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Newsletter format

This is the first OPA newsletter to be produced and circulated almost entirely electronically. This has helped reduce our costs considerably. We would like to thank Headteacher, Phillip Horstrup, and school staff for printing a small number of copies of the newsletter for those who have chosen to receive a paper version by post.

Enquiries about the list for distribution of the e-newsletter should be sent to the editor.

Submissions for future newsletters

The editor welcomes correspondence, articles, news and any other items Old Pharosians' would like to see included in future newsletters – don't be shy! These can be emailed to:

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The newsletter will be published in January and July of each year. In order to allow for editing and formatting, the closing date for submissions will be:

- 31 May for the July edition
- 30 November for the January edition

NEWS OF THE ASSOCIATION.

OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE 2018—2019

President	Sir William Fittall	(1964 – 72)
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Objects of the Association

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.

Editor's Welcome.

I was reminded recently that, 'One swallow doesn't make a summer'. This sentiment seems most appropriate, given the weather we've been experiencing in England since the glorious Easter weekend. Similarly, one newsletter doesn't make an editorship! With luck, my second newsletter as editor will be a harbinger of finer weather for the rest of the summer; we can but hope!

I'm delighted to say there has been a continuing stream of correspondence, pictures, updates, local news articles and other items for inclusion in the newsletter. I am grateful to our regular contributors and those who have decided to get in touch for the first time. Your contributions and anecdotes are very much appreciated and help broaden the newsletter's appeal.

In this edition William, our President, talks about the challenge of change and looks forward to this year's Old Pharosians' Association AGM on 28 September. The AGM will return to the school this year and, prior to the meeting, there is a 'not to be missed' opportunity for OPs to take a guided tour of the current buildings.

I am grateful again to Headteacher Philip Horstrup for somehow finding time in his busy schedule to update us on what is happening in school. Philip covers the latest developments on the new building project and changes to the house system, crests and shield.

It may not have escaped the attention of those who read the Dover Express, that Terry Sutton – AKA Mr Dover – recently celebrated his 90th Birthday. OP Terry continues to contribute to the newsletter and, in somewhat of a 'Testimonial Edition', I've included a number of local news items by, or about him.

Finally, the OP Facebook page has been generating continued discussion, some of which is included here. In particular, Martin 'Pod' Podmore has started to arrange a reunion for the September 1976 intake. If you joined the school at the end of the long, hot summer of '76, you may be interested to read about this and make contact with former school friends.

I very much welcome all correspondence and submissions for future newsletters. Please do get in touch and share your recollections of school, subsequent life and career and other items which would be of interest to OPs. I look forward to hearing from you.

John Robertson - June 2019

Note from the President



When I arrived at the school in September 1964 I was immediately aware that it was going through a time of significant change. Indeed, on the very first day my class had difficulty getting any sensible directions to our form-room- 'the general science laboratory'- because no one had heard of it. We discovered that, until the end of the previous term, it had been the art room, which over the holiday had been relocated to a new extension.

Much other novelty was thrust upon us in those early years as the winds of change, encouraged on their way by Michael Hinton, blew through the school. A Nuffield biology course, SMP Maths, French taught audio-visually without any reading or writing for two years, Chinese history and so on. And there was, in addition, uncertainty over the future of grammar schools, though not then of our buildings which, still in their 'thirties', seemed in pretty good repair.

Since becoming President last September I have been struck by the huge change management challenge facing the new Headteacher, Phil Horstrup, as he seeks not only to sustain and raise standards at the school but to work with the Department for Education on ambitious plans to replace the present buildings on the Astor Avenue site. When he briefed your Committee last week on all the time-consuming complexities of the building project, I mischievously asked whether he had any time left over to be Headteacher. He is clearly throwing himself into the task with great energy and commitment.

The finance for the building project is available and, if planning permission is granted early next year, the expectation is that construction work will start on the top field almost immediately with the aim of having the new buildings ready for occupation during the autumn term of 2021. Demolition of the present school buildings would follow soon thereafter.

Whether, like me, you've been back to the school from time to time over the years or whether you've not been back since the day you left I do hope that you'll decide to come and join us there on **Saturday 28 September** for a presentation on these hugely important new building plans. There'll be an opportunity for questions and discussion as well as an opportunity to walk around the present buildings to see how they've changed since we were there.

Coffee and tea will be available from 10.30 in the Great Hall and I'll open proceedings at 11am. The Head will then make a presentation and take questions before we split in groups to go around the buildings. A buffet lunch will be available in the dining hall from around 12.45pm (cash or cheque donations on the day please) and we'll then return upstairs for the annual meeting of the Association which will start at 1.45pm and conclude not later than 3pm. **Do come!** All are welcome. For catering purposes, we would like to know numbers in advance (just click on this link to email: John.robertson8664@gmail.com) or else drop me a line to arrive at The Barn, Rectory Lane, Saltwood, CT21 4QA by Monday 16 September, please).

I'm pleased to report that, since the last newsletter, we have made notable progress on work to improve the Association's website. The present site, designed and maintained by Paul Skelton, contains a brilliant range of interesting archive material including many entertaining old photos of sports teams, school plays, the choir and so on. But the technical platform that it uses was designed in the early days of the internet and is showing its age. So, another old boy from the generation of 1964, Richard Andrews (Deputy Head Prefect 1970-71), has generously given of his time and expertise to develop something more state of the art. Paul, Richard, Phil Harding and I are overseeing the project, with the support of your Committee and, by the time we all meet in September, we should be at or very close to the launch.

Your Committee has met twice since the last Newsletter and is very much looking forward to the special event on 28 September when we hope that we can reconnect with many of you who have not managed to get to the school for many years. The future of the Association and our ability to give the school the support that it needs during these unsettling but exciting times depends on the interest that we're prepared to show. Let's see what we can do together to generate some energy and new ideas.

William Fittall - 27 May 2019

Headteacher's Update

Summer Update 2019

Since I was last able to write to you, much has happened, particularly with regard to our proposed new accommodation. We have held our first public exhibition, which was very well received, and we remain on course for handover in late summer / early autumn 2021. Much, of course, is still to be done and over the next few weeks I will be involved in a series of 'client engagement meetings' with our constructors, architects, planners and the Department for Education. By the end of this summer, it is hoped that we will have a final design to bring to public consultation in preparation for the planning process. As ever with such projects, nothing is guaranteed until such time as the keys to new buildings are handed over to the school, but we are in a very strong position and I remain positive and cautiously optimistic that we will soon have buildings which are fit for 21st century learning. It will, of course, be a wrench to say goodbye to the current buildings which have served so many so well for so long. However, we must now look to the future and to making sure the next 100 years of education at DGSB are successful.

Many of you will have lived through various incarnations of the DGSB house system, and I am pleased to report that it is being re-vamped and revitalised over the course of the next few weeks. The houses which have existed for a number of years now - Castle, Channel, Port and Priory - will shortly be joined by a new house - Pharos - to complement our five forms of entry, which will exist across all of years 7 to 11 from September 2019. To celebrate our new addition to the house system, we have had new house crests and a new house shield designed for us, which are pictured below. We are very pleased with the final designs and hope that you will like them. Replicas of these designs will be incorporated around the school from September.

HOUSE SHIELD



Over the Easter holiday, I visited (at my own expense!) Coral Glades High School near Miami in Florida, where a former student of mine now teaches English. We are now looking into setting up a link between DGSB and CGHS and to giving current DGSB students the opportunity to visit their American counterparts. It is hoped that our inaugural visit will take place in late May 2020.

Finally, as I come to the end of my first year as Headteacher of our wonderful school - where has the time gone by the way?! I am sure I only started yesterday! - I would like to thank everybody from within the Old Pharosians and the wider school community for all the support and encouragement that I have received in my new role. I am extremely happy to be here and am looking forward to a happy and prosperous future for our school.

P. A. Horstrup, June 2019

Crossroads for columnist - Should I stay or should I go?

From the Dover Express 28 March 2019



THIS week, after 70 years of writing for the Dover Express, I have reached a crossroads. And it's nothing to do with Brexit. On Tuesday I celebrated my 90th birthday (too late for cards, thanks) and so the time has come for me to decide if I should put away my pen, put my feet up and wait for the eventual end. Or should I keep clicking away on my computer in order to compile this weekly Mr Dover column, which many readers kindly say they enjoy reading. Some say it's the work that keeps me going.

Looking back over the years it's been a most interesting life since I joined the editorial staff of the Dover Express in 1949 after two years National Service in North Africa. So many changes in Dover in those 70 years, and many not for the better. They were the days, despite post-war shortages and food rationing, when there were prospering privately-owned shops from Buckland Bridge to Bench Street. But there were also plenty of slums that were about to be cleared away.

In those days the Dover Express, locally, was top dog when it came to providing the first with the news. There was no television or local radio. No free news sheets and, of course, no social media networks. Advertisers were restricted to one announcement a week (newsprint was rationed) and people used to queue up at our Snargate Street office to be the first to apply for an advertised flat.

There were no lorries being carried on the Dover ferries, just walking passengers and a very few cars. And no A20 dual carriageway cutting the town off from its sea front where a steam train made its slow daily progress, with a red flag man walking in front.

So many memories but they don't help me decide which route I'm to take at this week's crossroads.

OLD PHAROSIANS ASSOCIATION

Minutes of meeting held at the School on Thursday 7th March 2019

Present: President Sir William Fittall, Headteacher Phil Horstrup; Secretary Phil Harding; Treasurer Jonathan Fullarton; Newsletter editor John Robertson; Terry Sutton; Maurice Smith; Peter Burville; Mick Palmer; Rev John Philpott; Paul Skelton and, Joe Ward (Head Prefect). Richard Andrews was also present by invitation.

Apologies for absence: Chairman Jack Kremer, Terry Sutton; Roger Gabriel.

Prior to the start of the meeting, the President introduced and welcomed Head Prefect Joe Ward and Richard Andrews, who had been working on the new website for the Association.

Matters arising: The Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as a true record and there were no matters arising.

Update on money and membership: the Treasurer reported that there was approximately £8500 in the accounts. Membership stood at about 640, with 359 on Facebook. There had so far been about 20 responses to the slip in the newsletter with 15 current members requesting hard copies of the newsletter, of whom 11 had sent money/gift aid forms. So far £190 had been committed, plus gift aid.

Headmaster's report on the school: Phil Horstrup, with support from the Head Prefect, spoke of the plans for the new school buildings on the top playing fields, explained why refurbishment of the existing buildings was impractical and answered questions. Responses to the recent exhibition had been very positive. The aim was for detailed plans to be complete by July and then, after a period of consultation, submitted in November with a view to approval in March 2020. Contractors would move on to the site in July 2020 and the buildings would be ready for occupation in November/December 2021. This was a challenging time-scale but momentum needed to be maintained partly in order to access available DfE funding and partly because of the poor state of the present buildings.

In discussion members probed the adequacy of sports facilities on the new site. There was general welcome for the proposal to build on the top field and to retain for the school the cleared site on which the present buildings stood. It was noted that one attempt had been made to suggest that the Association would oppose the plans. It was agreed that no statement should be made purporting to give the Association's views without the clearance of the President, who would want to consult members of the Committee first.

The Committee thanked the Head for an invaluable briefing and wished him and the Governors well as they sought to deliver such an ambitious project. On the right terms it had considerable potential for the long term benefit of the school. It was important to emphasise that the school had already operated in three different sets of buildings in Dover. Arrangements for the eventual opening of the new buildings might sensibly be planned with an eye to symbolism and emphasising continuity with the past.

The Headmaster also briefly updated the Committee on other activities at the school, including the proposed Fiat Lux programme, to develop aspiration and scholarship.

Website development: The President explained the background to the development work. The present website hosted an invaluable amount of archive material which needed to be preserved. But the technical platform used dated from the early days of the internet and showed its age.

Given the importance of the site to the Association he had convened a group comprising, Paul Skelton, Phil Harding and an Old Pharosian with much experience of designing sites for charities, Richard Andrews. He was enormously grateful to Richard for giving large amounts of his time and skill to develop a new platform.

Richard then demonstrated the new, Wordpress based site and explained the further work needed before it could go live. The aim was to ensure a seamless transition from the old to the new and to avoid an overall increase in costs. It was too soon yet to be sure when the changeover would occur but, all being well, it would be by the autumn.

The Committee warmly expressed its gratitude to Richard Andrews for the rapid progress made, welcomed the look of the new site and the choice of Wordpress and agreed that the switchover should be made when the group that the President had convened gave the green light.

Update in newsletter distribution plans: John Robertson reported on the first edition he had produced. The print run would be far smaller for the next edition. Arrangements for production and distribution (including, possibly, a new printer given the much reduced run) would need to be settled by the end of May.

Future Association events: The Head confirmed that he was content for a special gathering to take place at the school on Saturday 28 September at 11am. It would include a presentation on the new building plans and opportunity for discussion, a tour of the school and a buffet lunch. The Association's AGM would then take place after lunch. The occasion would be an opportunity to reconnect members with the Association. It was agreed that a 'hold the date' notification should go out by the end of April with further details in the next newsletter. Maurice Smith agreed to pursue catering.

AOB: None. There being no further business, the meeting closed at 7.00 pm
Date of next meeting: Thursday 23 May at 17.30 in the same room at the school.

Old Pharosians vs School - Sports Fixtures

Mick Palmer reports that unfortunately, the annual cricket match between the Old Pharosians and the school, planned for 21 June was cancelled. This was because a diary clash resulted in the school being unable to field a team.

Looking forward, the annual football match is planned for Friday 13 September, starting at 17:15. We will report the result of that match in the next newsletter.

Old Pharosians – School Visit and AGM

Saturday 28 September 2019



This year we have an exciting opportunity for Old Pharosians to take a guided tour of the current school buildings and hear about plans for future development, before the AGM. Don't miss what may be your last opportunity to visit and tour the existing school buildings.

Programme

- 10:30 – Coffee served – Great Hall
- 11:00 – Welcome – William Fittall
- 11:05 – New school building – Philip Horstrup
- 12:00 – Guided tour of school buildings
- 13:00 – Buffet lunch
- 13:45 – AGM
- 15:00 - Close

Parking and Access – Parking space will be available on the school drive and the top field near the PE changing rooms. Visitors should access the school through the main entrance which can be reached from the drive adjacent to the Great Hall.

All Old Pharosians are most welcome, however we do need to know numbers for the buffet. Please let us know by Monday 16 September 2019:

Email:- John.robertson8664@gmail.com

Post:- William Fittall, The Barn, Rectory Lane, Saltwood, CT21 4QA

A milestone birthday for our beloved Mr Dover.

From the Dover Express, Thursday 11 April 2019.

TERRY SUTTON HAS BEEN THE VOICE OF THE TOWN FOR NEARLY 60 YEARS.



WHEN a police officer ran past Dover Express news editor Terry Sutton in a corridor in the town's police station, he knew something was up. The chastened East Kent detective inspector revealed they had discovered a trussed up body in the town's underground reservoir in Guston.

As an experienced reporter, who also wrote for the nationals, Mr Sutton was at the police station for his daily briefing. He was about to cover the murder of Valerie Osmond - the case of the mother and wife whose knifed body was found two years after she had disappeared in 1968. That, along with the disaster sinking of the Herald of Free Enterprise in 1987, were two of the most memorable tragedies he covered as a local reporter.

Mr Sutton still has his ears to the ground, having now turned 90, he has fully embraced his nickname of 'Mr Dover! This was coined by his colleagues on the paper decades ago, and is still used affectionately by his friends and is now the title of his Express column.

Starting off as a junior reporter in July 1949, he also had the pressure of working for his editor father, who had no objection to him going into journalism. "But he didn't want me working with him," Mr Sutton recalled. "It took three weeks for me to lobby him into changing his mind. "Then he put me under the control of the now dead chief reporter Stan Wells because he didn't want anything to do with me directly.

"Stan Wells was so strict that when I came back from holiday with a small beard, he said: "What's that on your face? "He said, if you don't have that off then don't come back - we can't have blokes with a beard working for the Dover Express." Mr Sutton was probably prepared for the rough and tumble of life as a local reporter from his life as a wartime evacuee. He lived in ten homes, in Gillingham, Sevenoaks, and in Ebbw Vale, South Wales, before returning to Dover in 1944.

Having worked his way up to news editor and associate editor before retiring in 1994, he resisted the call from Fleet Street, not least because he was established in community groups including Dover Rotary club. "At one point it was said that 98 per cent of the population in Dover read the Dover Express. Average weekly sales were 19,500. One celebrated week we reached 20,000," Mr Sutton recalls. "This changed as the population changed, seamen came down from Liverpool to work at the port, and they wouldn't be interested in what was in the Express.

"Then of course the Kent Messenger group set up a rival paper. In response the Dover Express set up separate paper in Sandwich and Deal." He added: "I wrote for a number of national newspapers as a freelancer and Fleet Street, in turn, tipped us off about upcoming local stories. "Working for the nationals was interesting and financially worthwhile but we had to be very careful not to give away any Dover Express scoops."

"People today tell me they buy Express to catch my column," he said. "I would say to anyone wanting to start in local journalism that it very interesting job and there is so much opportunity to serve your community. It's a brilliant job."

Terry received the MBE from Queen for service to journalism made an Honorary Freeman Dover for his services to his hometown.

Parents to see redevelopment plans at school

A redevelopment project is expected to lead to major changes at Dover Grammar School for Boys.

By Sam Lennon - slennon@thekmggroup.co.uk



Parents, pupils and local residents were able to learn more and give their views at a public consultation and exhibition at the school yesterday (Tuesday). The showcase took place after we went to press but it was expected these showed preliminary proposals.

Public feedback will shape the development of the scheme from its initial plans before a planning application is submitted. Kent County Council explains that the programme is to replace or refurbish school buildings that are in poor condition.

Head teacher Philip Horstrup discussed the project on his blog on the school website, in advance of the presentation. He said: "It will be an opportunity for you to tell us what you feel needs to be incorporated into our new buildings and what aspects of our school and its ethos need to be present in the new build to ensure our history is appropriately represented."

The company employed by the Department for Education for this scheme is Kier Construction, the same firm which completed the building of Goodwin academy followed by the demolition of the previous building at the Mill Road site.

In 2015 Kent County Council had successfully bid to the Department for Education for Dover Grammar School for Boys to be included in the second round of the Priority School Building Programme (PSBP2). PSBP2 is led by the Education and Skills Funding Agency, which is also working with both KCC and the school in this project. In February 2015 it was announced that DGSB, in Astor Avenue, and Barton Junior were the only two schools in Dover district to get this particular funding. The scheme ensures at least one building per school is refurbished or reconstructed.

Plans revealed for new grammar school building

'Doing nothing is not an option' say project planners about the current 1930s buildings used by Dover Grammar School for Boys (pictured)

By Sam Lennon



Dover Grammar School for Boys could be demolished and replaced with a new building. The plan is to put up the new school first, which would be on land in front of the existing structures and then knock down the present 1930s ones. This is favoured over the alternative of refurbishing and extending the existing buildings. The whole project is hoped to be completed by 2022.



School governor Les Craggs at the exhibition

Les Craggs, governors' chairman, told the Mercury: "The pupils are using buildings that frankly aren't fit for purpose. They no longer meet the standards that current schools would have. We are hugely constrained by the kinds of shabbiness, leakages and asbestos and all the other problems."

Buildings of this age would have had asbestos put in for fireproofing but installing the material has been banned since inhaling the dust was found to cause conditions such as cancer." Mr Craggs stressed that the material was kept harmless because it is adequately sealed. He explained: "It's a phenomenon! true of most schools of this age. If we were to rebuild or amend some of

these buildings that's when it would become an issue but it's not an issue at this stage."

Details of this early proposal, from a feasibility study, were shown to the public at an exhibition at the school in Astor Avenue last Tuesday. Total replacement would allow for expansion and change in the future and provide a design life of 40 to 60 years. A new energy efficient building would result in a reduced carbon footprint and lower running and maintenance costs, the study claims. The scheme would also lead to improved parking. Project planners believe that doing nothing is not an option.



This model shows (above) where the new building would be in orange and the old school behind it.



The Google Earth image put it into wider context.

The idea is a collaboration between the school, the Department for Education and its contractors Kier Construction. But it is at a very early feasibility stage and the exhibition presented the findings of preliminary work. Members of the public were able to submit their written comments at the display. These will help shape the development of a more detailed scheme and a feasibility report will be written this spring. A decision on whether to go ahead with this idea is expected by early summer and there will be further public consultation.

A planning application will eventually be submitted. The new school, if built, would be open by summer 2021, with construction beginning next January.

Demolition of the old buildings would be completed by summer 2022 and pupils would first be in the new structure that autumn. The figure for the cost of the scheme is not known yet. But it is expected to be funded through the government's Priority Schools Building Programme 2. DGSB made a successful application for this in 2014. The main building on the site was identified as

'successful' in being considered for replacement due to it being life expired and in a poor condition. When the success of the bid was announced, in February 2015, it was revealed that DGSB and Barton Junior were the only two school in Dover district to get this particular funding.

Mr Dover had a take on this of course!



'I remember the joy, the excitement, when towards the end of 1945 we were at last permitted to back to take possession of our School on the Hill'

SO, they are planning to demolish my old school building in Dover about which I have so many memories. Most of them are happy ones.

I remember the joy, the excitement, when towards the end of 1945 we were at last permitted to take possession of our School on the Hill.

The boys, and staff, had been in a virtual wilderness since June 1940 thanks to the activities of a certain Herr Hitler which sent us scurrying off into evacuation.

From that date until September 1945 our education had been drummed into our heads in a variety of cramped, often cold, converted classrooms in Ebbw Vale and then in Dover town centre.

At long last we could walk

the hushed corridors of our own school and play rugby and football on our own fields.

Once more we could all assemble in the Grand Hall and lustily sing that school song (nicked from Harrow) of Forty Years On.

A slow learner, I was at Dover Grammar School for nearly seven years (1940-1947) but was able to enjoy the home comforts of our own school building for only 21 months.

Those short months, for me, were pretty good despite having to parade regularly at the headmaster's study where the head, JC Dooth, gave me several strokes with the cane on my backside. But we still respected him.

During those months I was tasked each day to climb to

the top of the castellated tower to hoist the Union Flag. The only exception was on St David's Day when I ran up the Welsh flag, a gift to the school from Ebbw Vale.

Another occasional duty was to stand at the entry gate and take the names of juniors arriving late. That job proved a bit of a farce because I had a kind heart.

I still have fond memories of that song Forty Years On, with its refrain of "When you look back and forgetfully wonder: What you were like in your work and your play." Yes, how true for an ageing Old Boy who will be sad to see his old school demolished.

Let's hope successive cohorts of boys grow to enjoy and respect their new school building. And realise how fortunate they are.

Who or What is the Pharos Lodge?

On Saturday, April 29th, 1950, some five hundred members of Masonic Lodges from all over the county came to witness the consecration by Lord Cornwallis of a new Lodge, the Pharos NO. 6967 on the register of the Grand Lodge of England. All the Founders of the Lodge were either Old Boys or past and present members of the staff of Dover Grammar School for Boys at the time.

Over the years the close ties with the school have diminished somewhat, the same, unfortunately with the Old Pharosians. Diminished does not however mean completely broken, and we are proud indeed that our present Worshipful Master is a serving member of the OP's! The membership of the Lodge was restricted to former pupils or staff of the Dover Grammar for Boys until 1993 when it was decided that in order to safeguard the future of the Lodge membership would be opened to everyone who met the high standards of moral conduct laid down by the Founders. Recently we have been in the fortunate position of renewed interest in our Lodge by Ex Dover Grammar School Boys and staff members, and recently welcomed one into our community.

There are still many who are wary of and distrust 'THE MASONS', but luckily there are now many more who are prepared to research the facts and draw their own conclusions. We are so secretive that The United Grand Lodge of England has its own website open to the general public <https://www.ugle.org.uk/> , where there is much information about Freemasonry in general, including links to The Masonic Charitable Foundation <https://mcf.org.uk> , which gives an insight into the charities and good causes we support on a national basis.

Getting back to more local matters, the Province of East Kent, to which the Pharos Lodge belongs, also has its own website <https://eastkentfreemasons.org/> , giving details of all local lodges. The one that we would most like you to visit though is our own, <http://pharoslodge.org.uk/> , and learn a bit more about us. Why not come and meet us socially at one of our forthcoming charity fundraising events? On the 29th of June our Worshipful Master will be holding a BBQ at Wootton Village Hall and on September 28th a social at the Masonic Hall in Dover.

Last year the activities of the Pharos Lodge resulted in donations to the following charities; Meningitis Now (£500.00), Mind (£500.00), RNLI (£100.00), Pilgrims Hospice (£100.00), Royal British Legion (£100.00). There are thirteen lodges in Dover alone, all giving to various local and National causes. Imagine the good we do not just Nationally, but Internationally on disaster relief. If you would like to find out more, including details of our forthcoming events, please email me at arthur5harold@outlook.com . Who knows, instead of standing on the outside curious about our activities, you may feel that the founders knew exactly what they were doing and choose to become part of it yourself.

The Archivist Ephemitus's Corner - JULY 2019

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

The School was contacted by Tony Elston, of Crediton in Devon, to offer a copy of "The Man in the Middle: The Autobiography" by David Elleray (1966-73). This kind offer was accepted for the O.P.A. archives. As you may recall, David is reputed to be the youngest paid referee at the age of 13 and he went on to higher things. These include refereeing in the Premier League and the F.A. Cup Final.

It is interesting to hear that some of the publications of the late Robert (Bob) Unstead (1932-34) are still of interest to the publishing world, with a volume of four of his history books being a particular target. Doubtless progress on this matter will be reported elsewhere in this publication.

Recently Terry Sutton MBE (1940-47), kindly donated a copy of his autobiography "Mr Dover Reporting" to the OPA Archives – perhaps as a celebration of his recent 90th birthday, so Terry, "Many Happy Returns".

Items For Sale

Please note that the costs quoted for the items below are all minima 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.

Wartime Memories

Wartime memories of life at our school during the years of evacuation in South Wales have been added to a unique national archive set up by broadcasters Dan Snow and James Holland.

“We want to capture these memories before this generation, with wartime stories to tell, disappear,” says the archivist for the Wargen initiative.

To view the Dover interview: Google:

www.wargen.org

and scroll to “British civilians.” The interview tells how 3,000 Dover children were evacuated in 1940 and how school roll numbers had dwindled by the time our school returned to Dover in 1944. The yarn also includes memories of the educational difficulties encountered in Dover before return to our “School on the Hill” at Astor Avenue.

Other interviews recorded on the archive include memories of German pilots, soldiers and sailors, French civilians living under enemy occupation, various Allied servicemen and a Jew who managed to escape from Berlin before the Nazis took over power in Germany. He joined the British army and, in prisoner of war camps, interviewed senior enemy generals at the end of the war

Terry Sutton

Questions That Trouble Me Still.....

1. Why were the sticky buns at morning break such a life-saver?
2. Why were the seconds of caramel tart for school dinners actually not even a spoonful?
3. Why did the Alternative School Magazine suddenly close after printing:
'Girls' Grammar School pupil: 'Mummy, can I be a prefect?'
Tom Archer's wife: 'Yes, my darling daughter.'
4. Why were Head Boys always so painfully worthy?
5. Why did my Park House always come bottom, despite Staff Captain Pug Murphy's blatant fixing of the results?
6. Why could Dr Hinton not bring himself to make me a prefect for simply ages? (Please don't tell me.)
7. Why did a science teacher's wife so carelessly tread on their budgie? (It never sang again.)
8. Why was the school caretaker called Harpic? Did Harpic reach where no other lavatory cleaner could get?
9. Why was beating up the Dukies Boys such a compelling blood sport?
10. Why did the school office defy tradition and recruit a girl with such stunning legs?
11. Why did the East Kent Bus Company bother to pursue go-faster boy Watts over that little dent in the back of a No. 90 bus, when his car's radiator grille had fallen off with such an almighty clatter.
12. Why did the pristine demure white blouses worn by the Girls Grammar physics lesson visitors make them all the more alluring?

Do you perhaps have questions that still trouble you too?

Roger Summers - (1959-1963)

roger@rfsummers.co.uk

Facebook Group – Discussions and Comments

Pod Podmore

20 January

Were you in the class of 76? Did you join DGSB in 1976? Did you take your O levels in 1981?

Tonight my wife and I made a £10 bet that I couldn't pull off a reunion of the class of '76 within the next 2 years.

I am up for it.

Would anyone else come along?

I'm actually quite excited about it!!

- **Paul Skelton**  Let me know what you're thinking of organising and I'll put something in the next available Old Pharosians Newsletter.
- **Pod Podmore** **Paul Skelton** thank you so much Paul. I haven't thought about it much yet but I'm thinking of a low-key affair, probs in 2020. Maybe a Saturday afternoon looking around the school (a champagne/prosecco/canapes/nibbles thing thrown in?) followed by a 'drop-in' evening at a gastro pub/slug and lettuce-type place.....Cheers!
- **Paul Skelton**  I will inform the Old Pharosians committee and the new head about the plans at the next meeting and see what they come up with to help. Just keep in touch with me at 1905-2005@DoverGrammar.co.uk or on here and reckon that £10 is already in your pocket.

- **Pod Podmore** Paul Skelton thanks so much Paul! 👍👍
- **Stephen Yarrow** Count me in. [Sparky Piano Dev...](#) you too?
- **Sparky Piano Dev** [Stephen Yarrow](#) sounds tempting
- **Darren Wilmshurst** [Stephen Yarrow](#) defo! Is that a word?
- **Pod Podmore** [Darren Wilmshurst](#) oh yes!
- **Paul Becque** Sounds like fun! [Stephen Skelton](#) [Andrew Button](#)
- **Byron Chatburn** I've passed this on to my brother Dean who's not on Facebook. Class of 74 has had a few reunions.
- **Philip Buddle** Paul, where is Chris Button.?
- **Carl Jepson** Would like to come
But coming from Australia will take some planning
- **Dave Winter** Yes, your school reports always said that you failed to put in enough effort.
- **Carl Jepson** [Dave Winter](#) - in fairness both OPA and DGSB thought the ends of the earth or Australia were both good places for me to clear off to. Always was obliging
- **Pod Podmore** [Carl Jepson](#) I so wish you could be back for the reunion - it would be great to shake your hand, give you a hug and reminisce. God bless you Carl 👍
- **Carl Jepson** Will try my hardest
Haven't been back to Dover in almost 27 years and only back to England twice in the last 25
[Carl Jepson](#) [David Cornelius](#)
- **John Robertson** I'm up for that. Not seen any of the class of '76 for years!
- **Pod Podmore** Nice. I'll get into it this year. Any suggestions for a good place to meet? Needs to be big, do food, in Dover....?
- **Byron Chatburn** [Pod Podmore](#) we've used the angling club, bluebirds and the best western hotel on the seafront
- **Pod Podmore** [Byron Chatburn](#) cheers Byron!! God bless you matey 👍
- **Dave Winter** I was ridiculously over-excited for the one that [Byron](#) and [John](#) organised at the Dover Angling Club. Other than [Ian Fuggle](#) (who I see a few times a year) and [Derek Thompson](#) (who I used to see regularly up to about 1988), there were quite a few old scho...[See more](#)
- **Pod Podmore** [Dave Winter](#) Hi Dave! Was the angling club a good venue? I'm thinking of the following criteria:- 1. Big enough for up to 50 blokes; 2. Exclusive use of an area; 3. Decent bar, staying open til at least 11, hopefully later; 4. Facility to put some photo...[See more](#)
- **Dave Winter** It was [Byron Chatburn](#) and [John Allingham](#) who organised it all, but it was the perfect venue that fulfilled all your criteria.
- **Pod Podmore** [Dave Winter](#) wow, that's so good, thank you! I might contact those lads, sounds like they are old hands when it comes to the reunion game. God bless ya!
- **Byron Chatburn** it was a good venue but it was 15 years ago that we used it. Bluebirds in snargate Street also worked well
- **Pod Podmore** [Byron Chatburn](#) cheers Byron, what is Bluebirds?
- **Pod Podmore** [Byron Chatburn](#) hey Byron, I'm thinking it would be good to use a hotel so that those who want to can book a room there. I also reckon we need a decent-sized room we can have exclusive use of and where we can make noise til late-ish.
Another thought I h...[See more](#)
- **Byron Chatburn** Bluebirds is a venue on Snargate Street <https://www.bluebirdsdover.com/> that has a bar and can provide food. It's close enough to walk to from several of the hotels along the seafront. They have a sound system which we just used for a playlist of music from our time at school
- **Andrew Button** Thanks for the invite. I would do my best get there (if only to help Pod win his bet!)
- **Stephen Skelton** I would be up for this
- **David Cornelius** I would go if I can.
- **Gary Duggan** Will help getting the word out Pod. I have also not been back into Dover often but my parents sometime see Dean and Keith Lazarus

- **Byron Chatburn Gary Duggan** I know that Keith is in touch with my brother Dean and several others from class of 76
- **Byron Chatburn** Maybe you could add a few hangers on from 74 and 75
- **Darren Wilmshurst Andrew Carter**
- **Darren Wilmshurst Adrian Lyons Richard Pepper**
- **Bill Pryce-Thomas** What ho chaps! This seems like a great idea **Pod Podmore**, so many names here already I've not heard in a while ;)
- **Dave Winter** Any progress on this **Pod**, or were people put off by your "full head of hair" in the t&cs of attending?
- **Pod Podmore Dave Winter** hi Dave, me and Nelly waters plan to get planning it... 👍 👍
- **Dave Winter** If I were you, I wouldn't try and enforce any maximum +5% increase in BMI since leaving school as a condition of attendance.
- **Pod Podmore Dave Winter** 👍 👍 😊 👍
- **Carl Jepson** My legs agree but unless I suddenly get a growth spurt the rest of me will be not be attending
- **Bill Pryce-Thomas** We need to do this :)

Pod Podmore

22 April

Calling all men who started DGSB in 1976, or did your gce O levels in 1981.

Me and Neil Waters are attempting to organise a reunion of this 'class' in Dover next Summer (2020), which could be a right giggle!

I know that a few blokes of that vintage have already expressed an interest (thanks) and now I am taking things up a notch by creating a whatsapp group for all those who reckon they might be 'in'.

If you fit the bill and are interested, please direct message me with your mobile number (if you're on WhatsApp) so we can get the group rolling.

We already have lots of ideas for how to make it a night to remember!

Come on, you know it makes sense!

Cheers, Poddy/Podders/Martin Podmore 👍 👍

- **Byron Chatburn** Dean doesn't do Facebook or WhatsApp but I'll pm you his e mail address. He commented that he spent Saturday with 5 others from the 76 intake
 - **Pod Podmore Byron Chatburn** cheers Byron, I've already heard from Dean 👍 👍
 - **Byron Chatburn** I might even invite myself as a guest brother!
 - **Dave Winter** Pod, **Byron** co-organised a very successful reunion about a decade ago. Maybe you should follow his example and get the event up on friendsreunited?
 - **John Allingham** 🌟 Friends reunited worked well 16yrs ago for our first reunion. Now it would need facebook,twitter, instagram, linked in etc etc. Easier and harder!
 - **Gavin Shopland** Podders, age precludes my memory from telling me when I joined 75/76 I think!!
Would be interested if possible, cheers, Gavin 07872 523509 (On WhatsApp) 👍
 - **Pod Podmore Gavin Shopland** hey Gavin! Nice to hear from you buddy. I see you know Gary Duggan, he was definitely in my year - in fact we were in Priory together!
- I also see you went to Christ church college? When was that? My dad was a lecturer there for about 25 years....[See more](#)
- **Bill Pryce-Thomas** I tend to keep "mobile applications" to a minimum so I don't use WhatsApp... please do keep updating things here though [Pod Podmore](#)

Kevin Black

11 April

Lifted from school brochure issued to parents of prospective 1982 intake. Happy Birthday Steve Howard!



- Steve Howard Thanks, although now I feel very old :)
- Pod Podmore Steve Howard I'm sure you're wearing well!
- Pod Podmore I remember Steve!!! God bless him 👍
- Andrew Burns I remember that Research Machine. But not that moustache.
- Darren Wilmshurst And Mr Wade?
- Kevin Black No idea of his name until your comment reminded me it was Mr Wake
- Dave Winter Am I getting confused, or was Mr Wake married to 'Maggie' Wake (and why was she called 'Maggie'?)?
- Kevin Black Never heard of her
- Darren Wilmshurst Ray Wake. Married to a French lady. Can't remember her first name
- Dave Winter 'Maggie' (French teacher), though her real name was Nicole.

- [Dave Winter](#) I'm still waiting for the explanation as to why she was called 'Maggie'. And 'Fanny' Golding, come to that. I'm assuming 'Annie' Middleton was a shortening of 'Danielle', no?
- [Kevin Black](#) Might be a clue at the start of Rod Stewart's Maggie May
- [Darren Wilmshurst](#) 3.5 inc floppy disks!
- [Steve Howard](#) No 5.25 inch... the new fangle 3.5 inch were years away :)
- [Darren Wilmshurst](#) [Steve Howard](#) of course . 😊
- [Colin Barnett](#) Wow great picture. Hi Steve
- [Steve Howard](#) Hi Colin
- [Colin Barnett](#) [Steve Howard](#) think you've aged better than me
- [Damion Napier](#) [Helen Jones](#) x
- [Graham Proctor](#) Cutting edge tech!
- [Phil Bradley](#) Great photo Steve
- [Ian Fuggle](#) Thought it was Wakeling?
- [Kevin Black](#) Lots of degrees:

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- [Gary Mark Cloke](#) I joined in 1987 and still got given that prospectus
- [Mark McD](#) Also the teletypewriter terminal to Medway I think?
- [Steve Howard](#) I'm not sure if that's the one, but I remember there being one in a sort of separate room connected via a modem and acoustic coupler to a phone with a lock on the dialler and certain people would tap on the cradle buttons (no idea what the actual term is) to dial Australia and have chats with random people.
Also remember playing mud on it :)

From 'The Pharos' - 1941

Following the death of a member of the Old Pharosians Association I have been handed a dog-eared copy of The Pharos, dated May 1941. Note: It is the magazine of the Dover County School for Boys (published before the Butler Education Act).

The Pharos editor points out it is the first magazine to be published since the school went into evacuation in Ebbw Vale. One article recalls the day of the school's evacuation on Sunday, June 2 1940 and the arrival in Ebbw Vale where (it is explained) the "waiting crowd" was expecting boys and girls aged seven to fourteen. An Ebbw Vale official adds it was a shock to see 300 "smart" boys, some in their 17s, get off the train. There was a rush to re-arrange billets.

The magazine published a long list of Old Boys, and staff, serving in the armed forces and elsewhere. One sad note is the death of John Crux, one of the boys, at Ebbw Vale, in December 1940 and how he was buried in Ebbw Vale on a plot that would be "forever Dover."

Another letter, one of appreciation on behalf of parents in Dover and Deal, thanks foster parents in Ebbw Vale for taking in the boys from our school. I note this letter of appreciation is signed NVS. My father's initials. He was a very active member of the Old Pharosians Association.

Terry Sutton.

Correspondence and News from Old Pharosians

Ken Lott - 1945 – 53 and OPA President 1984

Michael Marsh – 1945 - 53

Hello John,

First of all let me congratulate you for undertaking the task of Editor of the newsletter as successor to Alistair Gardiner and also Paul Skelton(temp). It was a pleasure to receive what is to be the last hard copy of the newsletter since I shall probably give way to modern technology and opt to receive it by email!! On reading through Number 114 I was interested to read of the appointment of yet another Headteacher something I had not been aware of. I was also expecting to read an obit for my lifelong friend Michael Marsh (1945-1953) who died at the end of January 2017. His wife - Rev. Christine Marsh - had asked me to help her with details of his school history and I understand had sent in an obit some time ago but when the newsletter was in suspension. When she spoke to me recently she queried whether or not it had been published and I had to say no, because of the suspension. Perhaps you could look into this for her and advise me so that I can let her know - she no doubt has a copy that she could send if you are unable to trace it.

Kind regards, Dr.Ken Lott (1945-1953) President 1984

Hello again John,

Looks as though I may have an answer to my query!!

Have just gone to file away my copy of 114. and find that I have no 113 in the collection. Could it be that I have not received a copy last year? If so, is there any way I can??

Hello John

Thank you for the rapid response to my query - it was good to read 113 which I also forwarded to Christine Marsh. She was delighted to read it because like me she had just received 114 - surprisingly since I would have thought her previous correspondence would have initiated a termination of further editions following Mike's death. Anyway thanks again and good luck with the post of Editor - hope to meet up at some future OP gathering, whatever emerges from the "modernisation" of the Association.

Regards, Ken

Allan Veness - 1950 – 57

From: Allan Barry
Sent: Wednesday, March 27, 2019 10:35 AM
To: 1905-2005@DoverGrammar.co.uk
Subject: Reverend Allan Veness -1950-1957
Dear Paul,

It's over 60 years since I left DGS and I often wonder how many of my classmates are still in the land of the living. After teacher training @ the College of S. Mark & S. John in Chelsea, I went on to a number of posts in Surrey and London, ending my career at St. Bede's Ecumenical School in Redhill as a Year Head.

For the following 10 years, I was the Regional Officer in West Sussex for what was then called ATL. I was ordained a permanent deacon (C.of E.) in 1997 and served as a NSM in Felpham and Aldwick. Margaret and I went to `retire` to Brittany in 2006 during which time I was re-ordained into the catholic church. We returned to the UK in 2012 on the coast at Rustington not far from the R.C. church where I continue to serve as its deacon. I also act as the Apostleship of the Sea (Stella Maris) co-ordinator for ships` visitors at Shoreham Port. So, yes, there`s plenty of life in a not quite 80 year old!

Best wishes

Allan

John Newman - 1957 – 64

From: John Newman
Sent: Thursday, February 21, 2019 3:04 PM
To: Paul Skelton
Subject: Re: GRAMMAR SCHOOL REPLACEMENT CONSULTATION
Dear Paul,

Many thanks for sending me the message below.

It would have been a good excuse to come over to Dover, especially as it is many years since I was last in the school building, but I am afraid that I am away out of the country for ten days beginning next Monday.

Having been a teacher myself for forty years I can guess only too well how the rooms may well have dated – I think of music lessons in the hall and the small room in which we were taught History A Level, for instance, and I hate to think where computers on any scale might be housed in a classroom. That said, there is still that stupendous view from the quadrangle!

Many thanks for keeping me and others in touch with our alma mater – I know how much I owe DGSB (even if it is nearly 55 years since I left now!), and this contact is much appreciated.

All best wishes,

John Newman (1957-64)

John Hendy - 1963 – 65

Congratulations on your 'elevation' to the post of editor!

I attach an image which I took from the castle during the summer. I'm horrified to read that the dear old place may well be demolished but if by doing so, its educational standards can be raised then so be it.

All best wishes,

John Hendy (1963-65)



Hello John,

Here, as requested:

During my two years at DBGS, I was a member of the school choir and involved in dramatic productions both on and behind the stage. Played occasional 2nd XI football and cricket. Member of Park House and in my final year, ran the Lost Property Office!

On leaving DBGS, I trained to teach in Chichester and spent most of my career as Head of Geography at Dulwich College Preparatory School in Cranbrook (Good old Ken Ruffell!) Awarded an M.Phil by the University of London in 1996 for thesis concerning the development and growth of the vehicle ferry industry at Dover. Numerous local shipping books published; my first when I was 18 (greatly encouraged by Terry Sutton), most recently 'Dover - Calais, The Short Sea route', 'Folkestone for the Continent', 'The SeaFrance Years' and 'The Dover Strait's Railway Cargo Steamers'. Editor of the quarterly 'Ferry & Cruise Review' for 28 years - now retired.

Retired from teaching in 2006. Became churchwarden at Ivychurch on Romney Marsh, where we then lived, and now live in St Mary's Bay adjacent to the Romney Hythe & Dymchurch Railway - much appreciated by our grandchildren!

Far too much blurb here but use as you wish.

All good wishes,

John

Peter Wilberforce - 1947 – 53

Dear John,

You might be interested, for the Newsletter, in the attached photograph. It shows an Old Phorosian and two future OPs. The picture was taken in the summer of 1938 or possibly 1939, On the steps of the Splendide Hotel, Dalby Square, Cliftonville.



My parents and mother's parents moved from The Isle of Man in 1937, and Mum's parents took on the large Splendide Hotel, My parents rented a bungalow in Chisnall Road, River. By chance their neighbours were Vera and Alfred Gunn (The Jewellers in Worthington Street, Dover). The two families became good friends. Their son, David, and I were of a similar age, about 4 in the photograph.

The two children are on the steps in front, David with the sun hat. Vera and Alfred Gunn are immediately behind the children. On right are my father and his father in law, Charles Guest. My mother and her mother (Lilian Guest) standing on left.

The parent's friendship lasted but David and I never hit it off; we kept a sporadic contact later, mainly through my Aunt, Phil Wilberforce, who maintained contact with David's estranged wife.

I was at DGS 1947 to 1953

Very kind regards,

Peter Wilberforce, Oban, Argyll.

Hello John,

Delighted that the memories so far back are of interest.

The Hotel Splendide has indeed closed and last time we were in the area it had become multiple flats/ apartments.

Another recall of the time: Christmas of 1938, the family gathered at the hotel. The chef "Jacko" came to collect mother and me from Chisnall Road in his motor bike with side car. I can remember that the weather was very cold and snowy, also I have a mental picture of the road just south of Eastry, seeing the remains of the cable coal ropeway. Cables and buckets were in place but by then it was closed.

Years later I managed to get into the final ropeway tunnel that opened above the Easter Docks: again slack cables and buckets were present in the tunnel. It opened in an unprotected port overlooking the Eastern Arm. This was when the steam train was conducted along the sea front from the Eastern Docks and joined the main line near the Granville Docks.

Enough idle thoughts!!

Very kind regards,

Peter W

Kenneth Newing – 1933 - 1940

Dear Secretary

Thank you for the January newsletter. Please excuse the cramped handwriting (now translated! - Ed.), but at 96 plus, with early diabetes, I write as a somewhat elderly old boy who goes back to the day that our new school was opened, and later on (?) 9 December 1931 the official opening was by HRH Prince George of Kent. Prince George arrived by helicopter on the top playing field; Mr Frederick Whitehouse was the headmaster. Our house was at 146 Buckland Avenue, which I had to clear in around the early 1970s; what clutter I unearthed!

We were evacuated to Wales on 2 June 1940 - I have happy memories of the head John Clifford Booth. The two schools travelled together from Dover Priory and divided at Caerleon. The boys were meant to leave the train there, and the girls at Ebbw Vale, but you will know that the reverse is what actually happened! I am an only boy and went to a family of 7 girls and I am still in touch. The family name is Bevan, and a granddaughter lives in the same house. Every year on the same day I telephone at around 9 am and a Welsh sounding voice, almost singing says, is that you Ken?

I was conscripted for national service in 1942, serving in - Normandy; Belgium; France; Holland; Germany and the War Office. Before the school left Dover, my best friend suggested we attend St John's Church, the high church, so we did. About the second week, the Vicar asked me what I might do when I left school. When I replied something about thinking about ordination he said 'If you mean to be ordained then say so!'

And so I did, I was made a deacon on 25 June 1955; ordained as a priest on 30 June 1956 both in the diocese of Exeter, with consecration as suffragen Bishop for Plymouth in Westminster Abbey on 2 February 1982. After leaving the episcopate in 1988, I joined the Benedictine monastery at Nashdom near Maidenhead. I was first in contact with the monastery in about 1949

and am now living happily ever after. To be a priest and a monk were my very earliest memories before going to Oakleigh House prep school in 1931.

Incidentally, I had two cousins in school at the same time. Gordon Graeme and his brother John. Gordon's son was mayor of Sandwich.

Thank you DGSB, and thank you for so many memories.

Yours very sincerely

Dom Kenneth Newing OSB

Note – We were sad to learn that Kenneth died on 15 May this year, aged 95.

Bob Unstead – 1932 - 1934

On 6 Feb 2019, at 13:55, Rachel Thorne wrote:

Dear Mr Robertson,

I appreciate this is a query very much out of the blue, but I wonder if, in your capacity at the Old Pharosians Association, whether you could help me?

I work for the educational publishing company Pearson Education in the UK and I am hoping to trace the family of R.J. Unstead in connection with a book titled 'Looking at History' which was published in 1955.

I appreciate that Mr Unstead passed away in 1988, but the Old Pharosians newsletter gave a lovely obituary which also mentioned his family. Mr Unstead had a wife named Florence, who I understand has now also passed; and 3 daughters, who at the time included a publisher of children's books and a village primary school Head Teacher. And I wondered if in your records, or with your members, whether you had any information regarding the children's names so I could try to trace and contact them?

Mr Unstead published a lot of wonderful children's history books between the 50's and 80's; and as a personal project, the director at Pearson is hoping to republish one of these titles back into mainstream publishing. It's an exciting idea borne of someone who's favourite history book as a child was by this author. However, it is also a bit of a long shot as given the age of the publication, the publisher isn't able to provide the original contract or confirm any of the Estate rights as they've been out of touch for so long.

Given this, I hoped that perhaps we could get in touch with the family to discuss taking this further and whether they would be interested in their fathers work being released again? This may be of particular interest to the daughter who at one stage worked within the publishing industry and of course a teacher would appreciate the joy that can come from these books once again.

Thank you for taking the time to read my email and although this may take a little investigation on your part, I hope you can see the positive merit of the adventure and may be able to help us in some small way? And of course, if things were able to get on the right path and the book was able to be published, we would be honoured to send the Association some complimentary copies as Bob was such a valued member during his life.

With all best wishes and many thanks for any help you can kindly offer.

Rachel

Subject: RE: Bob Unstead query

Dear John,

Thank you very much for your email concerning my query, especially as I appreciate it's a bit of an odd one and out of the blue.

Thanks for referring me on to Peter. I did actually speak to him last week as I found his details in connection to the archives and wondered if he may remember Bob. So it's wonderful that you've both been so helpful in trying to look up what information you may have.

I hope we strike gold and I find another piece of the jigsaw which may help me contact his daughters.

Thank you again and with very warm wishes

Rachel

Dear John,

I just wanted to let you know that last week a US publisher was able to confirm one of Bob's daughters name for me. Susan/Sue used to be a children's publisher for Dorling Kindersley, and I'm really pleased to say I am now in touch with her and she's delighted at the thought of the book being looked at for release again.

She is now reviewing the old contractual papers her father left and she'll be talking more to Pearson Education to discuss the next steps.

I wanted to pass along this good news and express my thanks once again for your kind help. If it wasn't for Old Pharosians I would have never have known about Bob's children and been able to investigate further.

With my great thanks and best wishes

Rachel

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Kevin Black – 1975 - 82

Hi John

Just some brief news to follow up news published in the July 2016 edition:

Kevin Black (1975-1982) After enrolling, aged 50, at Canterbury Christ Church University, I achieved a First Class Degree, Bachelor of Science with Honours in Business Management with Logistics.

More detail as requested:

School in brief:

1 Park - Keith Chambers: *“model pupil”*

Lower Sixth - Reg Colman: *“needs to read more”*

Awarded Performing Arts Tie for spending Wednesday Afternoon Activities hanging around backstage, painting props, scenery or a step ladder (for Mark Baker's performance as a narrator on a tennis umpire's chair).

Day trip to Cairo (long before I ever visited Calais) whilst on Kent schools Educational Cruise 1980.

32 years after leaving school, psychometric tests revealed that I had an aptitude for an endless list of roles, all requiring a degree. I decided to obtain a degree.

Thanks

Scott Farrell

From Kent Online – 29 May 2019

A former director of music at Rochester Cathedral has admitted committing sexual offences against children.

Scott Farrell, of High Street, Wouldham, appeared at Cambridge Magistrates' Court. The 48-year-old pleaded guilty to three counts of gross indecency with a boy under 16, two counts of voyeurism, and one count of taking indecent images of a child.

It was alleged during his time as assistant organist at Ely Cathedral in Cambridgeshire between 1999 and 2001, he befriended some of the children under his supervision and, on occasions, invited them back to his flat. At the time police were made aware of these allegations, he was working as the director of music at Rochester Cathedral.

He was arrested and immediately suspended from his role while an investigation was carried out.

Farrell's electronic devices were seized, which uncovered voyeuristic images and videos believed to have been taken on hidden cameras in bathrooms and bedrooms, some at his own flat, others at different homes. In addition to this, 135 category C indecent images – category A being the most severe – were found which Farrell had taken himself.

Detective constable Claire Bamford, from CAISU, said: "This has been a lengthy investigation spanning several counties and involved tracking down a number of victims and witnesses.

"I would like to thank the victims for coming forward and showing great bravery in speaking out about the abuse they suffered at the hands of Farrell.

"Hopefully this result will provide them with some level of closure and they can begin to put this part of their lives behind them."

Farrell, a former pupil at Dover Grammar School for Boys, has been released on bail while he awaits a date for sentencing at crown court.

Obituaries

Alan Edgington

Alan, who was at the school during the war years, died in May 2019. He lived for fishing and at one stage was president of Dover Sea Angling Association (DSAA).

Terry Sutton recalls that Alan did well at school and could have gone far with his career but he decided to remain in Dover (where he took a non-well paid job) so he could spend much of his time fishing. He regularly represented the DSAA on the Dover Port Consultative Forum.

During the war he was evacuated with the school to Ebbw Vale but regularly returned to Dover during school holidays. He was in Dover at Easter in 1942, living at Knights Way, and his memories of an air raid on the town are recorded in the book *Dover in the Second World War*.

Alan had been ill for some time and when he died the wish was that his ashes be scattered in the sea. He made history. His ashes were the first to be scattered into the sea from the end of the just opened new Marina Pier in Dover harbour, the new pier provided as a phase in Dover Harbour Board's £250 million western docks redevelopment.

Father Gary Gill (1961-1963)

Gary, who died in June this year, enjoyed the rather unusual career of ordination (at different times) in the Church of England and the Roman Catholic Church.

An old *Pharos* newsletter reports that Gary, who at one stage lived in Park Avenue, Dover, was a staff clerk employed by the hovercraft company Seaspeed at Dover before his ordination in July 1981 at Dorking as a Church of England priest. He was then appointed vicar based at St Nicholas on Buckland Estate.

His worshipping in the 1990s gradually took him to the Roman Catholic church and was ordained a Catholic priest at St Paul's, Dover in 2001. Gary then worked in London until ill health forced him to retire. He returned to Dover and spent some time at Kearsney Manor nursing home.

Gary's funeral, at St Paul's Church, Dover was in June when the Catholic Archbishop celebrated his funeral mass.

* Much of the details about Gary's life and times came from Paul Skelton's skill in locating mentions in *The Pharos*, with other details from the Catholic Church, all patched together by Terry Sutton.