

HCS Society Newsletter



Former Head Boy, Paul Kelly with his mother, son and Mr MacDonal at the charity Santa Dash on the School Grounds, 13 December 2009

Report 2009

Robert and Joyce Bell retired in December 2008 but were asked to come back by the Principal Hector MacDonal, towards the end of the summer term.

At the September function, lunch took place in the Atherley Hall, followed by the AGM in the Old Library with 15 people attending. In the afternoon Hector MacDonal gave up his time to show the members around the new part of the Senior School. A dinner took place in the evening.

On the programme side, the netball, hockey, soccer, tennis and cricket could not take place due to lack of replies. As a result of this, the committee have decided to produce a new type of programme for the new season to allow (and encourage) younger members, who may currently be at university, to participate.

The school hopes to restart the senior Embley Sevens Competition in 2011.

Please put the dates in your diary and return completed reply slips (we hope to produce a reminder reply slip for every major event).

Other news: the 50 Club has now been closed due to lack of support.

The HCS Society website is available via the Hampshire Collegiate School website: www.hampshirecs.org.uk/alumni.

Robert Bell
HCS Treasurer



Hector MacDonal,
Principal, HCS

Principal's Report

In keeping with the new school motto 'Vita Studia Una', or life and learning are one; we have had a great start to the academic year, with students excelling in a broad range of activities.

HCS is still in demand for all of the right reasons, great development of the individual whether in sport, academic processes, music, drama, or within the increasingly large range of co-curricular activities which now number over 75, and include such interesting additions as falconry. This is a growth of about 10 % on last year.

The school has over 725 students, and both boarding and day-school numbers are growing. In boarding, the facilities have been further refurbished and we have created a great state-of-the-art surgery on the ground floor of the West Wing. Increased weekend activities are attracting many to boarding life, and up to twelve varied excursions per year are a sure way to fend off homesickness. The experiences of our first four German scholars last year has led to a new influx of 11 this year, and, as planned, our international community is growing with four new students from China and Hong Kong, and our first arrival from Korea. Boarding numbers which started last year at between 53-57 now stand at 74 talented young people, an increase of about 20. Further work on conversion of what had been a sixth form study area and which had become quite run down, will give us a capacity of 90 by Christmas.

The sixth form is growing in both numbers and expertise – with over 30% of students accessing Russell Group universities after their time with us. So many students are setting very high targets for themselves and we wish good luck to the students who are making early applications for Oxbridge colleges and Medicine at this time. Last year's year 12 was 23 in number (about 12.5% came from year 11 at HCS), and this year we have 55 talented students, (36% from year 11 at HCS).

Sixth form enrichment now sports a leadership course with certification from the CMI, a St John's Ambulance course, cooking in a newly developed suite, debate, visits by professionals to give career advice, and financial advice for each student. The Nightingale Society series of lectures started this year with a talk given by Lawrie McMenemy MBE on October 5th in the Chapel.

We have just enjoyed the first half of our Liturgical Calendar:

Friday October 16, 2009 — Reverend Tim Sledge, Vicar of Romsey Abbey joined us in the Sports Hall for 'The Global Harvest' as part of One World Week with Years 5-13

Monday November 2, 2009— Reverend Tim Sledge, Vicar of Romsey Abbey joined us in Lewis Hall All Saints Assembly in the Junior School

Sunday November 8, 2009— Reverend Jane Ball gave a Chapel service for 'Remembrance Day' with boarding students and families

Sunday November 29, 2009— Reverend Jonathan Ball joined us for Chapel Advent Carols and Eucharist followed by mulled wine and mince pies

December 11, 2009 — Carol Services by both the Junior School and the Senior School at Romsey Abbey with Reverend Tim Sledge, Vicar of Romsey Abbey

Alumni are always welcome to attend – our next Communion Service is at 8:00 am on January 6th, 2010, in the Chapel.

Our students in Year 11 last year had wonderful results with 10% of the students having achieved over 600 QCA points which is identical to last year's success. Our students achieved 32% A*/A

Obituary

We regret to announce the death of Robert William Ormsby, aged 56, who was at Embley Park School from 1967—1972. Robert died on Friday, 6th November 2009.

grades, 66% A*-B grades, and over 93% of students with at least 5 A*-C grades in their GCSE results. In A-Level results we gained over 10% more A grades with 27% A grades, 45.25% A-B grades, (all independents within the group showed a slight decrease here by about 4%). We had a 96% pass rate – illustrating that we can bring out the best in everyone; it is worth noting that the cohorts outperformed their predictions in almost every case.

We have had some very impressive sports results this year with early multiple victories of our very powerful First XV over Churcher's College, and a recent win over Portsmouth Grammar School by 57 – 22. Our Second XV shares this strength beating Churcher's College last week 8 – 7. The traditions founded in sport are alive and well, and numerous "sevens" tournaments will take place this year. We also hosted a pre-season tournament which was invaluable in meshing our teams together, and we had a tour to Northampton. Two of our year 12 students are silver selection, (top 100), for London Irish, and one bronze, (top 150). Our girls' hockey has started very well with U14 and U15 victories as large as 7 – 1, boosting the confidence of teams that hitherto had mixed success over the season. Our U16 team has placed in the top 16 in the UK in outdoor competition, and competes in the last 10 of the National Indoor Championships to be held in Birmingham in January 2010. Jenny Peebles is to be congratulated on winning her England cap! Football fixtures are now a part of the school, and we have had our first fixture versus Bedales at the beginning of term. I would urge alumni to attend HCS Society events, both sporting and social, you are always welcome to come and cheer on our students as they compete in the toughest fixtures.

In the October break our First XI travelled to the International School Bangalore and played in an international tournament. They were runners up, and had their trophy awarded to them by Rahul Dravid – their commemorative photos will last a lifetime.

We have enjoyed pantomime, the autumn musical evening, trips to the battlefields in France, a super sports trip to Malta, geography field trips, amongst a host of other activities too long to account in detail. All of these things illustrate what a dynamic school HCS is, based upon two excellent former traditions that we would like to



Pupils and staff on the India Cricket tour during October Half Term.



Head Boy, Jack Needell, as The White Rabbit, with Jack, played by Josh Moody from HCS Drama Department's Pantomime, 'The Last Hour'

HCS Society Website

www.hampshirecs.org.uk/alumni

The website includes downloadable versions of the events programme, reply slip and the latest newsletters together with, a downloadable Members email directory. To add your name to this directory please complete the permission slip or email your details, including name, dates you were at the school, which school you attended together with any previous surname and, of course, the email address you wish to publish to our email address HCSociety@church-schools.com



Tayla Baird as TinkerBell and Georgina Thomas as The Tooth Fairy in the HCS Drama Department pantomime production 'The Last Hour'

commemorate with display areas in the Old Library. We are still working on this important project.

We have a number of fine events planned to commemorate the centenary of the death of Florence Nightingale, including an international symposium for historians who will stay at HCS, military bands, a working military field hospital, and a service at Romsey Abbey lead by Lord Carey of Clifton in late 2010. Songs of Praise are very interested in making this part of a special transmission combining the annual Wellow service and the abbey event.

HCS is growing, competing, and really making a mark in education. Long may it remain a unique school for unique young people, diverse in interests but with something in common, high energy, creativity, and a winning attitude!

Hector MacDonald
December 2009

The Committee

Robert & Joyce Bell have returned to the committee temporarily until a successor to the Treasurer position is found. We would be delighted to hear from you if you are interest in taking on the roll.

Your Committee

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HCS Society Merchandise

The Society offers the following merchandise for sale.

Old Emblian Bow ties	£16.00
Old Emblian Cumberbunds	£15.00
Old Emblian Polyester Tie	£10.00
HCS Society Tie	£10.50
HCS Society Polo Shirts are available in the following sizes	
Men S 36"-38" (91/97 cm) M 40"-42" (102/107 cm) L 44"-46" (112/117 cm) XL 48"-50" (122/127 cm)	Ladies M 34"-36" (87-91 cm) L 38"(97 cm)
	£10.00

To order please contact your treasurer.

HCS Society Events Programme

Saturday, 20 March 2010

10:30 am Netball v. School team

10:30 am Football (2 teams) v School team

One football team will be made up of Society members who have left HCS in the last 4 years. The other team will be made up of older members.

Friday, 25 June 2010

HCS Society is invited to the School Sports Day at Southampton Sports Centre and to the Dinner in the evening starting at 7:00 pm in the Atherley Hall.

Saturday, 27 June 2010

HCS Society is invited to watch the MCC Match against the school. Lunch and tea will be provided. HCS Society Rounders match will take place during the day.

Tuesday, 6 July 2010

6.30 pm 20/20 Cricket match against the School.

Sunday, 12 September 2010

10:30 am Mixed Hockey v School team

12:00 Lunch in the Atherley Hall

1:00 pm AGM in the Old Library

7:30 pm Dinner in the Atherley Hall (Black Tie)

You can sign up to any of the above using the reply slip enclosed with this newsletter.



Saturday 23 January 2010

Welcome Drink - 7:30 pm

Carriages - 12:00 midnight

Atherley Hall

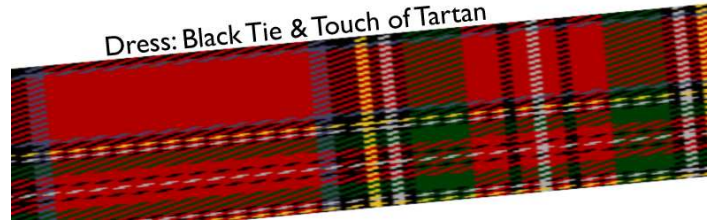
Live Music & Scottish Reeling

Welcome Drink, Whisky Toast

Followed by a 4 Course Meal

Tickets £27.50 per person

Dress: Black Tie & Touch of Tartan



Florence Nightingale - 2010 Calendar of Events

6-7 February The Lady with the Lamp—A site-specific installation inspired by the life of Florence Nightingale.

March 'Florence Nightingale: Icon and Iconoclast.' Article by Dr R Foster to be published in History Review.

17 March Nightingale Society Lecture to be delivered by Professor Lynn McDonald (Professor Emeritus, University of Guelph, Ontario), editor of Florence Nightingale's collected works.

8 May Parish Concert. The first of two military band concerts (in aid of the Army Benevolent Fund and St Margaret's Church, Wellow).

29 June Victorian Picnic at HCS for HCS Junior School and Wellow Primary School pupils.

July HCS Summer Festival - based on a Nightingale theme.

13 July Romsey Counterpoint Singers A musical evening set in the Embley manor house with appropriate pieces celebrating the Nightingale connection.

14-16 July 'Florence Nightingale. Influence & Inspiration 1820-1910.' A major international conference with speakers/writers drawn from the UK and the United States. Delegate fees apply.

17 July Military band concert (in aid of the Army Benevolent Fund and St Margaret's Church, Wellow).

Autum Term 2010 HCS Commemoration Service in Romsey Abbey led by Lord Carey. Date to be confirmed.

21 October 'Florence Production' by Chester House Productions