch over it.

THE ANNUAL CRICKET MATCH.

The Old Boys versus the School match took place on Friday, 24th. June on the School's artificial wicket. Despite heavy rain during the previous week, the match was played throughout in beautiful conditions under a warm sun.

Batting first in the 30-over game, the Old Boys scored steadily to reach a total of 157 for 9.

A splendid tea then followed with sandwiches and cakes in abundance, too much even for the legendary appetites of teen-age boys and the relaxed diets of their seniors, who should have known better.

The School side made a spirited start and, for a while, a close finish seemed the likely outcome.

However, perhaps the Old Boys had got over their earlier dietary indulgences, a flurry of wickets, including three in four balls and two run-outs, saw the School innings close on 111—a notoriously ominous score---to give the Old Boys victory.

The Old Boys were represented by: Tom Bird (who seemed to be the captain), Steve Durrant, Dale King, Toby Kember, Neil Castle, Tom Castle, Callum James, James Tonkins, Steve King and Mick Palmer. John Shepherd acted as umpire---an imposing figure.

The School was represented by: Daniel McHugh, Edward Laslett, George Laslett, Cameron Seagrove, William Hulks, James Bowman, Hugo Page, Harry Bowman, Lucas Simm and Jack Seagrove.

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Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Old Pharosians' Association will be held on Saturday 24th September, at the Dover Grammar School for Boys, commencing at 11.00 a.m.. (Tea & 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 (current postholders)
 - President (J Allingham)
 - Chairman (J Kremer)
 - Secretary (P J Harding)
 - Assistant Secretary (A Gardiner)
 - Treasurer (J Fullerton)
 - Membership Secretary (P Skelton)
 - Newsletter Editor (A Gardiner)
 - Archivist (vacant)
 - Auditor (M Beverton)
 - Committee Members (retiring members Barry Crush & Mick Palmer)
7. Any Other Business

Philip Harding (Hon Secretary)

OLD PHAROSIANS' DAY.

Those of you who have attended all or part of Old Pharosians' Day, which is held in late September every year, will know that the Day consists of three parts:

- 1) The AGM, held in the morning in the School Library,
- 2) The School versus the Old Boys Football Match in the afternoon,
- 3) The Dinner in the evening in the Great Hall.

Last year, 2015, saw the AGM very sparsely attended and the match had few spectators.

The Annual Reunion Dinner has been organised for the last 30 years by Maurice Smith with Jack Kremer sharing the duties in recent years. Attendances have varied over the years. The School Centenary in 2005 catered for over 100 but, more typically, recent years have seen numbers fall to between 40 and 50.

Last year, only 22 applications were received, probably due to a clash of events for that evening, and it was reluctantly decided to cancel the Dinner.

There is concern that we have come to the end of an era and a 4-course, sit-down Dinner with informal dress is no longer popular or fashionable.

If this is the case, your Committee would be greatly helped if you would kindly let us know your views.

We would like to hear from as many members as possible---even if you might never be able to attend for various reasons, perhaps time or distance, or might never think of coming anyway.

Our President, John Allingham, has thoughts about changing the format, although not the location, perhaps to change the appeal.

Please let the President or Hon. Sec. Phil Harding know your thoughts or suggestions for a change of format and what might appeal to you.

If you think that the event has had its day, we would still like to know your views.

It would be a pity, though, if the Dinner should just fade away into the archives of history.

CCF ANNUAL INSPECTION DAY.

The Annual CCF Inspection Day was held on Thursday, 23rd. June. Unfortunately, storms and heavy rain throughout the previous night meant a few last-minute changes to the plan for the Day.

The marching parade and inspection on the Top Field were cancelled along with the combined DGSB and DGGS band which was to be supported by four professional musicians. This was all a great disappointment since much practicing had been done in anticipation. It had not been possible to transfer activities to the Quad. because normal School lessons and various examinations were in progress.

Guests, including Councillor Neil Rix, the Mayor of Dover; Richard Graham, vice- Chairman of the Kent Branch of the Royal British Legion; representatives from the Dover White Cliffs Branch of the RBL; ex-Cadets and current cadets' families were welcomed into one of the classrooms on the Top Field where cadet equipment was on display with a rolling power point presentation showing pictures of the cadets participating in the full range of cadet activities.

Throughout the day, a team from the Princess of Wales Royal Regiment was in support to display some of their equipment and talk to guests and cadets about the Army and their recent activities.

Consistent with the vagaries of the British climate, the sun began to shine in earnest but the field was still waterlogged so the contingent formed up for the Inspection on the hard standing between the classrooms and the sports changing rooms.

Once the cadets were formed up the guests were invited outside to await the arrival of the Inspecting Officer and then watch the Inspection.

Captain Chris Cook of the Royal Navy and an Old Pharosian himself arrived, escorted by the Headteacher, Mrs Fiona Chapman, and Captain John Wiggell the Contingent Commander.

Captain Cook inspected both the Army and RAF Sections and, on completion of his inspection, the cadets formed into three teams to compete in the Inter-Section Competition.

Guests then joined Captain Cook as they watched the three cadet teams undertake a rotation of three twenty-minute challenges.

These included a First Aid Stand, a Signals Stand and a Team Challenge all designed to be fun to participate in and fun to watch. They demonstrated a few of the wide variety of cadet activities and skills whilst allowing the cadets to show their leadership, communication skills, enthusiasm and competitiveness.

The First Aid scenario was that the section had been practicing Fieldcraft when they heard an explosion. They then discovered four casualties who had been working on the School gas central heating system and all had been injured in the blast.

The section was assessed by Mr Ben Robinson as they treated an unconscious casualty, a casualty with an open fracture of his arm, a casualty with a broken leg and a casualty in shock.

The Signals Stand was run by Captain John Wiggell and had a Royal Navy theme. Sections competed in a game of Battleships by using remote Fire Teams to call in the grid squares using radios to the cadets at the game board. Incorrect Voice Procedure penalties and time were both factors but most sections fared well and managed to destroy most of the enemy fleet.

The Team Challenge was run by Second-Lieutenant Heather Orr and involved the recovery of a parachute supply drop in a minefield.

Unfortunately, en route to the location, the section came under NBC attack leaving the Section Commander masked and the remaining cadets blinded. With the section blindfolded, the commander had to guide them by his voice to enter the minefield and recover the stores while avoiding the surface laid mines.

Sadly, not all the cadets survived and the completion times with penalties for mine casualties were added to the completion scoreboard to determine the overall winning section.

Corporal Callum Tyrrell, leading Army Section Two, was victorious in the Inter-Section Competition and was awarded the Trophy by Captain Cook.

After lunch, Captain Cook made a speech to the cadets and guests and was then presented with his framed invitation mounted against a selection of eight photographs of cadets engaged in activities such as climbing, kayaking, obstacle course and the last Remembrance Day Parade.

DOVER GRAMMAR SCHOOL FOR BOYS COMBINED CADET FORCE CENTENARY DINNER.

After many months of planning by Capt. Matt Peall, the Connaught Hall in Dover's Maison Dieu Town Hall was the venue for the Centenary Dinner held in the evening of Saturday, 9th. July, 2016.

The Hall was laid out in the colours of the CCF with matching balloons and the tables dressed with the Contingent Trophies, dating back to 1921, alongside a selection of current-day clothing and equipment.

Boards along one wall were used to display photographs, certificates, medals and old pamphlets that mapped out the history of No. 1 Company RE and DGSB CCF. The display was compiled by the adult volunteers with the help of the Old Pharosians.

The Detachment Standard and Mace were positioned in a prominent position raised on the stage.

Attending the Dinner were twenty cadets, boys and girls from both of Dover's Grammar Schools, who were a credit to their respective establishments. They undertook many of the duties required for such a function---welcoming guests, directing people to their tables and manning the cloakroom.

Cadet RSM Connor Maxwell, recently promoted following his final Annual Army Camp at Warcop, was "Mr Vice" and carried out his duties in a very professional manner.

The sixty or so guests spanned a number of generations of ex-cadets and staff and sported a wide range of formal uniforms of the Armed Forces alongside those in black tie or lounge suit.

There was a very relaxed atmosphere with everyone taking the opportunity to catch up with old friends and make new acquaintances.

The guests of honour were His Worshipful Mayor of Dover, Neil Rix, and the Mayoress, Mrs Jackie Rix, together with DGSB Headteacher, Mrs Fiona Chapman.

The Contingent Commander, Captain John Wiggell MBE RLC, spoke about the history of the Cadet Force in Dover highlighting points from its foundation in November, 1915, through to the modern day.

Fiona Chapman carried on that theme and talked about the benefits to young people who serve in the CCF and reaffirmed the School's commitment to continuing support of the Contingent.

The Mayor then spoke of the service to the community and the country of former cadets, those who were in business and those in the Services.

There was a Toast to the Queen and the playing of the National Anthem and then, after a few moments, a Toast of "Happy 100th. Birthday for Dover Grammar School CCF" and a rendition of "Happy Birthday".

The meal and the support provided by the Town Hall staff was first rate and the positive ambiance of the evening was enhanced by a quintet from the Band of the 3rd Battalion of the Princess of Wales Royal Regiment who played a wide ranging medley of military and popular music throughout.

For the Cadets, the evening drew to a close at 2230 hrs after the completion of the raffle.

The raffle had been supported by many generous prize donations and, along with a further collection, raised over £220 towards the Kelly Turner Appeal for a local girl requiring urgent treatment for cancer.

After the Cadets had departed, the remaining guests had time to continue with their reminiscences until we had to close up the Hall at 0030 hrs.

The event was a great success and a fitting testament to the worthiness of the Dover-based Cadet Force over the last 100 years.

IN MEMORIAM.

Perhaps this is a fitting time to remember Old Pharosians who gave their lives for their Country in times of War and conflict.

The first day of July, 1916, saw the beginning of one of the bloodiest battles in the history of World War 1----the Somme.

On that dreadful day, two Old Pharosians lost their lives and have no known graves.

Both are commemorated at the Thiepval Memorial and on the DGSB Memorial Window which carries the names of all who died in the Great War of 1914-18.

They are 2nd Lieutenant Charles Christopher MacWalter of the First Battalion King's Own Lancaster Regiment, which had been stationed in Dover when war broke out, and Corporal Victor Albert E Brown of the Royal Lancashire Fusiliers, who had been promoted to Corporal shortly before the Battle of the Somme commenced.

Many other names appear on the School stained glass Memorial Window and a Commemoration Book sits on the sill below with a page dedicated to all who died in World War 2, the pages being turned daily.

Remembrance Day is a special time of the year for the Nation but we remember our dead every day.

REMEMBER

Remember me when I am gone away,
Gone far away into the silent land;
When you can no more hold me by the hand,
Nor I half turn to go, yet turning stay.
Remember me when no more day by day
You tell me of our future that you plann'd:
Only remember me; you understand
It will be late to counsel then or pray.
Yet if you should forget me for a while
And afterwards remember, do not grieve:
For if the darkness and corruption leave
A vestige of the thoughts that once I had,
Better by far you should forget and smile
Than that you should remember and be sad.

Christina Rossetti.



IN HONOURED MEMORY OF THE OLD BOYS OF THE SCHOOL WHO GAVE THEIR LIVES FOR KING AND COUNTRY IN THE GREAT WAR 1914-1918.

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| V. E. BROWN. | A. GLEESON. | R. A. HOSKING. | A. W. STEWART. |
| W. J. COLEY. | E. T. GOLDFINCH. | G. KEIGHTLEY. | R. H. D. WARD. |
| A. E. DURRAN. | F. G. GOODWIN. | L. W. KNELL. | G. E. WILLIAMS. |
| A. T. LEAVES. | E. G. GRAVES. | C. C. MACWALTER. | A. F. WORSTER. |
| R. A. ELLENDEK. | A. L. HADLOW. | J. J. MAGUIB. | |



NEWS OF OLD BOYS.

STILL LIVING AND LEARNING.

Captain CHRIS COOK, RN, (1979-86), took the Salute as Inspecting Officer at the CCF Inspection Day on 23rd June at the School.



On leaving School in 1986, he attended University College at Durham University graduating in 1989 with a BSc in Maths and Computer Science.

After spending three years working in London as a financial auditor and management consultant, Chris joined the Royal Navy as an Instructor Officer in 1992.

His first appointment was in 1993 to HMS COLLINGWOOD where he served as an electronics instructor.

In 1994, Chris was appointed to HMS ARK ROYAL as Deputy Education Officer and later, in 1996, as Engineer Officer (Information Systems). There then followed an Initial Staff Course and the attainment of an MSc in Mathematical Science.

In 2000, he was promoted to Lieutenant Commander and Computer Operations Manager to the Fleet HQ. Then, after a year's full-time study at the Defence Academy, he was awarded an MSc in Defence Simulation and Modelling.

Promoted to Commander in 2007, Chris was assigned as lead for implementation and delivery of a new UK SECRET information infrastructure to the Land Environment and, in 2009, he attended the Advanced Command and Staff Course which led to an MA in Defence Studies from Kings College, London.

Following promotion to Captain in 2014, Chris was assigned to the Navy's Personnel Division where he is currently serving as Chief of Staff for Naval Personnel Strategy.

He still found time to marry Josie in 1998 and have three children.

KENNETH LOTT (1945-53) wrote in about his time at the School and where that experience eventually took him.

As yet another OP Newsletter falls through my letterbox and is picked up and not put down until I have browsed through it from beginning to end, I find myself reminiscing about events of some 70 years ago and what has followed since.

Seventy years ago last September marked the date of my entry into Dover County Grammar School as it was then. I had returned to a war torn Dover to our home in Cowgate Hill, since demolished during rebuilding of the area. I had been lucky to have been evacuated to rural Surrey with my mother, sister and grandmother and had my early years education in a small school in Godalming. On return to Dover, I spent the first few months at St Martin's School, whilst awaiting the reopening of St Mary's in Queen Street, where I was to meet and form a long term friendship with Peter Hogg who already had a brother at DCGS. Peter and I were the only two from that school who passed the exams to enter DCGS and I well remember the written exam being sat in Godwyn House and the oral interview with the Head at the Art School in Maison Dieu.

We both joined the School in Upper 1. Year 1 was to prove quite a change from what I had previously met, not least for the start of a study of a foreign language—French---under the strict instruction of one W.W.Baxter. Initially, it entailed a course on phonetic French and I was to suffer a sharp blow in the solar plexus during one of his lessons for failing miserably to get to grips with the language. I am sure such action would not be tolerated these days but it ensured that French was to become a subject I came to enjoy for the rest of my time at school. Progress through the School went smoothly and, in Year 4, I chose the School Certificate options of Chemistry, Physics and Art as opposed to History, Geography and General Science----my future direction in life had started to be mapped out.

Entry into the Sixth Form with the study of Maths under Arch Coulson and Bill Jacques, Chemistry under Frank Kendall and Physics under the renowned W.E.Pearce and, in my third year, under Tom Walker who came from up north to replace WEP on his retirement. My future career was forged.

It was at about this stage that my entry into the Athletics arena began.

It is a great pity that the Senior boys of today have no time for Athletics---are the pressures to achieve really any different today from what they were in my day ?.

I vividly remember the 220 yards event in 1952 when I just managed to ease ahead of Gerry Ramsden into second place in the last couple of yards---of course, neither of us could catch Graham Piggott---but we were all in Priory so it was a good result.

[In those days, each House could enter as many boys as they wished in every event as long as no individual entered more than 4 events. I don't remember how events were worked out ---there were probably heats---but the results recorded 5 competitors although there were only 4 Houses. It did mean, however, that the competitors were the pick of the School in each event, but it was possible that in some events all runners came from the same House. No doubt Mr Butcher had some cunning plan but it does seem to have been a rather odd system. Ed.]



The photograph was taken on Sports Day in 1952 and shows the end of the Senior 220 yards race.

Pictured left to right are; K Lott (2nd), R Gibbs (5th), G Ramsden (3rd), G Piggott (1st), J Sellars (4th), M Marsh (6th).

That track on the top field was a real beast, with its short straights and tight bends over 300 yards, as any who ran it found out.

Three of us left the School that year to go to Southampton University--- Tony Pettett (Biology); Ron Kirk (Geography) and myself (Chemistry). I was allocated a place in one of the Halls of residence where I was entertained on my first Sunday after dinner to sherry and biscuits with the Warden of the Hall—a certain R.E.Pelham, another Old Boy of the School. We chatted and reminisced well into the early hours of Monday.

It was hard competing against about ten other undergraduates who had entered the first year of Chemistry as holders of either University Scholarships or Exhibitions but my choice of Physics as a subsidiary subject in the first two years proved a wise one because the grounding I had in the subject from WEP and TSW meant that I could concentrate on my main subject.

I also had time to participate in sport and represented the University in the Athletics team.

After graduating, I was invited to stay on to do research and a further three years ensued. I finally got to my first post in the summer of 1959 and was successful at the first attempt---a lectureship at Brunel College, later to become Brunel CAT and then Brunel University.

An accident doing some research during my third year in post meant that I had to stop the work for a while. Fortuitously, it gave me time to write a textbook of Inorganic Chemistry, in collaboration with a colleague, which ran into three editions and three languages as well as English over a period of twenty years---something of a best seller but not enough to make me a millionaire!.

During my lecturing career, I was privileged to tutor many capable students from our School including Brian Willis and another student who came to Brunel with him, Gabriel Gabriel, who, after graduating, changed course and went into Medicine.

In 1984, I was invited to become President of the Old Pharosians' Association the following year—Forty Years On---a position whose term of office passed all too quickly.

After some thirty years at Brunel, I took early retirement, but only from Academia, and took up a post in the entirely different area of Personnel (later to become Human Resources) with my local Education Authority

(Berkshire) where I had all the schools in the Bracknell district under my wing---33 Primaries and 6 Secondaries.

I remained with the local authority until Berkshire was broken up into Unitary Authorities in 1998 and the rest, as they say, is history.

Retirement has been good---time to garden, time to tour, time to indulge in a little piscatorial sport and plenty of time to walk an Irish Setter.

As W H Davies wrote—“What is this life if full of care we have no time to stand and stare?”

TREVOR HEAVER (1948-55) wrote to say that he was in France to watch a couple of the EURO 2016 Football matches with a party of over-60s team mates from Vancouver. They are to play two games against similar age (or should that be “aged”?) teams. He does tell us that, in his experience, the French generally have to field younger players----could this be a case of getting his excuses in early?

Trevor reckons that, on their return to Vancouver, he will be in time to play in a couple of over-40s (but more like over-55s) 20/20 evening cricket matches.

Lessons learned on the fields at DGSB continue to be put to good use.

JOHN MUNDY (1947-53) writes to say that he is now living in Alresford, Winchester, Hampshire.

KEVIN BLACK (1975-82) tells us that, after 32 gap years, he has finally enrolled at university and is now over half way through a Business Management with Logistics degree at Canterbury Christ Church University. He was awarded a prize as best 1st year Business School degree student.

JOHN PAIN (1980-87), after 29 years of moving around and using his parents’ address as a post box, has notified us of a change of address. He has now settled in London SW17.

STEVE MARTIN (1981-88) turned up to watch the CCF Inspection Day in June where his brother, **LOUIS**, (1982-87), a Captain in the CCF, was deeply involved in the organisation of events.

In the 1970s, a progressive rock band regularly played in the Canterbury area, including at the Marlowe Theatre. The band, Mirkwood, was formed by **JACK CASTLE** (1955-62) and **MICK MORRIS** (1955-62) who became life-long friends after meeting up in Form 1.

Their first Mirkwood album, released in 1972, is now seen as a classic of the progressive rock era and original copies can change hands for hundreds of pounds.

In the mid-70s, their drummer was another Old Pharosian, a certain **NICK “Topper” HEADON** (1966-71) who went on to become the drummer of that most iconic group, The Clash, with whom he played for almost five years.

During their time playing together, they appeared alongside great names such as Cream, Supertramp, Tina Turner and The Moody Blues.

Jack moved away to Wales almost 30 years ago but now he and Mick have come together again to release an album of new songs---some 40 years since their last album.

The new album is titled “Boys from the Chalk, a reference to the chalk downs which dominate the area surrounding the Dover Grammar School for Boys where they first met. The album contains more than a dozen new songs based on their time playing in the Dover area and is released on I tunes and Amazon to download.

MARK GRAVENER (1979-86) wrote to Paul Skelton asking for names and contacts from his years at the School.

He has been in the Middle East for the past twelve years so hasn't been able to attend any of the Old Pharosians' Annual Reunion Dinners.

However, he has realised that 2016 represents thirty years since he left School and thought that he would like to organise a reunion with his old school friends.

KENNY BIRMINGHAM (1999-2006) went to Canterbury Christ Church University on leaving School and supplemented his income by working as a pint puller with J D Wetherspoon at The Thomas Ingoldsby in the city. Much taken by the Company and what it could offer, Kenny signed up and has now worked for “Spoons” for nine years. Now, as manager of the Eight Bells in Dover's Cannon Street, he pulls fewer pints but is considerably involved in the more mundane

world of licences, health and safety, food hygiene, rotas, employment and stocks.

However, he enjoys the busy pub atmosphere with its regulars, friends and families, and everybody from students to cruise ship passengers.

PETER GREEN (1953-58), always affectionately nicknamed “Granny” whilst at School and still by all his old friends, sent in some photographs of the CCF in the 1950s.

One taken below the Tower in about 1958 shows the Head, JC Booth, flanked by Messrs Lister and Archer. Peter is second from the right in the top row of the Naval Section and Roger Packman is in the centre of the next row down.

The “Boat” photo was taken in 1957 at the RN Section’s Summer Camp at HMS St Vincent, the Boys’ Training School at Gosport. It looks like the Captain of St Vincent in the picture. Peter is the cadet holding the post at the far right. He thinks he recognises “Thorpus” Thorpe as the cadet holding onto the mast stay----choppy old weather on that car park!

The smaller group photo was taken in 1956 when the RN Section attended the Boys’ Training School, HMS Ganges.

We can identify several of those in the photos, but please let us know of any you recognise---for our records/ rogues gallery.

KEITH WELCH (1969-76) read the CCF Centenary article in the last Newsletter and found that it stirred so many memories which, as a former member of the Army Section, he felt moved to share.

Memories don’t always come back in a logical progression so do not seek a pattern here.

Ian “Jack” “Oiseau” Bird stood on the tailgate of the army lorry to address us, a bunch of weary army cadets at the end of a summer camp in Germany. “Now lads, you’ve heard some colourful language this week but it is the memories I’d like you to take back to School, not the language”.





At the time, Ian Bird was supported in the CCF by Norman “Nautilus” Kaufman, Dick “The Major” Hoeren, Chris Templeman, Martyn Styles and, of course, Reg Coleman.

My first weekend camp was at a frosty November Crowborough with Ian driving a former KCC ambulance---the CCF transport at the time. Many other weekends followed at St Martin’s Plain and Acrise (Folkestone), Lydden, at the School, walking from Calais to Boulogne with the Navy Section and a snowy Easter weekend away in the Brecon Beacons; the latter the start of a lifelong fondness for the Beacons.

My first annual camp was at Cultybraggan in Scotland in what I recently discovered was a former prisoner of war camp for SS and Nazi extremists. The camp is now owned by a local community trust and I was able to wander around it a couple of years ago.

I remember the travel to Scotland by first class train, the map-reading and patrolling exercise, pony trekking and the return in very old carriages as the week was cut short by the prospect of a national train strike.

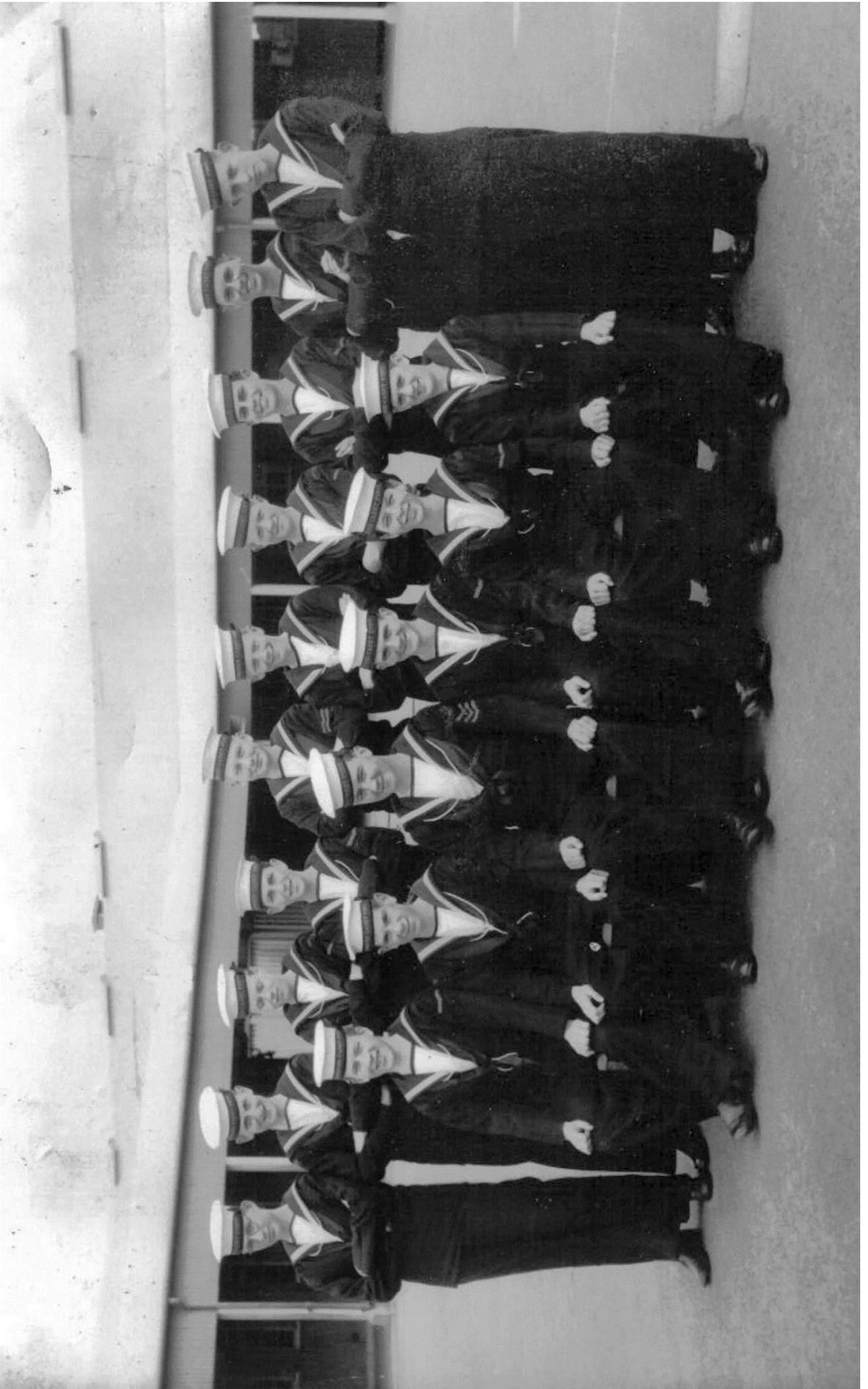
Germany followed and a week with the Light Infantry based in Minden in a former Nazi barracks---a recurring theme!

We had a sweltering hot time on the desert-like Luneburg Heath training area, driving armoured personnel carriers and acting as the enemy for infantry and tanks on exercise.

At times, we were less than thirty miles from the East German border so it had been quite scary to be told that the Infantry’s role was first line of defence to disrupt and delay an Eastern Bloc invasion, assisted by tactical nuclear weapons.

Our confidence levels plummeted further when the Infantry drove us to the training area. We were told later that we had turned the wrong way out of the barrack gates which was why a two hour journey took all day. It’s comforting to know that the Infantry never had to fulfil their professional role during the Cold War.

One overcast day of our camp was spent visiting Belsen Concentration Camp; the weather matching the sobering atmosphere of the site long before the Holocaust became part of the school curriculum.



OBITUARIES.

A.W.MANNERS, who retired as Head of History in 1995, died at his home on 28th April, 2016, after a long and difficult illness.

Tony came to us from Northampton and joined the School in 1973. He taught History for twenty two years until his retirement as Head of his department.

From 1978, he served as Examinations Secretary and was a Teacher Governor for many years.

Everyone he met will remember him as a tall, bearded gentleman, quietly spoken, conscientious and totally reliable.

We have also heard of the passing of **A.C.SIMMONDS** (1941-47) who was living in Rochester.

Jack Castle (1955-62) has written to tell of the death of his very close friend **DAVID CATT** (1956-63) at his home in Banchory, Scotland. He had been suffering from cancer.

Dave was a good athlete whilst at School and was a past winner of the Powell Cup for cross-country running.

He gained an MSc in Zoology and followed a career in Zoology and Conservation with The Institute of Terrestrial Ecology , publishing several papers on the subject.

Keith Medgett (1979-86) tells us that his father, **NEIL MEDGETT** (1950-56) died in March aged 77 with his family at his home in Shepherdswell.

He was a keen sportsman during his School days, playing football and cricket, his favourite pastime. In 1954, he was a mainstay of the second eleven bowling attack, once claiming 6 for 12 against Ashford, and was a regular player/bowler in the First eleven in 1955, winning his cricket colours that year.

His cricket career continued after he left School as a player for Nonington spanning some 38 years including many as Captain.

On leaving School, Neil spent three enjoyable years in the RAF, including a spell as a radar operator in Germany.

He then became a mechanic, working with Martin Walters and Geest in Folkestone, before becoming a mechanic for the Dover, Folkestone and Lydd Ambulance Stations, a role he held until his retirement.

His family was honoured that the Kent Ambulance Service provided their Flag to cover his coffin at his funeral to honour his long service.

Neil's younger son, Ian, attended the School 1983-90.

BARRY REID (1953-58) died of a heart attack at the end of April.

He joined the School from St Radigunds and was placed in Middle 1 and Priory House, but was soon put into the Upper stream where he was reunited with his Primary School friends, John Husk and Peter Green. Barry was a very good sportsman and played rugby for the School but his real talent was as a goalkeeper.

He played regularly for the all-conquering Dover Schools team which won the Fletcher Trophy. However, the following year, although quite clearly the best goalkeeper in the School, and, probably, the whole district, he was not selected for either the First X1 or the second eleven. This he found extremely upsetting, not to say puzzling, especially since Luton Town FC was keen to sign him.

In fact, this apparent unfairness was one of the reasons he decided to leave the School early in spite of achieving excellent GCE O level results.

Barry worked for many years for British Telecoms in a managerial position in Canterbury. He was a keen golfer and a member of Canterbury Golf Club where he actually passed away on the course during a round.

Reporting deaths is a sad duty of our Newsletter but most deaths are of our older members who have had a full life and the experiences that go with it.

Every now and then we have the sadness of reporting the passing of one who has hardly had the time to look over the School parapet.

SEAN PETCH (2003-8) died last December in a car accident at the age of only 23.

He had recently completed his apprenticeship and studies at Canterbury College and had qualified as a multi-skilled engineer. Sean will be remembered as a cheeky chappie with an amazing sense of humour.

