The St Edmund’s Society President’s Dinner

Saturday, 20 November 2010
7.00pm President’s Reception, 7.45pm Dinner

(Dress Code: Lounge Suits or Black Tie)

All Society Members are welcome back to this year’s President’s Dinner held in the very familiar setting of the St Edmund’s School Dining Hall.

The forgotten corridors of bygone school days, is just the ticket to evoke memories of members’ years at the School, whilst enjoying a fine menu as detailed opposite.

Do book early as spaces are limited.

Menu
Mixed leaves dressed with Avocado, Bacon & Balsamic Vinegar
Pork Loin stuffed with Apricot, Apple & Sage on a bed of braised White Beans
Vegetarian alternative: Melty Mushroom Wellington
Apple & Vanilla Tart with homemade Vanilla Ice-cream
Coffee
Wine and mineral water will be served with dinner.

The St Edmund’s Society President’s Dinner Booking Form

I would like to attend the Annual Dinner 20 November 2010:

Name: ___________________________ I left in: ___________________________
Address: ___________________________
Post Code: _________________________ Tel: ___________________________
Email: ____________________________

Please provide your email address so we can acknowledge receipt of this form. Thank you.

I would like to bring ______ guests
Name of guest(s):
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If possible, I would like to sit with:
Tables seat 6
Number of vegetarians: ______ Special Dietary Requests: ___________________________

I enclose a cheque payable to ‘St Edmund’s Society’ for £ ________ (£30 per head)

Please return this form to the Foundation Office by Friday 12 November 2010 at St Edmund’s School, Canterbury, Kent CT2 8HU
Cosentury Club Winners May – August 2010

MG Rupp (former staff ‘00), JG Wylie (’56), FB Davies (’46), JJ Asbury-Bailey (former staff ’89), B J Head (’86), PRM Whittington (’63), PJR Dunn (’57), AJ Ritchie (’80).

The main prize winner for this year will be drawn at the Society’s President’s Dinner.

Cossacks Football Club

The 2010 – 2011 Season sees Cossacks FC making its debut in the Herne Bay & Whitstable Sunday League. Playing our home games on the Jackman Field, and sporting a traditional St Ed’s red and black home kit proudly displaying the School crest, the ties between School and the football club, are hopefully clear to see.

The drive behind Cossacks is to add another link between the School and Society Members, and to also offer an avenue for St Edmunds “boys” (a slightly generous term for some of us!) to compete in local sport.

We welcome along any members of the SES family, whether it be as playing members, supporters on the sidelines, in the Ivy House afterwards for a beer (!!), or simply, for any person wishing to come along to training to get fitter. We have a fully qualified fitness instructor, a former pupil, who helps us in this department. I would not be a club man if I didn’t mention that potential sponsors are always VERY welcome!

On a personal note I would like to thank the School for their support for this venture. By allowing us to use their wonderful pitches and changing facilities, it has made this possible, and special thanks to Antony Jones and Leigh Millard, who are both big supporters of our club. I also thank former pupils Chris Gremo (’96), Mark Webber (’95), Elliot Blair (’85), David Finch (’96) and James Wattenbach (’78), all of whom have played an important role in getting this club up and running.

If you have any interest in the Cossacks, please feel free to contact me at cossacksfc@hotmail.com.

Kris de Pledge (’94)

Your News and Profile

Tell us your news or views. We are always interested to hear from past pupils and staff, so please feel free to use this form to update us or alternatively email society@stedmunds.org.uk.

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My email address is:

☐ I wish to receive future editions of the Newsletter by post, at the address given above.

My News:

☐ I am happy for the Society to publish my news in the next edition of the Newsletter.
Summer Gathering
Saturday 19 June 2010

The annual St Edmund’s Society ‘Summer Gathering’ took place on Saturday 19 June. The day itself unfortunately turned out to be cold, grey, and with squally showers but it was a good turnout. The afternoon saw the arrival of many more recent former pupils who came to join the hardy more senior citizens taking shelter in the marquee. As usual the majority of the day centred on refreshment - many thanks to the School’s caterers for providing a superb buffet lunch, tea, and canapés during the evening.

The start of the cricket against the 1st XI was delayed by the longest of the showers, but once under way, a keen contest ensued with the School finally triumphing by five wickets, to continue their winning run in this long-standing series. Sadly no tennis matches were played.

In the early evening, another traditional element of the ‘Summer Gathering’ took place, the Cocktail Party. President of the Society, Martin Rupp (former staff ‘00) introduced two presentations from the Society to two long-serving staff members, Trevor Barnett, Head of Modern Languages, and to David Knight, whose 38 years had included the opportunity to fill virtually every role in the School bar Bursar. Mr Knight was also honoured with a Vice-Presidency of the Society which he was thrilled to accept.

Please help us in making the Summer Gathering 2011 the best ever! We want your ideas and suggestions of what you would like on the day. Please contact Debbie on 01227 475600 or at society@stedmunds.org.uk.

Obituary
HERBERT GRAY HUGHES (‘43)
1925–2009

Gray Hughes died peacefully at home on 13 July 2009 at the age of 84. He joined the Junior School as a Foundationer in September 1935 and immediately made his mark, consistently coming first in his form in Latin and French and winning prizes in these subjects as well as in English and Catechism and Form Prizes. He moved into Warneford House in 1937 and won prizes for Music and Religious Knowledge in 1939. In the summer of 1940 he moved with the school down to Cornwall and gained his School Certificate that summer, with a ‘Very Good’ in French and Credits in both English subjects, History, Latin and Greek. The wartime records give little detail about what individual pupils achieved during those years, but Gray entered the Sixth Form in 1940, must have passed his Higher Certificate in 1942 and left at the end of the Lent Term in 1943. By this time he had become a House Monitor and represented the combined schools (St Edmund’s and King’s) at football (he kept goal for the 1st XI) and hockey, which was his main sport and at which he was later to excel.

He may have attended Trinity Hall, Cambridge briefly in 1943 before he was called up but he spent the next three years in the Royal Navy, being commissioned as a Lieutenant in the RNVR. He read Law at Trinity Hall from 1946-49, gaining 2nd class Honours in his MA and LL.B and passed his Solicitors’ Final Examination in 1951, after which he returned to the Navy for two more years. He was admitted as a Solicitor in 1953 and practised in Newport and Cardiff. He was appointed as District Judge of the High Court of Justice and of Swansea County Court in 1982, positions which he held until his retirement in 1997. He continued to play hockey, captaining his college side at Cambridge, representing the Royal Navy and gaining 15 caps for Wales. One of his proudest achievements was his election to The Hawks Club whilst he was up at Trinity Hall, something which gave him pleasure for the rest of his life. His legal duties in South Wales prevented his returning to Canterbury until 1998, when he was pleased to attend, with his wife Eleanor, a reunion for those who had been at the School in 1940 or before. His younger brother, David, who has lived in Ontario, Canada for many years, was also at the School (1940-50), and Gray is survived by his wife, Eleanor, his sons Adrian and Paul and six grandchildren.
We arrived at the newly renovated party area at The Prince Edward in the knowledge that an old friend and regular attendee Mark Short ('64) had left us the month before, and that Martin Harvey ('69) had had to cancel at the last minute because of a serious health issue.

The bad news was partly compensated by the attendance of the comely shapes of some London Lunch Virgins (LLVs) namely John (Yogi Bear) Davison ('65), Frank (Doc) Debney ('64) and Richard (Inspector Clousseau) Hester ('61). I would like to think they were as pleased to see us as we were to see them, and certainly none looked too demure and wallflower like. I guess the perma smiles, especially from Davison, said it all!

I hope that those who attended enjoyed themselves as much as usual, and if so, please pass the word around for next time.

The venue offers great value for money and it's important to point out that age and a previously poor attendance record counts for nothing on these occasions. Just being there is what matters; nothing else.

Even if you are a LLV, join us next time. We'll be kind to you!

Tony Zinopoulos ('63)

Northern Gathering Dinner

15 May 2010 Calverley

For the second year running the Northern Dinner was held in the barn next to John Walker's ('65) church, St Wilfrid's, in Calverley on May 15, courtesy of John and his fantastic church ladies who provided the dinner. As last year, it was a marvellous meal. Where else could one get such a superb three-course meal at the price of £15? John probably has only two years to go before retirement, but he says that he will be very willing to host the dinner again in the barn for those two years. This offer is surely too good to miss and we have already booked Saturday 21 May next year, so put the date in your diary – and if you haven’t been before and live anywhere within reach, do make an effort to come. You will find it well worth it and there is a wide age range present so nobody will feel out of place. We were delighted to welcome Society President Martin Rupp (former staff '00), and his wife Jackie among the attendees this year. Some people travel a considerable distance to be there and I feel sure that there must be others living closer who would really enjoy the occasion.

Jock Asbury-Bailey (former staff '89)