



Was your last visit to the school via Mr. Barraclough's office or that final exam in the school hall? If you'd like a tour, the school is delighted to welcome Old Boys and take them round on the first Friday of every month during term time. Contact the office on 01202 512609 or email [office@bournemouth-school.org](mailto:office@bournemouth-school.org).

## Upcoming Events

- **COMPO Dinner**  
Mayfair Hotel  
30th December 2011
- **Veterans Golf**  
Dibden Golf Course  
May 2012
- **Start of OB Cricket Season**  
Chapel Gate (tbc)  
May 2012
- **Pre-Dinner Golf**  
Queens Park GC  
21st September 2012 (tbc)
- **Annual Dinner**  
Queens Hotel (tbc)  
21st September 2012 (tbc)

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## Happy holidays from our family to yours!

As obtaining copy for a printed newsletter has become increasingly difficult recently, we have decided to try something different – an electronic Newsletter. Let us know what you think.

After the problems with keeping the Association running after the AGM/EGMs in 2010, we were able to elect a committee in 2011 but those who stood did so on the understanding that our activities would be scales back

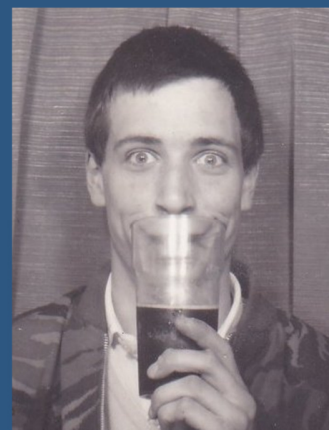
to concentrate on the OB dinner and the Cricket Club. We shall be holding just two rather than 4 Committee meetings but will ensure that the dinner will go ahead in September 2012 as usual. Make sure you are there.

## So what does Academy Status actually mean?

As some of you will no doubt be aware, Bournemouth School has recently become an Academy. However, you may not be aware of what Academy Status actually means.

As of the 1st September the school acquired academy status. In the past the funding for the school's activities was "top-sliced" by the local authority. Effectively more than £300 per student was used to fund the local authority's support for all of its school (little of which Bournemouth School accessed). As an academy the school is now outside the local authority, answering only to the Secretary of State and is funded directly. This means that the school can decide

exactly how to spend its budget to best serve the needs of its students. In addition, the school is no longer bound by the national curriculum and doesn't need to jump through as many hoops (such as complying with the School Food Trust standards). There are no plans to significantly change the curriculum at present, and things such as the school's name, uniform and ethos will not change. The school will continue to work with other schools in the local area for mutual benefit. For the boys, the greatest advantage is that the school will now be able to sell chocolate!



All work and no play makes John a dull boy.



School clock tower restored thanks to help from the Old Bournemouthians'.

## School Grades as "Outstanding" by Ofsted

At the annual dinner in September, Headmaster Dr Lewis was delighted to tell us all that the overall effectiveness of the school was graded as "Outstanding" following the Ofsted Inspection in September 2011. The inspectors were particularly impressed by the way in which excellent levels of academic achievement are achieved whilst ensuring the outstanding personal development of all students.

Typically, the inspection team encountered students who were enthusiastic to learn, making consistently good progress and were enjoying school. Furthermore, it is reported that students are proud and committed to their school and make a very strong contribution, both as leaders and participants, to many activities and events.

The inspectors found that the school's curriculum, ethos and

expectations promote students' outstanding spiritual, moral and social development, resulting in a very harmonious school community. The school has an ethos of celebrating success and its commitment to students' care, guidance and support, through a house system described as the "heart and soul of the school" was identified as making a significant contribution to excellent achievement and high attendance.

All aspects of the school's sixth form provision were considered "outstanding", with placing students' personal responsibility as a keystone for success being said to be highly valued by the students. Inspectors commented that the relationship between teachers and students are very positive, and that the sixth form is justifiably highly regarded as providing an outstanding education.

Brings a tear to the eye....

## Membership News

Our current active membership stands at 486, including 16 members who are overseas and 22 members who have failed to notify us of a change of address. Since the last newsletter we welcome the following new members:

Oliver Ashton (2004-11)	Nicholas Bagnall (2003-10)
Robert Bates (1950-57)	Simon Belk (2004-11)
Alexander Bell (2005-11)	Alex Bichard (2009-11)
Anthony Bowen (1995-06)	Sam Brown (2003-10)
Adam Carter (2004-11)	Thomas Cheetham (2004-11)
Simon Cox (1972-79)	Sam Davies (20??-11)
Andrew Deeble (2004-11)	John Dinley (1954-59)
James Eldon (2003-10)	Christian Frampton (2004-11)
Tommy Freeman (2004-11)	Brian Stacey Green (1948-56)
Michael Greene (1975-82)	Edward Hardyman (2004-11)
Edward Hastrop (2003-10)	Nathan Holder (2004-11)
Andy Houlder (2008-10)	David Howell (2003-11)
Peter Hunt (1953-60)	Roderick Kennedy (1967-69)
Harry Klein (2004-11)	Matthew Lambert (2003-10)
Ron Lampard (1943-50)	John Methereil (1942-47)
Jonathan Mills (2003-10)	Jonathan Muncer (2004-11)
Jonathon Packer (2009-11)	Adam Proudley (2004-11)
John Purchase (1941-48)	Declan Rowlands (2003-10)
Benjamin Rumney (2004-11)	Daniel Schuster (2003-10)
Leonard Segal (1960-65)	David Smitten (2004-11)
Matthew Underwood (2003-10)	Robert Urwin (2004-11)

Sadly, two old friends have also passed away:  
Peter Close (1942-48)                      Peter Jenkins (1937-41)

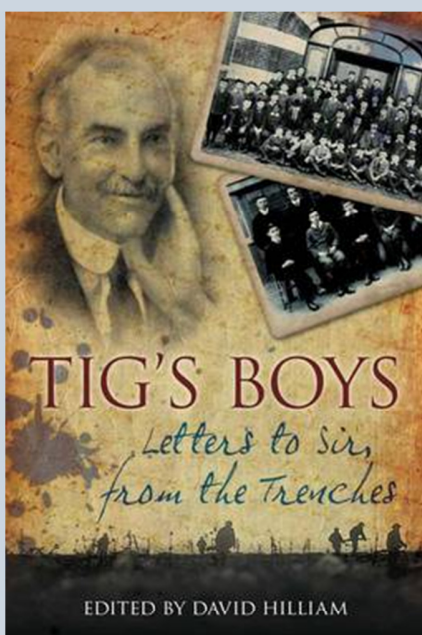
We now have 282 members to whom we can send emails, this greatly reducing our postage bill. Please spread the word and make sure your friends have updated Graham Jones with their correct address and email details



May we wish you all and your families a Merry Christmas and healthy, prosperous New Year.







A collection of letters from former pupils in the trenches of the First World War to their headmaster.

## Tig's Boys by David Hilliam

School historian and former Deputy Head David Hilliam's latest book, "Tig's Boys", is a collection of letters from former pupils in the trenches and stationed in various places around the world in the First World War to their headmaster, Edward "Tig" Fenwick.

Founded in 1901, under Fenwick the school produced excellent academic results and it is clear from the letters that the boys held him in high regard. No fewer than 622 former pupils, 24 teachers and 5 caretakers served in the forces during the Great War: of these, 94 pupils and 4 teachers lost their lives and a further 95 were wounded, some more than once. A dreadful toll indeed but sadly typical.

David Hilliam provides us with an introductory background and a novel structure of presentation: selected letters are arranged into

chapters, covering life in the trenches, the air war, the experience of men sent further afield and of the wounded. The final chapter is a collection of short obituaries, written by Fenwick himself. The author rounds off with tables, facts and figures, and we are left to draw our own conclusions with regard to the grief felt by the families and school; of the impact of the loss of so many well-educated men; and of the long-term effect on the survivors. The story is at once heartbreaking yet uplifting in the sense of pride and awe at the spirit, bravery and endurance of these men.

For anyone connected with the school or Bournemouth, this is certainly something you should see. Purchase a copy via the school or author for £10 or via Amazon through the link on the OB Website

## 2011 Annual Dinner

The 2011 Annual Dinner held at the Queens Hotel in September was again a great success. Although numbers were down this year, 112 guests attended and were entertained by James Balfour, whose speech on his conquering of Mount Everest emphasized his appreciation of qualities he had identified in himself as a member of the School's Combined Cadet Force which had inspired him to attempt this feat. He held the room spell bound with tales of this adventure.

The meal was preceded by both School speech day and the now annual pre-dinner Golf Tournament at Queens Park. I'm sure the Old Golfers (and the Young Ones) would like to point out what they lacked in quantity they made up for in quality. All are welcome for the 2012 event.

## 2011 COMPO Dinner

COMPO is the association for past cadets of the Schools CCF and was established in 1991. Its aim is to provide ex-cadets with a means to remain in contact with the CCF and old friends from the corps.

They are holding their annual dinner at the Mayfair Hotel on 30<sup>th</sup> December so you'll need to get your skates on to get a ticket. These are available for £30 from David Bryant who is contactable via email on [info@dbryant.biz](mailto:info@dbryant.biz) or call 07917888207.



2011 OB Dinner speaker James Balfour (1991-98).

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Association's Officers  
and Committee  
Members can be found  
on our website**

## Next Newsletter



Items for the next Newsletter should reach the Editor by 1<sup>st</sup> March 2012

If you are sending hard copy (typed or handwritten), please submit in good time as re-typing may be necessary. Photographs to accompany your articles or news may also be sent for scanning and return or e-mailed as jpeg files.

Send anything you would like published to Graham Jones at [oldboys@ntlworld.com](mailto:oldboys@ntlworld.com) or to 7 Heads Lane, Northbourne, Bournemouth, BH10 7DJ.

## Sports News

The OB Cricket team fell foul of a League rule infringement by inadvertently fielding an overseas player. The resulting deduction of 30 points left the team one point away from promotion. We played our last game of the season against the team which was promoted in our place and beat them comprehensively. We are confident that come next year justice will be done, but will ensure we spend the winter thoroughly reading the rule book.

No games were scratched this season, with 11 men playing in every game but one. The team's new Chapel Gate venue will hopefully continue into next season.

We have also discussed with the PE staff at the school the possibility of a pre-season friendly next year between the OB team and boys at the school.

## OB Association Committee

We had a few changes to the make up of the OB's committee at the AGM in October. After 5 years, Neil Richard has stepped down as Chairman for a well earned rest and his place was taken by David Sidwick. John Underwood has similarly stepped down as Secretary to be replaced by Romek Kriwald. Most of the other old lags stayed in position. David's position as Dinner Secretary has now been officially handed over to the joint care of Keith Richard and Ian Underwood who shadowed David in 2011. They are now looking at venues for the 2012 event.

However, as I'm sure you're all aware, no organization can survive without the active participation of it's members. Over the last few years we have witnessed the demise of the OB Football team, the Charity Golf event, the disbanding of the School PTA and the end of it's popular social events. Malick Kudmani and his friends have spent the last three summers attempting to reestablish an the OB Cricket team to it's former glories, but we are always looking to get others involved in developing the OB to provide useful services to it's existing and future

**What to advertise your  
business or services to your  
alumni?**

**Let us put a link on the Old  
Bournemouthians' website.**

**Email us via the Contacts  
page with details.**

**It is time to use the  
"Old Boys Network" !**

members who may still be at school.

The 1905 constitution of the OB states that "the object of the Association shall be to encourage its members to maintain their interest in the School and to continue friendships formed there, to further the interests of the school in all ways possible and to foster the spirit of pride in its traditions and achievements." Whilst Facebook can help to continue friendships it cannot address these other objectives. Dr Lewis is taking great strides with reestablishing the reputation of the School as evidenced by the outstanding Ofsted results and making the changes necessary to continue this progress by the establishment of Academy status.

If you have ideas on how you could get involved or some time to help with career or university mentoring, please get in touch with the Chairman, David Sidwick. Alternatively, if you'd just like to have a look around, the School is delighted to welcome Old Boys to and show them around on the first Friday of every month during term time. Contact the office on 01202 512609 or email [office@bournemouth-school.org](mailto:office@bournemouth-school.org).

We'd be delighted to welcome your input.