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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.

EDITORS WELCOME.

It seems I am still here acting as Editor of the Newsletter, much later than usual due to a number of different reasons. But it is jam packed full of information I hope you will all be interested in reading.

I am not going to apologise for including some negative news regarding former pupils and staff as well as the good news, as it is news, and I am only reporting information that I have found or been sent. News is news as far as I am concerned “warts an’ all” and I have no hidden agenda, so I am including everything I have found that has connections to current and past Pharosians. It should be remembered, once you have been to the school as either pupil or staff member you are a Pharosian, once you leave you are an Old Pharosian. It is news of these people that I am reporting on in these pages.

I am still looking for a volunteer to take over the formatting of the newsletter, for as well as being membership secretary and maintenance and content of the web site, I feel to also be responsibility for the newsletter is putting too may eggs into one basket, and doesn’t make good sense for the strength and stability of the society.

The job, isn’t as difficult as you would think. The information for contents will be sent to whoever would like to take on this task via email, so you don’t need to be local to Dover or indeed even in the same country. All I ask is that someone sees fit to put all the information into a logical order, decide on a little bit of formatting for presentation and perhaps a little bit of error checking for spelling and grammar, and once done, send back via email for printing. It really is as simple as that, the only thing you’ll need is a program such as Microsoft Word in which to do the work.

Please, help me out here as I am really struggling time wise to do everything justice.

If you would like to have a go, please email me at the usual address of 1905-2005@DoverGrammar.co.uk

Regards,

Paul Skelton.

CURRENT NEWS.

Posted on: 15/01/2018

SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENT

Mrs Chapman will be stepping down from her position as Headteacher of Dover Grammar School for Boys at the end of the summer term. After four years in the post she feels the time will be right for her, both personally and professionally, to hand over the leadership of the school.

For the remainder of this academic year, Mrs Chapman will continue to work closely with her leadership team, staff and the Governing Body to ensure that the day to day running of the school continues as normal, the education and pastoral care of the students remains our key priority, and the transition to new leadership of the school is as smooth as possible.

Comment by Mrs Chapman



It has been a pleasure and a privilege to have had the opportunity to lead such a tremendous school. I will miss working with our fantastic student body and I am immensely proud of them, both for their many achievements and their exceptional personal qualities. Whilst my successor is yet to be determined, I am confident that the Governing Body will appoint an exceptional leader who will continue the work I started and ensure that Dover Grammar School for Boys retains its reputation as a school that the whole community is proud of.

Posted on: 23/03/2018

Appointment of New Headteacher



Above photo showing Philip Horstrup collecting award from Martin Duffell

Dover Grammar School for Boys is delighted to name the new headteacher who will take over from Mrs Fiona Chapman in September of this year. Mr Philip Horstrup, currently Deputy Headteacher at Maidstone Grammar School for Girls was selected after a lengthy and rigorous application process and will take over at the helm of DGSB in the new school year.

Mr Horstrup arrives at Dover Boys with a wealth of experience in selective education in Kent and Medway after five years as Deputy Headteacher in the county town. Having helped Maidstone Grammar School for Girls achieve Ofsted “Outstanding” status in 2009 – an accolade that it still holds – Mr Horstrup says that he is excited about the future for DGSB. Following his appointment, he commented, “I am honoured to have been chosen to lead Dover Boys’ Grammar School into the next, exciting stage of its existence. The school represents everything that is good about education in our county and I am looking forward immensely to working with such a committed staff and able and enthusiastic students. I consider it a privilege to have the opportunity to lead such a wonderful institution, which is such an important part of the local community.”

Chair of Governors, Les Craggs, said how pleased he was with the school’s appointment. Mr Craggs said “The Governing Body is unanimous in its belief that Mr Horstrup is the right person to head up our school over the coming period.”

Mr Horstrup joins DGSB at an exciting time in its existence, with extensive building projects on the horizon. He speaks of his desire to cement the school’s position as the first choice school for boys in the Dover area.

D.G.S.B. REMEMBRANCE SERVICE.

I was invited to join the school family for the annual Service of Remembrance on Friday 10th November in the school hall.

This service has become a more marked occasion in recent years.

The increased focus for this may have been the death in Afghanistan, of squadron leader Anthony Downing.

I felt moved to write this piece when I remembered the number of times Ken Russell sat (usually in the balcony) observing proceedings and writing an account for the next newsletter when, for so long, he was the editor. There is a plaque at the back of the hall recording is sixty years of service in the school.

In a PowerPoint presentation before the service started we were shown various pictures reflecting upon war and lists of the names of all the old boys who had died in the first and second world wars.

Welcoming words were given by Matt Rosier, a staff member.

The piano was played by Joe Wardhough (student); part of Beethoven's Moonlight Sonata.

The Head Prefect, Henry Wheeler, read "In Flanders Fields" written by Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae.

Both Mr. Rosier and Captain John Wiggell (the C.C.F. Contingent commander) spoke about the sacrifice and specifically sacrifice in conflict and war.

Rev Andy Bawtree (co-chairman of the governors) added words on the significance of laying wreaths.

Wreaths were then laid at a simple drumhead altar by the Headteacher Mrs. Fiona Chapman and by Captain Wiggell.

Simon Godden played last post.

A piece was read by Fyona Jackerby called Sonnet by Edna St. Vincent Millay.

The whole of the proceedings were conducted and punctuated by members of the C.C.F. contingent.

They represented themselves with great dignity, feeling and efficiency and all present in the hall brought credit to the school.

The service ended with a blessing given by Rev. Bawtre and the organ was played by Joe Wandhough. "Hearing the organ would have delighted Ken Ruffell.)

Maurice Smith.

Staff 1959-1989

Details of the football match.

This 2017 football match, played on Friday 15 September, saw the Old Boys team recover from falling behind to a goal midway through the first half to equalise before half-time and then score three times without reply in the second half to retain the Andrew Kremer Memorial Trophy.

The fixture was notable for two rare occurrences; the inclusion in the Old Boys team of a father and son (Jason and Sam Oliver) and the achievement of Toby Kember who scored two goals having contributed runs and wickets to the Old Boys' victory in the cricket fixture played in June.

The Old Boys were represented by:- James Tonkins, Paul Castle, Sam Oliver, George Dowle, Simon Gretton, Matt Chivers, Toby Greenfield, James Durrant, Toby Kember, Jason Oliver, Gary Beeden, Steve Betts and Trinn Brisley.

Also arranged with the School are the dates for this year's matches. The cricket match is to be played on Friday 22nd June (3.30 start) while the football match has been provisionally scheduled for Friday 14 September (5.15 start).

Regards,

Mick Palmer.

Hello Old Pharosians

I found this photo of what I think is the under 16 XV from 1956 in my father's possessions. Sadly my father, ET Walder (Tom) passed away in May this year. He is holding the ball. Aside from the masters, Booth and Denham I am not sure of any other names but have copied the following list from Pharos no. 121 spring 1956



" Walder (captain), Abbott, Allingham, Boddy, Booth, Constable, Crouch, Hibbert, Holman, Mackie, Marsh, McCaig, Moore, Morris. Muskett, Relf, Rogers, Theobald and Woodcock."

Perhaps you can upload it to the OP web page? I will post it on the OP facebook page presently

Regards

E. J. Walder 1976-1982

The Archivist Ephemitus's Corner for JUL2018

Greetings, this is just another brief report on the archive activity as it is now four years since I resign as the Archivist and took up an Ephemitus role. A replacement archivist is still sought. As recorded below a range of archive material is still available to buy.

Last year Peter Mee (1948-53) kindly donated some Old Pharosians' Association garb, including a neck tie, neck scarf and a "Fiat Lux" blazer Badge, to the OPA archives. Currently these items are held at my house, in my study, as the School archive accommodation is not suitable for clothing.

In the 1950s-60s these OPA items could be bought in Deal, at the White – Fuller Men's Outfitters in the High Street as well as at Peppins Men's Outfitters, latterly George Locks, in Biggin Street, Dover.

Items For Sale

Please note that the costs quoted for the items below are all minimuma and any extra money would be welcomed by the School. The quoted postage costs only apply to UK addresses, other areas will have to be dealt with separately with the School. The purchasing arrangements for all items are the same: sending a cheque for the appropriate amount (perhaps plus a little), payable to "DGSB", to the Dover Grammar School for Boys, Astor Avenue, DOVER, CT17 0DQ, 01304 206117.

The "Bugsy Malone, Dover Grammar School 09MAR1989" production, is now recorded on two DVDs. The viewing offered covers "behind the scenes" activities as well as the stage production and musical accompaniment. The School Junior Boys are ably assisted by girls from the Dover Grammar School for Girls. The Girls' School has been advised of the DVDs but, so far, I have not heard of any interest. The production is great fun. The two DVDs can be purchased for £20 plus £2 p&p.

Old Pharosians can no longer buy a 1905-2005 centenary tie from the School. However, an OP maroon tie can be obtained by sending a cheque for £7, payable to "DGSB", to the School. This includes the cost of package & posting.

The DVD *Prize Giving One* is offered at a cost of £10, plus £2 p&p (making £12). The DVD is based on a DVD created by Mrs Dorothy Mannall and covers some School activities during the time her son David (1991-98) was at the School. These include a Carol Service of 1993, Junior Prize Giving in 1992 and 1993, Middle School Prize Giving in 1995 and 1996.

The hardback *Fifty Years on 1931-1981* history of the School have all been sold but a CD computer version can be bought. The cost is £10, plus £2 p&p (making £12).

There are still plenty of copies of the booklet *The Dover County School 1905 to 1931* at a cost of £4 including p&p.

There are still a few tape video versions of *The School on the Hill* film, made in 1965, available from the School at the cost of £12 including p&p. A digital version of *The School on the Hill* is also offered on DVD at the same cost. My attempts to produce a “running sheet” of the film have made some small progress identifying the stars featured but there are still many people to be named and a few “double namings” that need to be resolved, even if only by a majority vote. Any help with the naming of people would be greatly appreciated.

The *Film Clips One* DVD, consists of films made by the School Cine Club during the 1960s, and features many items including the Potter’s Wheel, the Grand Fete, Classroom and Blackboard fun, sport and games, Dover Castle, DGS Cine Club activities, Cars and Boats, tricks, A Typical Day. It is still available at the cost is £10, plus £2 p&p (making £12).

The *Film Clips Two* DVD features three monochrome 8mm silent films created by teacher Archibald Coulson (1928-71). These include the Silver Jubilee of George V (06MAY1935), the School Cadet Corps camp at Sandwich in AUG1935 and another Sandwich camp, possibly in 1938. In addition there are two more School films from the 1960s. The cost is £10, plus £2 p&p (making £12).

Outline running-sheets have been produced for the *Film Clips* DVDs and, as for *The School on the Hill* film, the identity of the participants in the films would be greatly appreciated by your archivist.

The *Bolton Cartoons* of twelve teachers referred to in the JUL2013 issue of the Newsletter can be obtained in two forms, hardcopy or digital format. The first hardcopy option is a set of twelve A4 sheets with the two versions (both “darted” and cleaned-up), for each teacher on a sheet, at £15 plus £2 p&p (£17); or twenty four A4 sheets with each of the images on its own sheet, costing £20 plus £3 p&p (£23). Alternatively, the images can be emailed to you at a cost of £12. There are only limited numbers of the hardcopy versions available.

Peter Burville (1946-51), Archivist Ephemitus.

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Section I sets out the purposes for which your data will be used by the Old Pharosians’ Association if you are a potential member.

Section II sets out the purposes for which your data will be used by the Old Pharosians’ Association once you are a member.

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EMAILS

Wednesday, October 25, 2017 5:15 PM

Hello. Paul....that was indeed some newsletter...I was so sad to read of the passings of Major Hoern, Charles Benson and Bryan Owen... all of these Masters had a profound influence on my day to day at the School.... I remember the "Majors' first arrival.... his Pink shoes and Pink Pipe and his fingers bulging with rings.... he took me for American and Russian History an was avidly interested in both Cricket and Rugby at the school.... I remember him Driving me home to Eastry one day in his "as he called it. His Little car" his MG which proudly sported 2 impact marks on its front chrome work from 2 cricket ball hits, sustained at school matches'..... I had fallen ill.... the drive home was so fast that, strangely enough I was feeling much better once I had arrived..... he was a lovely Man..... Mr Benson took me for Biology and was both dedicated and Knowledgeable.. his stories from his old school life were always so funny..... I remember one where is students had dismantled his small car and relocated it upon the school roof.... he was a fine man..... and Bryan Owen who too me for English... always full of encouragement..... I feel very proud to have known and been influenced by these men....

Rex Fletcher.

Hello Paul,

I received and read the newsletter this week with great interest – you are doing a great job, albeit on a pro tem basis.

It was very sad to hear of the passing of three members of staff from my era, in particular Bryan Owen who I knew best. I was also surprised to read about the Pharos Masonic Lodge – I had no idea!

Anyway, the main purpose of this email to you as Membership Secretary is to say that I am very happy to receive the newsletter via email; no further need to send it by post.

Best regards

Andy Devine 1976-1983

From an email received 11 January 2018.

Hi Paul

I'm sure you won't remember me given the vast number of pupils that have passed through, but I certainly remember you from the days I spent in the workshops at school, and also from playing table tennis in the 6th form common room! I think you challenged a friend of mine from a district league we played in, Simon Redfern – who thought he was pretty hot, and gave him quite a spanking!

Like many pupils, I have since left the area after going away to University. However I still have family in the area and return quite regularly.

I stumbled across the site while searching for old school photos, with a view to showing my children a bit more about the school. They managed to see the school from the telescope at Dover Castle last summer and wondered how it compared to their own school!

I do recall the Old Pharosians from my time at school, but didn't sign up at the time as being young and fresh out of school you want to forget school as you are convinced it's the worst time of your life. Do they organise reunions or events on a regular basis? And one thing I wondered about, which is probably quite unlikely, is can members, or ex pupils, return to the school at any point to look around and reminisce? I wondered if they maybe hosted events at the school, that sort of thing. I'd love to go back sometime and see how things have changed in the last 23 years since I left.

I had a look through the list of teachers on the official school site, and I didn't recognise a single name from my time there. I guess they have all moved on or retired, or been driven into early retirement by unruly kids!

I hope life is treating you well.

Best wishes

James Ebdon (1987-94)

Paul-Another bit of "news" for the next edition if possible, Terry Sutton.

Michael Hinton

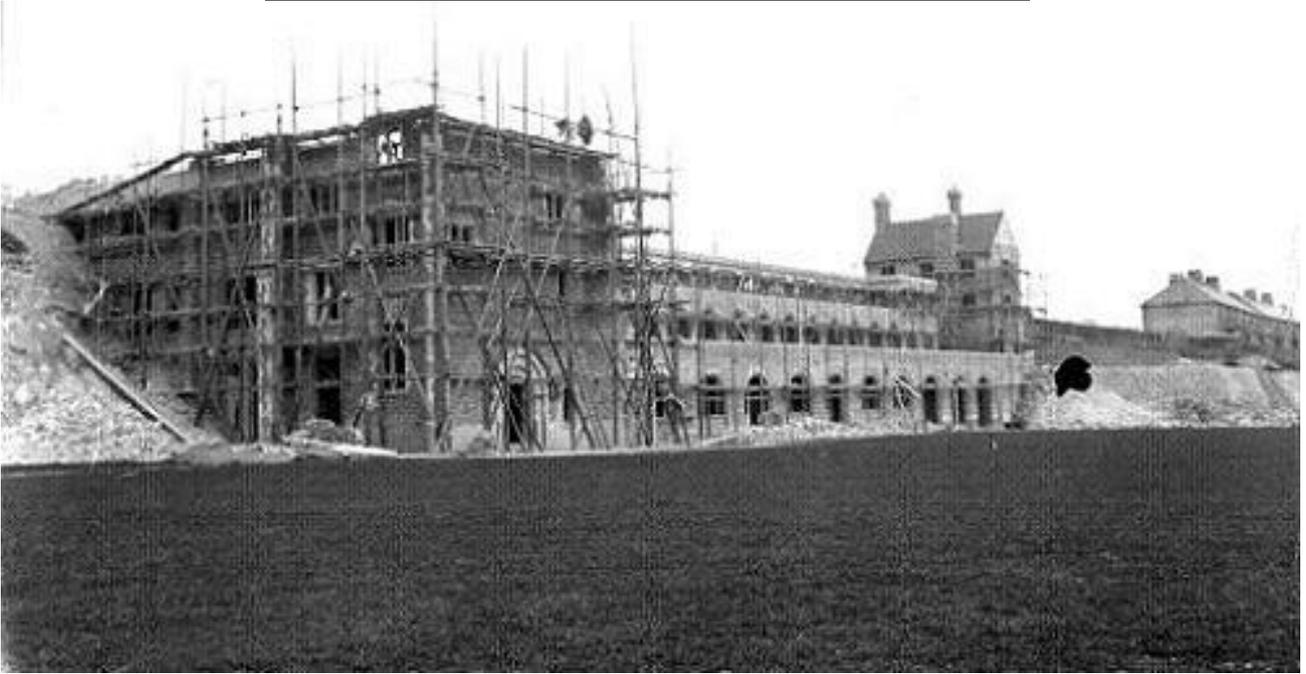
The Reverend Michael Hinton, the former headteacher at our school, in April decided to vacate his sea front flat in Dover to reside in the nursing wing of the College of St Barnabas, a home for retired clergy, in Blackberry Lane, Lingfield, Surrey.

Michael, who has played a major role in the religious life of Dover, has been unwell of late and his final appearances at his St Mary's Church, Dover have been in a wheelchair.

He has chaired Dover's Christian Aid committee, later its secretary, and as such had regularly led the interviewing of Dover's MP on various issues. As well as that Michael has been a regular columnist, on Christian subjects, in the Dover Express. He can be contacted on his normal e-mail address or phone-07773893227

In an e-mail Michael adds (we guess with a smile) "I'll return to Dover for my funeral."

Found on Dover Society Website.



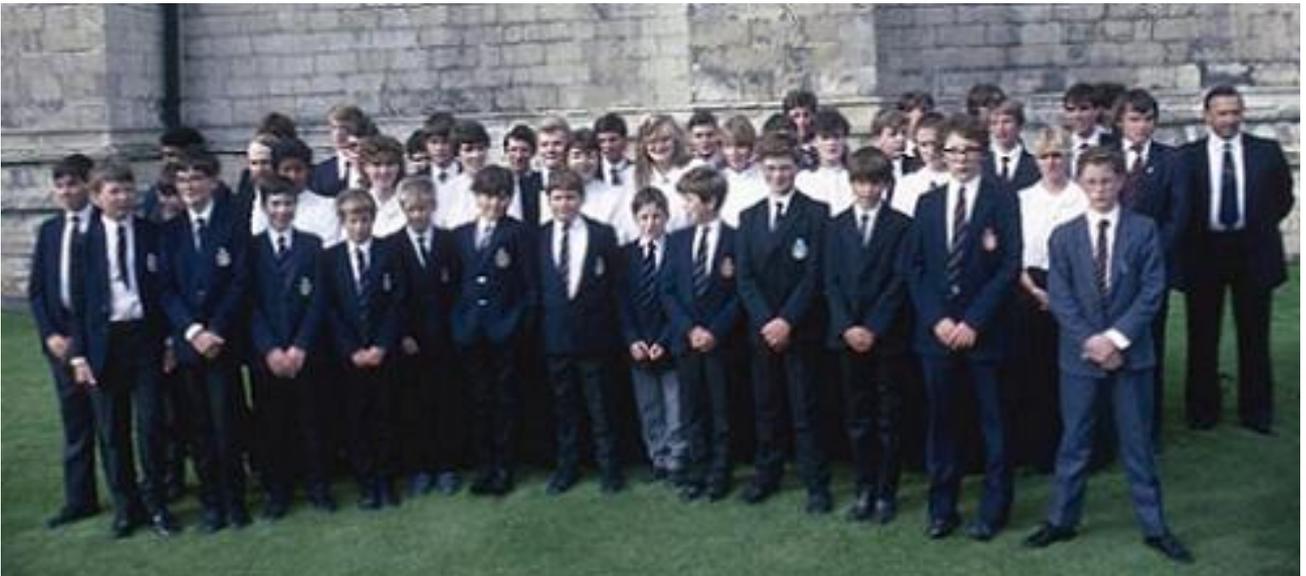
Showing the building of the school tower in 1930.

The information given said :- Founded in 1904 as Dover County School, it was originally mixed - sex and occupied premises at Ladywell and at what is now the Girls' Grammar at Frith Road.

It later divided into the Boys' and Girls' Grammars.

Moving into the present building in 1932, pupils were evacuated to Ebbw Vale during the Second World War.

It celebrated its centenary in 2004, under its new headteacher Mrs Lees.



Above photo from the School Choir visit to York in 1986.

Only two I think I recognize are far right, John Ward, and next to him Christian Halibos (I think!)

Found on Facebook Dover (Kent) History Pages

This was sent by Phil Eyden on 9 November. From the Dover Chronicle 24th September 1980.



Four young lads were up with the lark to head the queue of eager shoppers waiting for the opening of the new Sainsbury's store in Dover on Tuesday. After shedding their snug sleeping bags, the friends - Keith Cowell, Geraint Lumley, David Pudney and Andrew O'Brien - were the first to pass through the gleaming checkouts. The slick new supermarket, which boasts such features as a car park and in-store bakery, were opened by company chairman Sir John Sainsbury.

Dave Pudney was Diego (Master of Horse) in the school play "Royal Hunt for the Sun" in 1977.

Currently in the News.

One of Dover's oldest companies closes after a century.



Above photo showing Blackman's signs being taken down.

A. T. Blackman of Dover High Street, heating and plumbing firm, closes after trading since 1919. By Sam Lennon 22 December 2017 Thekmgroupp.co.uk

A.T. Blackman and Son Ltd ceases trading as a domestic heating and plumbing company today.

It had started as a building firm repairing destruction from the First World War.

The firm, in Dover High Street, says that this has happened due to ill health among management and the inability to find the highly skilled staff needed.

It is still financially sound.

A statement from the directors this week said: "The business ceases trading due to ill health of the management team and the inability to replace quality members of our premier team."

It adds that this "resulted in insufficient installation and maintenance staff for us to continue to offer our traditional high level of service to our customers."

Blackman has about 1,000 customers and some of its work will continue with one member of staff being made redundant, Ian Edwards.

He will go self-employed and arrangements have been made for him to undertake service maintenance and customers on contract will be contacted in due course.

The rest of the six fitters are retiring or also going self-employed.

The company was founded by Arthur Thomas Blackman in 1919 as a firm for post-war rebuilding.

Over time it diversified into heating and plumbing.

This included bathroom and subsequently kitchen installations and for many years the manufacture of tiled surrounds.



Blackman co-director Tony Smither. Picture courtesy of A.T. Blackman & Son Ltd

The last directors are Richard Blackman and Tony Smither, grandchildren of the founder.

Mr Smither told the Mercury: “This is a blow to us because we have both been here for 41 of the 98 years.

“One problem has been finding people of the right calibre and we have had this problem over the last couple of years.

“We had two guys in the last three years who moved on after their apprenticeships.

“A year ago we had 12 fitters and we ended with just six.”

Mr Smither stressed that the company was not closing due to financial difficulty.

Blackman are agents for the Parkray and Rayburn Solid Fuel spare parts firm.

The directors are now seeking to sell off remaining stock including bathroom and kitchen furniture still in the showroom.

Missed from the Dover papers last edition.

From the Dover Express, Thursday 29 June 2017. By Joyeeta Basu.

Dover School approves end of term uniform trial after sizzling temperatures.

A GRAMMAR school has agreed to allow its sixth form students the choice to wear shorts for the first time in this century.

Dover Grammar School for Boys in Astor Avenue is now trialling the new option after the latest hot spell saw temperatures soar to more than 30 degrees.



Pupils Harry Rowland, 17, Henry Wheeler, 17, and Jayden Creed, 16, put wheels in motion for the idea earlier this month and managed to impress head teacher Fiona Chapman with their 'professional approach'.

She then arranged an opportunity for them to present and discuss their ideas with chair of governors, Les Craggs, Reverend Andy Bawtree and head of sixth form Dan Polden.

The school's governing body agreed to the trial.

The three students announced the successful outcome to their peers during assembly last Wednesday and it came into effect the next day. The trial will run until the end of the term.

The views of staff and students will then be sought to determine whether or not the trial has been a success.

Mr Polden said: "We are passionate about student voice and encourage our students to share their ideas with us.

"This is a perfect example of the students playing an active role in shaping the future direction of our sixth form."

Until recently, the school's sixth form dress code said: "Do not wear casual sportswear or shorts (an exception will obviously be made for sports lessons)."

A spokesman for the school said: "I can definitely confirm that shorts have not been allowed this century.

"I can't be 100 per cent certain in terms of all the way back to when the school was founded in 1905, but our longest serving member of staff confirmed that shorts have never been permitted the whole time he has been here."

Graham Tutthill

Former editor of this Newsletter, Graham has been elected the chairman of a group with a mission to upgrade Dover's town centre. He is the director and chairman of the not-for-profit Love Dover organisation, serving with other directors including the then current mayor and Dover's town clerk.

Graham, who gained much local knowledge as a journalist working for the Dover Express and Kent Messenger (Dover Mercury), explained at a public meeting the role of Love Dover which had already bought one prominent building in the town and intended to buy other town centre properties to prevent them falling into the hands of developers who might not keep them in good repair.

Richard Graham

Richard, this year, was elected chairman of the Royal British Legion in Kent. As such Richard, a member of the Dover White Cliffs branch of the Legion, is the leader of the 70 Legion branches in the county. He took over after serving three years as the county vice chairman.

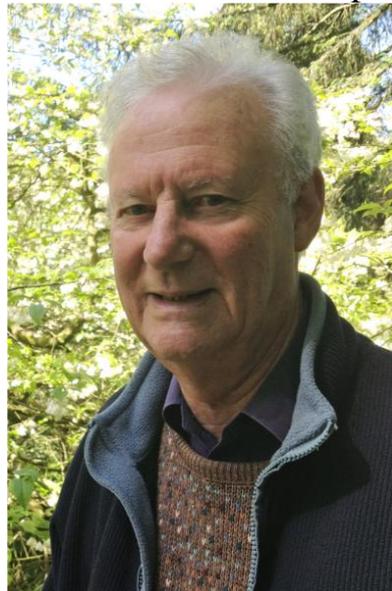
Richard, who lives at Brabourne, recently thanked members of the Dover branch for members money raising efforts for the national Poppy Appeal and revealed that in Kent £1.73 million was raised this year but he pointed out that did not meet the Legion's weekly cost to the many veterans helped.

Several Old Pharosians are members of the two-year-old Dover branch of the Legion while the Pharos masonic lodge last year presented a considerable financial cheque to help the branch.

Michael Edwin Marsh. (1934-2017)



Shown centre front of photo from 1946 Panoramic photo.



Michael joined the school a year early in September 1945 as a member of Upper 1 Class - he remained in the Upper Class throughout junior school.

He should have taken School Certificate in 1950 but he was a year too young to be eligible to do so. Rather than repeat the year he still progressed into Senior School as a member of L V1 Arts and studied English Literature, French, Latin and Geography. At the end of lower V1 he took the English and Maths of School Certificate to enable him to apply to university.

Because of his age he did 3 years in the sixth form. He left school in 1953 to study Geography at University College London.

He was twice awarded the form Prize for Upper V1 Arts and was also a Librarian and school prefect.

Michael was a member of the school choir and keen helper behind the scenes in the school dramatic society. One year in particular he spent countless hours in the woodwork shop helping to produce props for the production of Julius Caesar.

He was a keen sportsman participating in Rugby, cross country, Athletics - as a long distance runner in which event he represented the school. In addition he participated in Soccer, Swimming and Cricket.

He went from DGS to University College London to study Geography.

After graduating from UCL and completing his National Service(Army) Michael went back to London University Institute of Education to obtain his PGCE which enabled him to enter teaching. He went on to have a highly successful and fulfilling career in the teaching profession which included Kettering Grammar, Harrow County Grammar and Dr Challenors Grammar school. On retirement he was involved in much Community Work and took the opportunity to travel to many of the far flung places that he had taught about. S America , Antarctica and the Falklands being firm highlights. He had always hoped that Global Warming would enable him to sail through the NW Passage but that was not to be.

Christine Marsh.

Norman Webster.

Dear Phil and Paul.

You may care to see the attached announcement for use in the next Newsletter. It appeared in today's Dover Express.

WEBSTER Norman On 18th December, peacefully, five days after his Platinum Wedding anniversary at Leeds, aged 93 years. Former Senior Lecturer in Etching & Engraving, Leeds College of Art. Old Boy of Dover Boys Grammar School. Royal Naval war veteran. Grandson of a Freeman of the Borough of Dover. Much loved family man. "A verray parfit gentil knyght"

Norman was my uncle. He was at the School 1935-1940.

Although eligible for evacuation to Ebbw Vale he did not do so. Instead he moved to Tunbridge Wells where he was a pupil at the Tunbridge Wells School of Art and subsequently obtained from there a scholarship to the Royal College of Art, London which he took up in 1946 on returning from Royal Naval war service in the Far East as a radar operator on board the newly built aircraft carrier HMS Vengeance.

On graduation he took up his post as Lecturer and later Senior Lecturer in Etching and Engraving at the Leeds College of Art where unbeknown to him at the time and only discovered to his astonishment in the last few years the Principal was E. E. Pullee who happened also to be a former, older Old Pharosian.

I wrote a short article on the Three Generations of my family as Old Pharosians which you will find in the Newsletter 1967/8.

There is also a number of other references to Norman in earlier newsletters.

I hope this will be of use. I send this to you both as I do not know what the current editorial arrangements are.

Very best wishes and Happy New Year

Martyn Webster.

Ronald David Knott.



Above photo from the panoramic photo of 1948.

From an email received 28 December 2017.

It is with great sadness that I must tell you that my husband Ronald David Knott passed away on 10th May 2017.

He was a life member of the Old Pharosians' Association and was always interested in reading the magazine and wearing the Old Boys tie. I guess his time at the school would have been 1943 to 1949 (he was in Ebbw Vale). He played Rugby and was a member of Dover Sailing Club. He initially worked for Dover Council, studying and becoming a member of the RICS. He was also a member of Corinthian Lodge. We moved away when we got married, and he progressed his career working for different councils, finishing at Essex County Council as a senior Quantity Surveyor.

You may also not have been told of the death of my brother Reginald George Castle who must have been at the school from 1941 to 1947. I am not sure if he was a member of the Old Pharosians, but I know he looked at the website from time to time. He passed away on 21st May 2015 having spent most of his career in the RAF as a Flight Lieutenant before retiring to Ferring, Sussex.

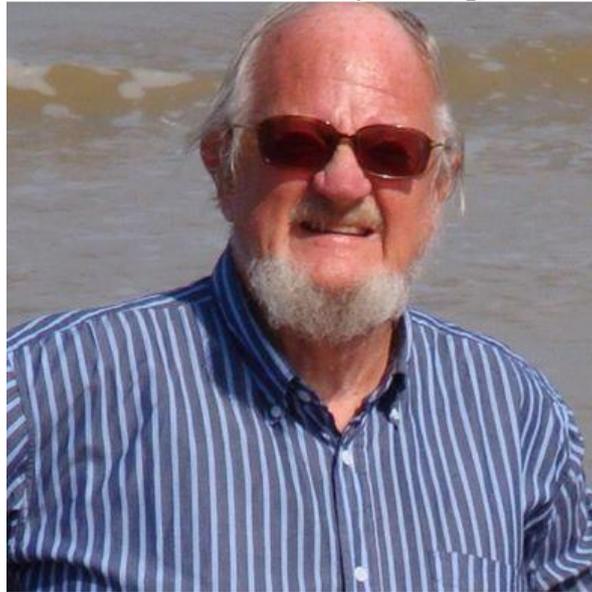
As both my brothers attended the Dover Grammar School (Peter is still with us) and I went to the DGS for Girls, I have also had much interest in reading the magazine and in what's happening in Dover. So many thanks to all those who have kept it going and long may it continue!

Pam Knott.

OBITUARIES Cont.

Dave Harding.

Music teacher facing sex charges was found hanged at his home.
From the Dover Mercury, 18 April 2018.



An inquest has opened into the death of a former teacher who was facing trial for historic sex offences.

David Harding, 81, was found dead at his home in Hillcrest Road, Kingsdown, on Wednesday, April 4, five days before he was expected to stand trial at Guildford Crown Court in connection with 24 alleged offences.

At the opening of his inquest at the Archbishop's Palace in Maidstone on Monday, the coroner heard that Mr Harding was found hanged.

He was discovered by police who had forced entry to the property, after he had sent a letter to his sister informing her of his intentions, the hearing was told.

Mr Harding had been charged with nine counts of indecent assault against boys under the age of 14 and 15 counts of inciting gross indecency against boys under the age of 14.

(It should be pointed out that Dave Harding, was not teaching at the Dover Grammar School when these alleged offences took place. I do know he was at the school between 1997 and 2001, probably either side of these years as well. Paul Skelton.)

The incidents are alleged to have happened between 1968 and 1981 at a school in Surrey.

Mr Harding, an organist, was well-known because of his involvement in many groups and societies. These included the Deal Savoyards, St Margaret's Players, Goodwin Potholing Club and Kingsdown Conservation Group.

He also organised the choir at Kingsdown and Ringwould Primary School and produced Kent Magazine, a monthly magazine distributed to around 3,000 blind people in Kent.

The full inquest into Mr Harding's death will be heard on Monday, June 25.

Currently in the News.

Philip Clements. By Neal Baker 29th December 2017

Philip, now a retired priest, is back in East Kent after hitting the national media headlines about his marriage to a young man and his unhappy experiences in Romania. He is now reported to be broke and homeless.

Philip, who preached in his younger days in a number of Dover churches, made the national news when he revealed that at the age of 79 he was to marry a young Romanian named Florin Marin, 54 years his junior. They married and went to live in Romania but their life together hit the rocks with the young man complaining Philip was too old to go clubbing.

Philip, who had invested his money in their home in Romania, handed the keys over to Florin and returned to England to live in the Sandwich area.



'HE'S YOUNGER AND RICHER' Male model, 24, breaks silence after splitting from vicar, 79, revealing he's found new love with wealthy businessman.

Florin Marin has moved on from Brit former parish priest Philip Clements - who he dumped days after being given a €100,000 flat - with wealthy Spanish businessman Jeronimo Jesus de Vega, 48.

A ROMANIAN toyboy model who left a Brit former vicar 55 years his senior is in a new relationship with a rich Spanish businessman called Jesus.

Florin Marin, 24, married retired Rev Philip Clements, 79, in April but dumped him just months later after being given ownership of their €100,000 flat in Bucharest.



Retired Rev Philip Clements, 79, married 24-year-old Florin Marin in Kent in April. Mr Clements "lost everything" after selling his £200,000 home in Sandwich, Kent to fund the move to Romania and is now back in the UK staying with friends.

But male model Florin has moved on to wealthy dad-of-one Jeronimo Jesus de Vega, 48 — and boasted of late-night partying and splashing his cash.

Florin even admitted that he "likes the money" de Vega can provide, saying: "He is more wealthy than Philip".

Speaking to local media in Romania, he said: "Philip knows, I told him I found someone. He said that he would not want to keep in touch with me."

Mr Clements had planned to live in Bucharest with his new husband and handed him ownership of his flat before they split.

Florin said his new partner is "a very wealthy man, has been married to a Romanian and has a little 13-year-old girl who lives with him."

He added: "He has some business, he is more wealthy than Philip.

"He knows very well that I like the money. I told him all about my husband."

Florin said he was "pleasantly surprised" when he first met de Vega, who he met on Facebook and asked to pay for plane tickets to meet face-to-face.

He said: "He waited at the airport with white roses.

"After that, we went to a gay club in Alicante, drank and went to his house and slept together".

Former parish priest Mr Clements broke up with Florin in August after he was told he was too old to join in with his young partner's clubbing.

Mr Clements and Mr Marin's wedding in April. The pair met on an online dating site.

They wed in April at a low-key ceremony in Ramsgate, Kent and he quickly sold his house to make the trip out to be with his new lover.

But just days after Mr Clements handed over the keys to his flat the pair had an argument and split up.

He said: "I was very lonely, not knowing the language or having any friends.

"Florin would spend a lot of time going out. He used to go to bed very late, sometimes 5am in the morning having been out nightclubbing or watching films.

"He said I wasn't allowed to go clubbing. It wasn't for old people. In my heart I didn't accept it but I trusted him."

Clements, who returned to the UK in September, said he gifted ownership of the flat to Florin to give him "security when I die".

But the former parish priest admits he didn't realise they would break up just days later — leaving him "very unhappy".

He said: "I've lost everything really. I've lost my house and was in a poor state."

But the retired clergyman insisted that he believes hope is not lost for their relationship as they are yet to divorce and they still talk regularly.

Mr Clements said: "He's not doing it for money because I haven't got much money left.

"I don't want a divorce and he says he doesn't want anybody else.

"I've asked him to tell me if he finds somebody else and I would understand."

From the Dover Express, 16 November 1917.

Band releases songs for Christmas



Above photo, showing band members, left to right, Mark Griffiths, (school unknown); Gary Virtue, (Archers Court); Craig Wild (Sir Roger Manwoods); and Ian Bottle (Dover Grammar).

DOVER and Deal-based band The Old Country Crows are due to release a five-track Christmas EP entitled *Another Christmas Song*.

The collection of original compositions conveys the Christmas message with a dose of sobriety that reflects the world we live in today.

The band will be launching the CD with a show at the Royal Cinque Ports Yacht Club on Dover seafront on Friday, December 1 from 8pm.

Paul Skelton

Paul, when he's not busy teaching, has been giving public talks about Kent pubs and some of the characters associated with them. He is at present researching the history of over eight thousand past and present Kent pubs after spending several years investigating the background of many Dover pubs that have now disappeared. Paul gave a most interesting talk to a public meeting organised by The Dover Society when he explained why coroners often held their inquests in public houses. The bodies of the deceased could be kept cool in the pubs' cellars where, if necessary, they could be inspected by the jury. Paul continues his keen interest in the "real ale" organisation.

LASTLY

I must admit, there are times when I wonder what some people who email me at the 1905-2005 email address are actually after. I received this email on 1st March 2018. Had it have been one month later I would have totally ignored it thinking it to be an April Fool joke. However, I await a reply to my questions of what connection they have to the school and just what they expect to get out of wring something for us:-

I was hoping they were offering to take the editorial from my hands, but alas not. The message I received is copied below.

Hey,

I came across your site, I'd love to contribute a guest post on your website, if possible.

I write excellent content with good information that will be appealing to your audience along with attractive images and infographics. I write on varied topics like health, marketing, gifts, travel etc.

Please let me know if I can contribute on any particular topic on your website. Happy to check guest posting guidelines, if any.

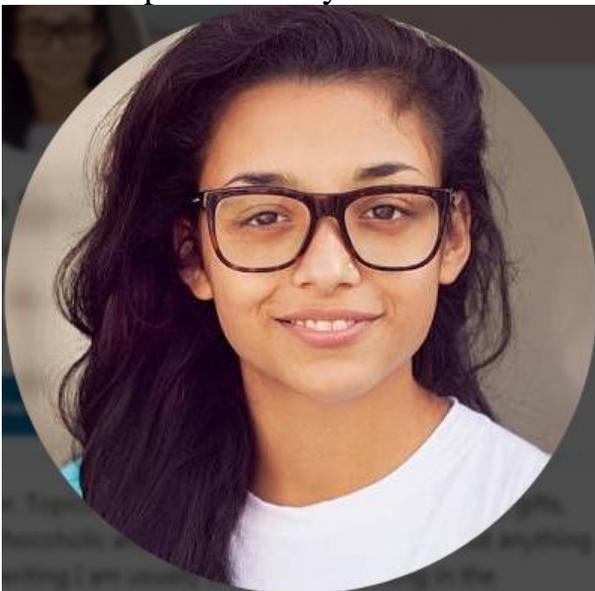
Look forward to your revert.

Thank You,

Anaya Shastri

Blogger & Adventure enthusiast

I did a bit of research myself on this one and found on the internet that she says she is a Freelance Blogger from Delhi University and when she is not writing is usually travelling or trekking in the mountains. I believe this is her below. If both are the same person. They both have the same name.



I did contact her, but am still waiting a reply.

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