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FOREWORD

Sitting in front of this small screen and with limited typing skills I am able to 'communicate' nearly all that is needed. On-line shopping, contact with the local medical centre, on-line banking, pictures of friends and family from across the world, instant response with financial affairs, crossword answers, cooking tips, etc etc, I could go on. Indeed the 'spider continues to weaves its web to satisfy its enormous appetite.

Growing older together with the limitation brought on with Parkinson's disease has highlighted the other 'communication'. Family get together, visits to sporting events, theatre, school concerts, fishing trips, skiing, church services, village shows, Founders Day, Reunion dinner; again I could go on. All involve meeting up with others and perhaps requiring slightly more effort than my previous definition. Nevertheless well worth retaining as 'communicating'. Your Officers and Committee are a good example as to maintaining a balance, working hard whilst using technology to continue with the occasions of meeting and 'communicating'. Thanking them for all their work I ask that members should make every effort to support them, thus continuing the values which we gained from our School and for the future of The (Old) Fosterian' Association. I look forward to meeting many of you in 2016.

President

CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

I am pleased to be reporting something of a resurgence over the past year. New faces at the AGM helping with various tasks, a very well supported Dinner, and plenty of contributions for this Magazine. Thank you all. Especially Tim Ashmore, John House, Simon Newell and Jeff Jenkins.

The Dinner saw several Groups, Staff members and Guest of Honour, Chips House. Your President Mike Goode paid a very moving tribute to Ken. We returned to Sherborne Golf Club who looked after us extremely well. Pictures and a report are provided later in the Magazine. Once again a big thank you to Ian Maun for organising the Dinner

Your Committee agreed to use Association funds to support a (youth) member of the Sherborne Douzelage to take part in a Music Project in Slovakia. This is also reported later.

I look forward to another successful year and keeping in touch. Don't forget the website and Facebook to keep in touch. No Twitter handle yet! Of course the best way to support is to come to the Dinner and / or send contributions for next year's Magazine.!

Philip Dolbear March 2015

Hon. Treasurer's Report at 31st December 2015

The balances of the OFA accounts are as stated below for the year end 2015.

Assets at 31st December 2015

NatWest Reserve A/c	£1713.46
NatWest Current A/c	£1302.33
War Stocks	£ 180.00
Total	£3195.79

Expenditure at 31st December 2015

Magazine printing / posting	£383.62
Founders Day Church Ex.	See below
BMV Dinner Advert	£ 32.10
Poppy wreaths	£ 50.00
Douzelage donation	£200.00

Total **£665.72**

For whatever reason, I did not receive a request for part payment of the Founder's Day church expenses and they were paid in full by Lord Digbys Old Girls Association. OFA will fund 2016 church expenses.

I have not received any claims by members of the committee for any expenses incurred by them for calendar year 2015.

At the AGM 2015, it was requested by the Committee that I close the Barclays savings account and transfer the balance to the NatWest Reserve account. This was done. I was also asked to investigate the status of the War Stocks. Having looked back through the folders I inherited from the late R G Lacy, I was able to determine that these stocks were being administered by Computershare and that OFA had been receiving £6.30 per year interest that was paid directly to OFA NatWest current account. However, HM Government bought back these stocks at the end of 2014 and Computershare were holding a cheque for their value. The appropriate letter has now been sent to Computershare on behalf of OFA and this money should be credited to the Association in early 2016.

It may be of interest to the membership that the Association started buying War Stock in 1937 and continued to do so up to 1941, to a total value for £180. This investment has earned interest in excess of £450!!

The donation of £200 to Sherborne Douzelage was sanctioned by the Committee at the AGM to perpetuate the original intention of our founder Richard Foster to educate and develop children.

Just to remind the membership, that I do not itemise the income for either the Founder's Day lunches or the Annual Dinner (nor their expenditure) as both these events are fully self funding. All income received by whatever means is accountable and traceable through the Nat West current account statements. Expenditure likewise is all through the single cheque book operating on that account.

P R Holden
21/1/2016

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2015

The Annual General Meeting was held at Sherborne Golf Club, starting at 17.30pm on 10th October 2015.

Present: Mike Goode (MG)(President) Philip Dolbear (PD) (Chairman) Pete Holden (PH) (Treasurer) John House (JH) (Committee) Kevin Waterfall (KW) (Committee) Ian Maun (IM) (Committee) Steve Joyce (SJ), Alec Thorne (AT), Kevin Parsons (KP)

Apologies: Tim Ashmore, John Paulley, Bob Earnshaw, Graham Bunter

Minutes of Previous AGM: 11th October 2014. As produced in Magazine. Proposed KW. Seconded KP. Agreed unanimously.

Matters Arising: Gryphon Alumni. KW reported this is in its infancy and he thought that there could be links while maintaining OFA identity.

Chairman's report. PD reported on the year's activities including the joint Founder's Day Service with LDS on 9th May, participation in The Gryphon Remembrance Service and 2 Committee meetings. He thanked TA, JH (for all his work with memorabilia) GB, and IM (with numbers at the following Dinner a recognition of his hard work – some had to be turned away due to capacity). MG thanked PD for all his input over the year.

Treasurer's report. PH reported it was really the wrong time of year to report as not year end. End of year statement will be prepared for Magazine. Broadly the Association breaks even with circa £3,000 reserves held.

With passing of Ken House, it was agreed an additional signatory was required along with PH and PD. JH suggested as 3rd. MG proposed. IM seconded. Agreed unanimously.

JH proposed moved Barclays a/c be closed and funds moved to Nat West to simplify affairs. PD seconded. Agreed unanimously.

PH will look into value of War Stock and how to redeem them.

Secretary's report. TA not present. He had sent word that due to his work load, duties had been spread. Simon Newell (SN) was managing Membership List. Jeff Jenkins the website. IM the Dinner. The Magazine was still unresolved.

Election of Officers. PD, TA, SN and PH offered themselves for re-election. Committee JH,IM,GB,KW, Dennis Ball. PD to enquire whether DB still wished to continue. MG proposed election on block. SJ seconded. Agreed unanimously.

Resolutions. None had been received.

AOB.

Gryphon Remembrance Service to be held 11/11 – all welcome Founder's Day Service. 14.5.16. To be 2.30pm followed by afternoon tea at The Eastbury.

Memorabilia. Sherborne Museum had taken as much as they want. Rest to be offered at Dinner on first come first serve basis. KW suggested Dorset History Centre, Records Office, Dorchester. A suggestion was made that the second old jacket (one is held at Museum) be donated to Sherborne Amateur Dramatic Society.

Magazine. The Committee advised they were proposing to send overseas addresses electronically only. This accounts for 10-15 out of a circulation of 170-180.

2016 Dinner. Provisionally 15.10.16

£120k Foster's and Lord Digby's Foundation Fund has been passed to the Gryphon. However it has been recorded as The LDS Parents Association. Funds.

PH enquired why there were not more links with LDS. It was agreed OFA wanted to keep its identity and in any case, in the past, any efforts to merge had been treated reluctantly.

KW reported a joint OFA /LDS Facebook page.

AT expressed sadness that the linkage to Richard Foster was disappearing considering the massive effect he had had as a social revolutionary educating poor boys.

In response JH reported some progress in recent times with street names, museum collection and display and Barbara Ellsmore was to give a talk on Foster's School in Jan 16 to the Sherborne Museum Society.

AT to propose some suggestions to retain memorial to Richard Foster

IM queried the timing of the Magazine to publicise the Dinner. It was explained it had been delayed due to Secretary's workload.

It was agreed that dinner would automatically be publicised in the BMV and WG. IM to coordinate.

IM also stated that due to being away in Sept 16, he needed final cutoff date for numbers to be 1.9.16

The meeting closed at 18.28

P Dolbear

The Ken House Memorial Dinner

The 2015 OFA Dinner was held at Sherborne Golf Club on Saturday 10th October. It was fitting that this year's Dinner, dedicated to the memory of Ken House, should have been so well-attended. Seventy people, comprising Old Fosterians, staff, guests, wives and partners filled the venue to capacity. We were drawn from past pupils whose combined school days spanned the range of fifty years between 1942 and 1992.

The Guest of Honour for the evening was Ken's wife, affectionately known to most of us as 'Chips'. She started proceedings with a gracious acceptance of the Honorary Life Membership bestowed on her by the Association, commenting that the greatest memorial to Ken was to be found in our personal and collective memories of him. After Mike Goode had said grace many such reminiscences of Ken were shared between us around our tables.

Later, Mike also reminded us of the great influence Ken had as a pupil, teacher, Headmaster and friend to those of us present. He also remarked on the recent loss, at the age of 98, of John Norfolk before exhorting us to remember all of our colleagues not present and leading us in a toast "to absent friends".

Our thanks go to Sherborne Golf Club for their hospitality and excellent food, and also to Ian Maun for organising such a successful evening.

Alec Thorne



2015 Agros Cyprus

Cultural experience

This is a write up about the autumn 2015 cultural exchange trip for young people from Douzelage towns written by two recent leavers from The Gryphon School; how trips have moved on since our time in school!

“Awesome!” is the phrase that has been taken away from this project. The aim of the trip was to demonstrate the culture of our country to five other European countries which included Romania, Greece, Italy, France, and the hosts, Cyprus.

An evening was assigned to each group to give a short presentation followed by an energetic national dance, a competitive traditional game and even to taste some delicious delicacies cooked freshly for all to try. The Hokey Cokey went down very well followed by Dorset knob throwing, before tasting some scones coated in jam & cream and a slice of yummy Dorset apple cake home-baked by Caroline.

The sun eternally shone in Cyprus allowing us the chance to explore places in perfect weather such as the ruins in Paphos, Limassol beach. Some even ventured over the border into the Turkish occupied lands to the north. Nicosia is a truly remarkable capital, divided into two by the border between the Greek and Turkish occupied lands.

The history behind it was fascinating and there was an abundance of museums and art to keep us culturally satisfied.

What really made the trip stand out was the quality of the participants. We made friends with everyone there like we were family. From partying from dusk until dawn, (often led in full force by the Romanians) to sharing our knowledge of card games, there was never a moment to rest, let alone sleep. We have already made plans to meet up with members from other countries and I am sure our friendships will blossom for years to come.

Thank you Marcus & Caroline for being absolutely epic and of course many thanks to Sherborne Douzelage for a fantastic opportunity.”
Richard Jenkins and Tully Butler





Joint OFA / LDS Founder's Day Service

9th May 2015 held at Castleton Church, Sherborne

The Service this year was officiated by The Revd. Sister Ann-Marie Stuart. In her address, she recalled stories of Queen Elizabeth with her sister slipping out from Buckingham Palace to mingle unannounced with the crowds to celebrate VE Day. She highlighted the joy expressed on the streets after such a dark and difficult time of war. Those crowds were giving thanks, she said, just as members of Foster's and Digby's were giving thanks for their Schools. She described the crowds longing to celebrate, to belong, to follow someone inspirational leading the Country. Just like Jesus' Disciples followed and celebrated him. She highlighted 2 qualities of Christian life - joy and moderation (together). She encouraged the congregation, that as we demonstrate these qualities with God, so we should with our earthly celebrations.

Special prayers were said for Ken House and his family and the retiring collection was made in memory of him with funds to the RNLI. Thank you to members of LDS for supporting this.

Philip Dolbear

News of Old Fosterians (non alphabetical)

Jeff/Hugh/"Gladys" Jenkins. 1971-76. Living in Llwyngwrl. Work: Product manager for payments software company. Just moved house to an unpronounceable village on the west coast of Wales in the Snowdonia National Park. I am in touch with a few contemporaries and would love to hear from more. jeffjenkins1@me.com, jeff.

jenkins@dovetailsystems.com Mobile 078 0107 325

Kevin Waterfall, 1959 – 64, Living in Sherborne. Actively retired. Just taken on a role on the Executive committee for Northern Dorset LEADER project. This project is evaluating rural diversification projects and funding expansions for small businesses. Keeping busy with family, especially grandchildren and a host of voluntary activities including Sherborne Douzelage, where I particularly run or support projects for "young people", and British Trust for Ornithology, for whom I conduct several bird surveys plus various other ad hoc activities. Good to meet up with various acquaintances at the OFA dinner. kevin.waterfall@btinternet.com 07825 152251

Mark Brewer. 1972-1979. Living at Bayford, Wincanton, Somerset. Service Technician for Lely Robotic Milking Machines and Barn Equipment. mbrewer@fds.lelycenter.com. 07557 790831.

Ian Maun, Staff 1977-1986, Living at Teignmouth. Ret'd from Exeter Uni. Still writing but slowing down. wordsmith@eclipse.co.uk. 01626-772114

Simon Newell, 1966-73, Living at Sidmouth. Retired. Enjoying life by the coast and not getting up early on a Monday morning. OFA Membership Secretary. Back in touch with Robert (Frank) Taylor (1968-71) after 44 years. Visited him in France last summer. simonhnewell@yahoo.co.uk

Simon Dunford. 1968 to 1975. Lives at Aix-en-Provence. Works as Senior Manager / Business Dev / Project Manager Civil Nuclear Fusion & Fission Engineering in South France. Discovered the Old Fosterians & Simon Newell last year. Came across the Widdesson family (1963 to 1970 ?) a few years ago by employing one of their sons (James in Bristol). sdunford1@yahoo.co.uk Phone 0033 648 616003

Brian Hillman 1968 -1975 Lives in New Forest Consultant Civil Engineer. 3 Sons, 2 at University one working.

Hugh Martin 1981-1988 Lives at Bloxham, Oxfordshire (home). Works in Luton, Bedfordshire . Work University Secretary & Deputy Registrar, University of Bedfordshire. Associate Lecturer, The Open University Chair of Academy Council, Oasis Academy Brightstowe. Non-Executive Director of Vanavevhu - Children of the Soil (www.vanavevhu.org) Brother of Commander Simon Martin RN (Foster's 1980-1987) Directing Staff, Royal Brunei Armed Forces Staff College hugh.martin@st-andrews.ac.uk 07947 867713

Simon Clifford 78-81 Lives at Castle Cary Director, Somerset County Council. Daughter at sixth form, son second form. Met Tim Carr, Alan Fazackerley, Mark Partridge, Colin Hart, Marc Neilon, Kevin Hunt at recent sad funeral of Peter Carr (Tim's father) Meeting up with Mike Hancock in near future. Also worth recognising Ollie Devoto, son of Steve Devoto called up to England match day squad and likely to play part v Scotland in six nations!! sclifford@somerset.gov.uk 07739300144

Jeremy Clifford, 74-83, Lives at Ilkley, Yorkshire. Editorial Director, Johnson's newspapers jezclifford@gmail.com

Paul Bingham, 71-76, Stratford upon Avon. CEO Services Business. Married, 2 teenage children. See Rick Jones & John Partridge both 6976. 1paulbingham@gmail.com

Kevin Parsons 1971-1978 Weymouth Semi-retired after 32 years in front-line Environmental Regulation. I now work for a charity assisting the elderly - plus a little exam invigilation when needed! In 2015 I researched, wrote and then published a book entitled "Brush Oil Engines - The story of oil engines made by the Brush Electrical Engineering Co Ltd" (ISBN 978-0-9931477-0-8). It is the story of these engines, made between 1933-1941. It is a fascinating insight into British industry and life at a time when Britain was definitely "Great". Whilst unlikely to reap a fortune in sales, it nevertheless was an enjoyable exercise and valuable experience. If anyone is interested in buying a copy - email me.rustykev@hotmail.co.uk 07818 474786

Barry Barter 1960-65. New Malden, Surrey. I spent my whole working life in radiography, in various hospitals throughout the UK and overseas. Amazingly as it may seem, I was directed to the radiography profession by AJ Norfolk when I was 15 years old. He gave me great encouragement and even to this day I can remember looking at a radiography pamphlet in the library at school. It turned out to be a wise choice. I retired 9 months ago after 50 years. I have now become an official prison visitor (OPV) and spend time at HMP Wandsworth - one of the largest Victorian prisons in this country. It's an amazing job and I am getting a great deal from it (as I hope the inmates I visit are too). I regularly see John Abbott (60-67) who lives in South Africa. We have been in touch over that vast distance for over 40 years. John's son has now come to live in Grayshott near Guildford, so John visits at least one year giving us plenty of time to catch up.barmic3qt@aol.com

Keith Gawler 62-69. Ringwood. Retired December 2015. My wife and myself moved to Ringwood last year from Buckinghamshire and now both happily retired and getting to know the New Forest and surrounding area. KEITH.GAWLER@VIRGIN.NET 0788 1828712

Ian Bartle I now am head of the school I went to as a primary school child back in 1975 to 1982. I was at Fosters from 1982 until 1989. I still keep in touch with a few of my old friends from school.

Mark Penny (building site manager). Enjoy being a headteacher and created many unique things including the only primary school in Dorset to offer an international exchange (Thornford!) My email head@sherbornepri.dorset.sch.uk. Home address is 63, Clanfield, Sherborne, DT96BE

Marc Williams 40 Kirby Muxloe, Leicester, Leicestershire, Finance Director, Serco Leisure. Partner of 18 years, 2 daughters aged 6 and 10 marc.williams@serco.com 07971845487. Well done to all involved with the production of the Fosterian, great to see the tradition continuing – it was 1994 that I left Fosters.

John House. 1949 – 1954. Milborne Port Sherborne. Owned Crackmore Garage, Milborne Port 1961 to 1997. Now a retired garage proprietor still trying to play golf and indoor bowls. Member and past president of Sherborne Rotary Club and Chairman for the last 22 years of the Historic Vehicle Rally held annually in Sherborne School. Courts. (used to be called the Quadrangle.) Married (1961) to Wendy, nee Davenport ex Digby School, sister of Richard Davenport, 1947 - 53 I can be seen quite often driving a 1933 Austin Ten Van. E-mail john.hjhouse@tiscali.co.uk

Mark Love. 1975-82. Geneva, Switzerland. Corporate Governance for a bank. Moved to Switzerland in 2001 for three years; liked it and stayed. mrmlove@hotmail.com +41228195420

Steve Shapland 67-74 student ; 77-90 staff. Sherborne. Semi retired. Two days a week teaching. Also work as science communicator taking rocket shows and workshops to primary schools, traveling from Oxford to Cornwall. Eldest son Tom has lived in Vietnam for 11 years so we visit him every year at Easter and have come to love the country. Tom and his Vietnamese partner have a 6 month old daughter, Emily Uyen. During the winter when rocket bookings are slow I make models and Christmas trees from driftwood. The money raised goes to an orphanage in Vietnam we support. This year I

raised just under £1000. Youngest son James lives locally and is my golf buddie. James and his partner Laura have 3 month old daughter , Chloe Amelia. steve.shapland@googlemail.com 01935 816563.

David Merchant 1957-1964. I currently live in Newbury. I am happily retired after 40 years of teaching including 20 years as Deputy Head in a rural comprehensive. I am currently an active and senior member of Lions Clubs International and recently completed a very enjoyable year as one of 13 District Governors across the UK. It is very time consuming but very rewarding being a Lion. I am afraid I have no news of any of my contemporaries. david_merchant@btinternet. com. 01635 46495

Rob Dolbear 1975-82. Romsey. Managing Director of employee relocation and corporate accommodation company. Still in touch with Nick Golding. dolbear2@btinternet.com 01794340424

Justin Butcher 88-92 Portsmouth Royal Air Force I am married with 4 children and I have just reached my 20th year in the RAF and still loving it. Met up with Rob Gully and the Fosterians Dinner and am still in contact with Rod Whitmore. Justin.butcher935@gmail.com 07572581253

Steve Joyce 71 – 78. Yeovil. Business Consultant/Trainer. Generally happy - slightly overweight. Recently met up with Kev Parsons and Alec Thorne. See Kev Smith for a beer (or two). steve@smjoyce.co.uk 07977 989204

James Stafford 1961-1964. Appleton, Warrington. Retired. Now into my 5th year of retirement and enjoying every minute. On retirement took up golf and now in a race to get my handicap down to low teens before father time sends it back up again! Hopefully, I will not have to take another summer out recovering from surgery, one was enough. james@staffordonline.net

Richard Williams 1961 – 1966 I live in Sherborne. I have retired in June 2015. I was a Management Accountant, working for Pittards Plc for 33 years and 15 years for the British Red Cross Society. I have two children and will soon have four grandchildren. I have remained friends with George Stent who started at Foster the same day as me. Telephone 01935 812462.11 Springfield Crescent, Sherborne
rwilliams3010@hotmail.com

Keith Dodge 1963-1970. Plymouth. Retired. d.dodge@sky.com
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Graham Bunter 1960-1965 Charlton Horethorne near Sherborne. Chairman of Printing Company and owner of Mendips Raceway stock car track. Semi retiring from print business as my son is now MD and looking to play more with old cars and tractors! Next year will be my 50th year as a stock car driver. Still in touch with Philip Dicker who now lives in Bournemouth-fellow oval racing enthusiast. graham@mendipsraceway.com 01963 220028 / 07855 571481

Philip Dolbear 1974-81. Thornford, Sherborne. See several of year group locally. Also Christmas card contact with Rob Sanders and Mike Pheysey Working in Agriculture industry helping farmers to make use of R & D and improve their business profitability and resilience.

Married with 3 children aged 19-23. 12 Blackbirds Thornford.
01935 873497. philipdolbear@aol.com

Dave Millman 1983 to 1985 Melbourne, Australia Quality and Supply Chain Manager for an automotive components company. Subsidiary of GKN plc. Lived in Australia for past 10 years. Married to Gillian, have two children, Tom (20) and Emily (16). Have visited and keep in contact with Jon Waite and his family, who live in SF, USA. Davem6479@hotmail.com

Bryan Lait 1946-52 Wrawby Retired for 29 years bglait@aol.com

Chris Tofts 1950-53 Finchampstead, Berkshire Now Retired. Spent my working life in the motor industry. Rotarian for 20 years and past president. Married to Sylvia for 52 years, two children and five grandchildren. 01189328569

Mike Everitt 1985-1991. I moved to London just 18 months ago but am now hooked on big city living. I work in IT and have done for nearly 20 years. It's a far cry from my Geology degrees. I'm getting married this year in September in Romania. Spend lots of my spare time road cycling and holidays with friends and girlfriend normally revolve around climbing mountains on the bikes, eating a drinking Met up with Mark Devereux, Karen Jones (now Devereux) and Mark Moore recently as we all live in and around SW London. Mike.everitt@oracle.com 07766367843

Ian Miller. 1951 – 58 Highworth, Wiltshire. Retired teacher I retired in 1996 after teaching in Swindon and then for 20 years in Oxfordshire. Since retiring we have travelled a good deal and of necessity in Europe as both sons live with their families and work in Europe. I have been involved with almost all sports here originally swimming and water polo then cricket, squash and tennis. Played golf regularly and competitively until last summer when health problems have changed everything ! I am involved now with painting and art activities and am chairman of Highworth Artists Society here. I did see Tony Earnshaw (OF – 1950s) on occasions but have not seen him for a couple of years or more.)

David Evans. 1953-60. York. British Council (retired). 3 sons, 2 grandchildren. Worked overseas in 7 countries so very much out of touch with people. djevans60@btinternet.com 01904 621125

Roger Evans. 1963 to 1970. Yeovil "Semi retired following a career in customer support and contracts management in the defence industry. Currently working part time in Morrisons' bakery department, principally in doughnut production!" Married for 41 years, one daughter. ridcully@dsl.pipex.com 07767062714

Peter Hoskin 1956-61. Yeovilton Retired (and happy) F i n i s h e d my working career at Devon County Council in 2009. Enjoyed the job but retirement possibly the best career move I have ever made! In contact with Colin Wright, David Prout, Terry Ricketts amongst others. Peter_hoskin@sky.com 07891 747782

Stuart Wood 1965-1970. Nailsea, North Somerset “Financial Controller, Vehicle Certification Agency”. Spent a career (mainly Private Sector SME subsidiaries of large PLC’s) in IT and Accounting (ACMA). Lived in South Africa for 11 years (76 to 86). Wife (Carole, ex Lord Digby pupil!) two children (born in RSA) & five grand children. stuart.wood@blueyonder.co.uk

Barry Fox 1945-50. Poole. Retired. 01202 733949

John Abbott 1960 – 1967. Everton, South Africa since 1981. I’ve always been in the construction industry - initially in site management but eventually reverting to engineering surveying. That means I do the setting out. I retired from full time employment in 2010 but have been continuing to service a number of construction sites in my private capacity on a “when and if required” basis. I sometimes think of my classmates and wonder what became of them. The only fellow student with whom I remain in contact is Barry Barter. We met at the age of 11 and now we are both 68.

Rob Wood. 1976-1983. Milborne Port. I am a freelance software engineer (i.e. do just about anything that might involve a computer!). I have worked primarily on air traffic control systems for NATS in Southampton for many years. “I spend all my spare time (and more) as Officer Commanding Sherborne 874 Squadron Air Training Corps based in Blackberry Lane. I feel too young, but recently became a granddad (I have 3 pretty much grown up children). If I have any time left, I also like my bicycle, motorbike and travelling!” I see Paul Tackley a couple of times a year - usually at F1 GPs around Europe. He lives in Zurich. rc.wood874@gmail.com 07712697139

Brian Bowsher 1970-1975 Near Bridport. I retired in June 2015 after six and a half very happy years as Director of the National Physical Laboratory (NPL). I still do some international work for NPL and in both Paris and Beijing; I'm also a member of the Science & Technology Facilities Council. However, having moved back to Dorset in November, my main challenge is establishing a compost heap and vegetable garden! brian@bowshers.plus.com

Terry Chubb . 1945-1953. Chichester. Retired

Trevor Howe 1970-1975. Westcliff-on-Sea. Chartered Building Surveyor I am an Associate Director of a firm of building surveyors mainly working in London Brother in Law Richard Rowe 1971-76 . thowe@johnsongillies.co.uk 07735555574

David Prout 1958-1965. Newton Abbot. Registrar Births Deaths Marriages Devon County Council. Still working part time because I love the job especially conducting Civil Ceremonies In touch with Peter Graham.

Ian Brooks ('79-'86) I am still very much enjoying living in the Cheltenham area with my wife & two teenage daughters. I am a passionate sports fan & 2 years ago decided that I really needed to lose as much of my excess weight as possible. After extensive training I very recently completed The Bath Half Marathon in just over 2 hours; this will really surprise my old school friends (who used to lap me in the 1500m on the Foster's track !). I have just started a new role sales management role with Kohler Mira after spending most of my career to date with Kraft Foods / Mondelez. I keep in good contact with my former classmates' Billy Beaumont & Mike Brauhnoltz.

Niall Munro 1963 -68. Kintbury, Hungerford. Retired in 2001. Keeping in touch with Adrian Lincoln. nialls@uwclub.net 01488 208608.



Niall was fortunate to take early retirement in the most unfortunate of circumstances. In 2001 just after the attack on the New York 'Twin Towers' the company he worked for 'Thomas Cook' (and many travel related companies) were drastically affected by the reticence of the public to travel until the situation became more settled. A small number of staff were asked if they would take early retirement which Niall accepted when only 52 years old and after 33 years in travel. Niall was already living in Durweston, near Blandford where he and his wife Tricia had built a new house to their own specifications. He would meet quite often John Paulley. Being now available for 'hire' he quickly got involved with the new Village Hall, which was built with a massive grant from the Lottery Fund and volunteered with its day to day operation, introducing new computerised booking and accounting procedures. He eventually started to produce the village newspaper, the website and a new drop in Computer Learning Suite. Another Old Fosterian who moved to the village was Adrian Brook who was Curate at the local Church.

After 10 years of running the hall which became a focal point for business meetings for the NHS and Dorset County Council training courses plus many wedding parties, films and live shows and 22

years in their dream house, it was time to move on. They did seriously look at moving to Sherborne, to the small development behind the 'Old Digby School' called Portman Mews. As a thank you from the Village, Niall was invited to one of the Buckingham Palace Tea Parties which was most enjoyable, in June 2014.

They have now settled in a retirement village near Hungerford called 'Audley Inglewood' where Niall is also very active on their residents association and created a new website for them too.

They had hoped to buy a holiday home in the sun but after three or four extended holidays they realised there was too much uncertainty about financial security overseas and the lack of destinations where their dog would be safe, the dog (not Niall !) was attacked quite terribly in Portugal). Whilst on another holiday they found a lovely new build holiday home on the banks of Loch Tay, in Scotland. Their move in date has been delayed but hope that this will all come to fruition in 2016 and he will start to search out some his family roots in the Highlands.

John Paulley, MBE It is with sadness we report the death of John Paulley on 24th May 2016, aged 88. John attended Foster's in the 1939-45 era. He was a big supporter of the OFA and attended many events until very recently. He was a teacher at Blandford Grammar for many years retiring in 1987. His active service in education continued as a Student Counsellor, a Governor on the Full Governing Body, as Chairman of the Blandford Secondary School Foundation and President of The Blanfordians. After his retirement he also set up The Paulley Charitable Trust to provide financial assistance to youngsters in Blandford and surrounding areas who may otherwise not have been able to take advantage of opportunities offered to them. John House, Jim Dereham and Bob Earnshaw attended his funeral representing the OFA.

THE ANNUAL REUNION DINNER.

Saturday 8th October 2016

At Sherborne Golf Club DT9 4RN.

6.45pm for 7.15 pm.

Tickets £18.00

Please include your choices from the following menu when applying for tickets:-

Starters

- Melon with Spiced Berries
- Ham Hock and Haggis Terrine

Main

- Daube of Beef with Chive Mash
- Poached Salmon
- Vegetarian alternative

Sweet

- Chocolate and Cardamom Torte
- Treacle Tart

Please send ticket applications to:-

Dr Ian Maun, 13 Higher Brimley Teignmouth Devon TQ14 8JS or

E-mail :- wordsmith@eclipse.co.uk

Cheques to be made payable to "The Old Fosterians' Association".

Early application is requested. Seating is limited. Reservations will be first come first served.

Please keep a record of your choice.

Accommodation is no longer available at the Sherborne Hotel. Please book directly with local Hotels and it is recommended that this is done early.

From enquiries before publication, many of the smaller hotels in Sherborne are already busy. An alternative is the Manor Hotel in Yeovil. If you are looking for accommodation it may be beneficial to contact the Hon. Secretary to see if there is sufficient interest in arranging group transport e.g. a minibus to and from hotels.

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