



The Hardyeans' Club Newsletter

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From the President - Damien Lewis

Dear Friends,

Firstly, may I wish you a belated Happy New Year.

Happily, there are two pieces of good news to kick off 2025. The first is that Weymouth Museum have received a very positive initial response from the National Lottery, regarding funding their museum complex, and with the Great Oak Screen forming a centrepiece of that. We will keep you informed as this develops.

Secondly, the Annual Dinner. Please set the date in your diary: Saturday 26th of April, at the School, for a 6.00pm start, for drinks from the paid bar, to sit down and commence festivities at 7.00 pm, and with carriages at 11.00 pm. It promises to be a fabulous evening. [Further details at the end of this Newsletter]

Looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible who can make it.

Kind regards,

Damien Lewis
President Hardyeans Club

Armistice Day Commemoration at the School Memorial Gates 11/11/2024

Once again an excellent and respectful turn-out by the School. Last Post and Reveille were played by Oliver Trevorrow and the CCF's ceremonial standard was proudly paraded.

The service was lead by Headteacher Nick Rutherford and students read from the School's Roll of Honour for both World Wars.





Afterwards a small reception for guests was held in the Head's study. Cr Robin Potter and Mrs Val Potter, Dorchester's Mayor and Mayoress, were in attendance, as has become traditional



Pictured at the Memorial Gates are Club President Damien Lewis, Vice-Presidents Godfrey Lancashire and John Pearson and Chariman Nick Grassby.

Later the wreaths were fixed to the gates.

Pictures Damien Lewis, Godfrey Lancashire and Heather Foster



Forthcoming Club and other events

Monthly Luncheons on the last Thursday of the month at the Poet Laureate pub in Pummery Square, Poundbury. Meet from 12.30pm.

2025 Annual Dinner is arranged for Saturday 26th April 2025. Please make a note in your diaries. *The evening will begin at 6:00pm with drinks. We will be having a paid bar so do remember to bring cash for this and for the raffle*

During the evening there will be musical performances from current Thomas Hardy school students. Booking, menu details at the end of this edition. NB Closing date 28th March.

Cricket Match, Club v School: Last year this did not take place as the Club was unable to field a team. This is usually in the early part of July. Please consider contacting organiser Tony Foot to advise availability or otherwise and to offer your services tonyfoot@maxgateproperties.co.uk

Hardyeans Club Contacts - changes!

President: Damien LEWIS, Life Vice-Presidents: Anthony C W Day, Peter Foster, Hugh Griffiths, Godfrey Lancashire, John Pearson

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www.facebook.com/groups/Hardyeans is the official Club facebook page for news of Club members and friends. and check out the School site

www.facebook.com/thomashardyeschool which links into the main

school website www.thomas-hardye.net on which can be found news of events at the school including the Community Lectures. See also www.facebook.com/groups/452234394961667/ for news of Dorchester Secondary Modern; Thomas Hardy School, Dorchester, Dorset. There are other Thomas Hardy School-related facebook sites, and more generally, 'You're over 30 and from Dorchester when.....' is a good one.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/284997108221127>

P.T.O

From the Editors: Whilst Facebook is a valuable way of keeping in touch, please don't forget those who don't 'do' Facebook, and consider writing to the *Newsletter* editors as well, to get a wider membership response

Among recent FaceBook posters:

Philip Mackie, Jonathan (Cameron) Williams74-79, Mark Frost 70 – 76, Kevin Armsted

Do have a look at the Club's Facebook page - make contact with old friends!

Also be sure to have a look at **Graham Allen's** website (<https://old-hardyeans.com>) which contains a wealth of memories This site is regularly updated .



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*Combined Spring and Autumn 2024 letters –
From the Headteacher*



Dear Hardyens,

It's always such a pleasure when former students return to the school to support the current generation, and such returns have been a theme since my last update. It was so touching, at the 2024 Hardyens' Dinner in March, to hear so many former pupils, and especially our guest-speaker, Ross Dewar, speak about the values and memories they took from their time at the school. In our Year 9 girls' STEM workshop, where students worked on engineering projects under the supervision of professional engineers from BAA systems, Ely Jackson, who left recently to start her apprenticeship with Dyson, took time out to return to the school and support our future engineers. Indeed, it has been an annus mirabilis for engineering at the school, with an unprecedented four students being awarded the prestigious Arkwright Scholarship.

In drama, several former students, especially Susie King, Ella Ritsema, Amelia Morris, Alice Padgett, Joe Morgan and Herbie Hudson, have been coming in throughout the year to support drama lessons, clubs and rehearsals and, along with current students, have put on their own show in the Dorchester Corn Exchange, and are taking it to the Edinburgh Fringe this summer. With such committed students and superb teaching, it is no surprise that the school is sending three students to the Royal Academy of Dramatic Arts this year.

Finally, the Art and Photography students have exhibited their work after another year of superb creations, and I enclose some images which demonstrate the talent and commitment of our students.

As we approach the end of the autumn term and calendar year, it's a perfect moment to reflect on the achievements of our students and staff. This term has been filled with opportunities for learning, discovery, and community engagement, and I am immensely proud of everything we have accomplished together.

Our students have excelled across a diverse range of activities, from academic competitions to creative and sporting pursuits. Highlights include the chemistry team's victory in the regional heat of the prestigious Top of the Bench competition, the unforgettable A-Level Geography trip to Morocco (they went to study the deserts, and wound up studying floods!), and our young musicians' inspiring performances, including Evensong at Sherborne Abbey, a performance at Exeter Cathedral and our own Winter Concert. Meanwhile, our CCF cadets proudly paraded their first ceremonial standard on Remembrance Sunday, showcasing, as always, their discipline and dedication.

These are just a few examples of the talent, hard work, and character that define the Thomas Hardy School community. ... I would like to send best wishes to all members of the club for 2025.

*Best wishes,
Nick Rutherford*



You Write

From Robert Collins

I have just seen the 1962 photo from (Dave) LeBreton and thought it would be good to have a complete set of names from M and S II and III. It was indeed at the end of the Summer Term. I was privileged to be taught Pure and Applied Maths by SAF, as was my brother, Michael Collins (1950 -1957), who read Engineering at Oxford and became Professor of Engineering at The City and Brunel Universities, writing many books, the last being a comprehensive work on Lord Kelvin. I ended up also with an Engineering Degree from London and spent years in Industry and Teaching, as well as farming and sailing in Cornwall.

When I go to Dorchester I always have a nostalgic look at the school gates of Portland stone. In 1957 I watched with wonder as Ken Batty carved out the griffins outside the Dining Hut, which doubled as the Art Room. I am so grateful to him for giving me an entree into architecture, Heraldry and Roman Lettering.

I had a surprise when I taught at Kelly College in Tavistock to find that A.N. Hamilton was Head Boy there in the '30's! as well as Charles Ring and Rex Tompsett.

I have so many clear memories of those days at Hardye's; I could write a book!

Kind Regards, Rob Collins

PPS I have recently been in touch with John Farwell and Sean Luther; we are all 80 now!

From John Pearson

Schoolboy Memories of St Peter's fifty years ago.

From 1954 until 1961 I was a boarder at Hardye's School and on Sundays we worshipped at St Peter's, Dorchester. There were about 35 boys in each of the 3 boarding houses and our best suits having been brushed and Sunday shoes inspected, we walked our weary way to church via South and West Walks to the Top 'o Town and down the High Street in crocodile- at least the more junior ones. In adverse weather we were allowed to take a shorter way via Durngate Street. On arrival at the church (west entrance for us boys) armed each with a penny for the collection (these having been issued as we left the houses), the hundred of us took our places (juniors in the front) occupying the entire north side of the church. Housemasters and tutors sat at the back and all under the watchful eye of the headmaster, Mr R.W.Hill, whose bowler hat sartorially sat, much to our amusement, on the head of one of the Cupids - then at the back and nowadays near the organ.

Whispering was tolerated before the service began but not thereafter; sweets definitely were not allowed while fidgeting and playing with (and inevitably dropping) our meagre coins prevailed. 11.00am matins followed the Book of Common Prayer and Hymns Ancient and Modern with monotonous predictability, only broken by the presence of the occasional pretty girl in the choir or congregation. Of course, the major Christian festivals which normally provide relief from 'ordinary time' for a teenager were spent at home in the school holidays. I remember the rather long and baffling sermons from Canon Markby whilst I pondered the significance of J69J on the pulpit door while the relief alabaster reredos of the Last Supper burned itself indelibly into my memory. Wall plaques, ceiling bosses and the stained-glass windows all served to distract the young wandering minds from the gospel message while the hymns got us off our knees and a chance to stretch our legs. At the end of the service, we crowded out of the west door and hurried back to our houses and Sunday Lunch.

Every first Sunday of the month those boys who had been confirmed also attended the 8 o'clock Communion for which we were issued a sixpenny piece for the 'silver collection'! Maybe being slightly older for these services gave them more relevance for I certainly enjoyed them more than matins - and they were shorter! I was confirmed in St Peter's on 13th March 1958-I wonder why I can remember that date?

Whatever my childhood memories, I always retain a warm feeling of St Peter's born of a heartfelt familiarity and an unchanging permanence of this place of prayer and worship.

Bless This House.

From Lionel Tarassenko - Many Congratulations to Lord Tarassenko!

The House of Lords Appointments Commission announced at the start of May that I had been appointed as a non-party-political peer and will join the House of Lords as a cross-bencher (see here :- <https://lordsappointments.independent.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/05/2024-05-07-HOLAC-Non-party-peers-press-release.pdf>)

My official title is Baron Tarassenko of Headington in the city of Oxford.

It is an enormous privilege to be given such an honour, and I am very grateful to the many people who've worked with me during my long career in the University of Oxford I find it extraordinary that someone whose paternal grand-father was born in Kharkiv and whose maternal grand-father was born in a small village in northern Brittany can end up in the House of Lords.

I believe that the Right Reverend Michael Perham was the first Old Hardyean to be a member of the House of Lords, but I may be the first who is not a Bishop.

Best wishes,

Lionel Tarassenko

Lord Tarassenko CBE FREng FMedSci
President, Reuben College
Professor of Electrical Engineering
University of Oxford

Where are they now ? and Lost Touch ? Miscellaneous queries.

Kevin Armsted (taken from Facebook post)

..... does anyone recall the name & location of the army camp in Norway where the CCF based itself for cross-country skiing and other activities? My recollection was that after the (horrific) sea crossing from Newcastle we took a 60 minute (?) train journey from Bergen to a small army camp in the mountains. This would have been 1973 perhaps. I say horrific because the sea was so rough at one point that I recall standing at the foot of a stair case on the ferry and the next moment being thrown to the top like a ragdoll.

Brian Keen:

Alan Brown advised that Banbury Rugby Club are trying to make contact with Brian. If anyone reader has any information please get in touch

Does anyone here recall an exchange trip to Germany in either 1985 or '86 ? This involved Castlefield and Thomas Hardye School and lasted maybe a month. We have had an enquiry from **Delphi Dixon** who cannot recall much apart from a day trip to Cologne. If anyone has any further info, like where the party stayed or which school in Germany was involved, please contact the editor..

Obituaries

We have been advised of the following who have sadly passed away. Our thanks to the informants and condolences to relatives and friends.

From Simon Best Just wanted to file a quick notice re: my Dad who was a Hardye's teacher for 20 years.

Alan WG Best, teacher 1977-1997

Alan joined the Hardye's science team from Launceston College in 1977, teaching mainly biology and working alongside staff including John Hawthorne, Dick Sims, John Pope, Guy Mawer, Des Spriggs and – later on – David Fello, Paul Bendall and Pete Long. He was head of science during the 1990s and served as a governor during the period covering the merger between Hardye's and Castlefield and the relocation of his department from Barnes Way to Queens Road. He was also – at times – a Friday supervisor at Southfield House during Richard Cain's tenure and then at Heathcote with Neville Lord, eventually retiring from Hardye's in 1997.

David Culver 1946-54

Alan Brown was notified by David's family that he had passed away after a short illness in November 2024. He had been a fairly regular contributor to the Newsletter so we will miss his emails.

Robin DasGupta (Robi)

passed away peacefully at home on 10 August 2024 aged 77 years.

Much loved husband of Margaret and Dad of Mark, Simon, Adele and Darren.

The funeral service was held at Taunton Deane Crematorium on Thursday 5th September 2024

Brian Dibben

Brian Dibben's death was reported in the Dorset Echo of 19th November 2024 and notified to us by Jonathan Pullen who recalled him playing Rugby for the 'Old Boys' vs. The School as something of a veteran.

Robin Moors aged 93 who was at the Dorchester Grammar school from 1941 to 1957 ?47. Passed away in late 2024. There is an extensive tribute to him on the Lords Taverners' website

Peter Sedgwick

Peter was at Hardyes from 1952 to 1957. and died on the 3rd October, 2023

Bill Castleton writes:

I was saddened to learn of Peter's passing. He and I were great friends.

Peter first came to Southfield House in 1952 all the way from the Falkland Islands. If this was not bad enough his father was seriously ill and shortly died over here in the UK.

Walter Lancashire (Godfrey's father) was my Housemaster and asked me to ensure that Peter was at home and was able to settle in . Of course I gladly agreed and our friendship was formed and continued after our school days. Walter became his Guardian

Both he and Hilary came sailing with us.

I am pleased that I have been able to have a long chat with Hilary and she related to me the wonderful and remarkable career that Peter had both in the RAF and in Civil Aviation where he was the Chief Test Pilot

He also restored his beloved classic Alvis .I think that he was the Chairman or President of the Alvis Association. They took the car to the USA ,New Zealand and European Rallies.

Typically Peter put back and was a Volunteer Coastwatch on the North Norfolk coast at Wells

Hilary sent me a lovely photograph of Peter in the Sand Dunes up there taken last August. I admit I had a pang when I saw it

Peter was a great Guy and I am proud that I was counted among his friends

He was such a credit to the School

Naturally my Best Wishes and condolences go out to Hilary"

William Caselton 1950-1957

James Brinsley Sheridan passed away in Glasgow 25th August 2017 aged 78 years. At the Grammar School from 1950 to 55. The funeral was held at Frampton

Former Thomas Hardye School trio row the Atlantic

Pictured in the Dorset Echo and other newspapers on 23rd January 2025, The *Atlantic Explorers* team arrived at the finish line in Antigua & Barbuda in eighth place out of 36 teams after their incredible 4,800km (3,000 mile) row.

Daragh MacDonagh and Sam Weston, from the Dorchester area, and Rex Fisher, of Beaminster, all 27 and former Thomas Hardye School students, and Ed Hughes, 29, of Windsor, endured 41 days 10 hours and five minutes of Atlantic rowing.

They set out from from San Sebastian in La Gomera in the Canary Islands on Wednesday, December 11.

All four were driven by the desire to raise money for good causes close to their hearts.

They arrived at Nelson's Dockyard, English Harbour, on January 21 to be greeted by family members and resounding applause.

The team are raising money for MIND, the leading mental health charity, Tackling Minds and the Coldstream Guards Charity. You can support them at <https://atlanticexplorers.co.uk>

News from the Hardyans' Club Charitable Association

The Bursary Students have written in detail about their year and bring some lively insights into university life. Many thanks to Hilary Over for ensuring that we have received such illuminating reports.

Julia Moore

Computer Science at Nottingham University

I have enjoyed my first year. Academically the workload was ok but what was different was the approach as in the autumn term about half of the lectures were face to face, with the rest being online lectures or lab work. Given this I used the computer science discord chat group to invite other students on my course to meet up and watch and discuss the online lectures together in the bookable library rooms. This proved academically beneficial and was also a great way to meet other students. In terms of socialising after the Freshers' Week I joined Hacksoc and Compsoc two computer clubs and in order to meet students on other courses I also joined chess club and the Business & Entrepreneurship Society - all of which I really enjoyed. I have really enjoyed the modules on year 1 particularly programming algorithms in the autumn term and Haskell and software engineering in the spring term. With regard to what was demanding I would say this was the volume of work both coursework and exam revision that was given out the last week just before the Christmas and the Easter breaks. I now know for next year that these 4 week holidays are really more about completed coursework on what has been taught and preparing for exams. Currently I am enjoying my summer and looking forward to year 2. In year 1, I got 85% for the autumn modules and 71% for the spring modules giving me a year average of 78%. Also in year 2 I will be mentoring 1st year students and have been elected General Secretary for Compo

Ancient History Bristol University

My initial move to Bristol was a bit of a struggle as I was much more homesick than I anticipated and I didn't really get on with my chosen course (Ancient History). I decided to make the change to switch courses to Sociology. In Ancient History I just felt as though what I was learning was a little out of touch with the modern world. Of course the clue is in the name with it being "Ancient" history but it took me starting the course to realise that I'm much more interested in modern society and having the tools and language to approach and tackle the turbulent times that the world is in. One of the only criteria of switching courses was that I pass this first year of Ancient History which gave me a push of motivation to complete the year. As the year went on my love for Bristol grew tenfold and it became a second home. As well as this the two girls I was living with in residential halls became my fast friends and without them I don't know how my year would have looked. The generosity of the Hardyans Trust meant that I could buy an iPad that I have used to take notes during every single lecture, write all of my essays and complete all of my exams and I plan on doing the exact same thing in my second year at University. Overall my first year was a success! I'm very excited to move back to Bristol after the summer and begin my new degree in Sociology!

Law Bristol University

My year has certainly been both enjoyable but demanding. I'm moving into my second year house this week with 4 friends, and we are so excited to be living in one of our favourite parts of Bristol! I have passed all of my modules with firsts and 2:1s, I am so proud of myself. Something I found challenging was navigating first year accommodation; initially I was in a 12 person accommodation and everyone was particularly difficult to live with in a multitude of ways so I moved into a different accommodation on the same campus. I made more friends there and found it more enjoyable in a smaller group of individuals. I miss Hardyes and I still think about all my friends and all my old teachers.

Portsmouth University

I have had an amazing first year at university. Portsmouth has been such a great city to explore. The beaches, shops and places to eat have been fun to find. I've made a really solid group of friends who I have been seeing over the summer. I am going to Sweden in August to visit one of my flatmates who lives there with another friend, which we are all very excited for. I didn't get on with everyone in my flat, but that's the way it goes. It was an eye-opener to see how differently everyone lives). Living alone was very freeing for me. I always had my mum at the end of the phone to ask for help but trying to work things out for myself was very rewarding. Most importantly, my course has been great as well. I have been looking to take part in

volunteering next year alongside my course to gain experience working with children. I'm very proud of my essay and exam results. And I'm very excited to move into my house in September and do it all over again!

King's College London

I have been in Mexico for the past month with my uni on the Global Summer Exchange Programme. This year has honestly been amazing. I think with the help of fresher' events I settled in socially very quickly and found my best friend almost instantly. I struggled a bit more settling in academically with my peers due to missing the induction session through illness. It took a couple of week for me to settle into the classes themselves, but I think this was due to the different methods of learning and structure between sixth form and university. The content of my course itself has been very interesting. My favourite module was 'Second Language Learning' in which we were instructed to make a Language Learning Log book and chose a language to learn for 6weeks. I enjoyed this as I was not only able to learn a language as part of my degree, but was also able to look over my progress from making the language learning log book. The only thing I can think I struggled with was the fear of missing out. My lectures were always early every day of the week, so when I was asked by my friends to go out late into the evening I often had to say no due to not wanting to miss my classes the next day. This left me with major fear of missing out, but I knew it was important to prioritise my learning. I also joined the triathlon society and the King's running society. I was able to join Adidas runners (external to the uni) through Kings runners which helped me expand my running community more. The sport factor helped take away from the pressure of academics, and also helped me make even more friends and become part of an amazing community.

I mentioned I had been to Mexico for a month as part of the Global Summer Exchange. If I had to describe the trip in one word, it would be refreshing. It has made my summer the best one I think I have experienced, and I would give anything to go back and do it again. I was enrolled in a program called 'Mexican Culture, Heritage and Social Challenges'. We were tasked with a couple of essays, mind maps, PowerPoints, and to finalise the course a report and a PowerPoint presentation. This program does not affect my final grade at university, but does give me extra credits alongside my degree. Outside of the classroom we visited cultural heritage sites in the states of Mexico City, Puebla, Guadalajara and Queretaro. We learnt not only about heritage and culture, but also the issues the people of Mexico face. I took particular interest into governmental/policing issues and the issue of violence against women. A particular case that stood out to me was Iguala kidnapping where 43 male students were kidnapped/attacked by the police and then handed over to a drug dealing gang. It is not confirmed what officially happened to them, but it thought that they were killed and their bodies burned. Only three out of the forty three bodies have been identified, leaving many families without justice. What surprised me most about this case is that it was very recent, only occurring in 2015. This was a shock to me that the government can get away with doing illegal things like this in such recent times. A cultural site I loved visiting was the Frida Kahlo house museum. It was so nice to have a personal insight to her life. For example, much of her art was dedicated to the fact she could not have children.

Plymouth University

This was much more in-depth than the first year on the costume course and we learned more specialist techniques. The first project was prop and hat-making techniques, we worked on several different kinds of hats using traditional and modern techniques. We also worked on making masks and headpieces as part of the same unit. Wool felt cloche hat made with traditional techniques. A cardboard and papier-mache dragon head sculpt for patterning prop. Sad tragedy style mask made from the material Worbla, and the painted mask. A wire and beadwork tiara/headpiece "Dewy Cobweb".

As part of our second unit, we looked in depth into the behind-the-scenes information and the ethical and moral Impacts surrounding the costume and theatre industry. We visited the Theatre Royal Plymouth's Production and Learning Centre, also known as TR2, where we saw productions in progress, costumes and props and we spoke to many members of the making team. This project ended with our class making two costumes following the information we learned about ethical and sustainable practice. There was a talk and portfolio show from costume embroiderer Michele Carragher who worked on Game of Thrones and The Secret Garden (2020).

During the second term, our cohort worked as a "Costume Shop" making the complete wardrobe for City College Plymouth's production of Into the Woods. I enjoyed this project as it was a realistic insight into what working as a costume maker, fitter and cutter would be like in an industry scenario. The last unit was an

independent design and development project following the brief "Carnival of Curiosities" we developed a character and a costume design. I created a performance fortune teller character talented in sleight of hand and mystery. The project focused on bringing character traits through to the physical outcome, through semiotics and subconscious knowledge.

I worked on the coccolithophore costume as work experience for the National Marine Aquarium for a science exhibition in London, this was a group commission project and I worked alongside members from my course. I primarily worked on the base of the skirt and worked with other members of my course to create the hat and bodice. During the year I also worked on some personal projects, and I have included some photos of these as well: A crochet 1920 cloche hat following an original pattern. A crochet rat plush made as a commission. A "Plague Doctor" mask made from modern techniques and EVA foam (this was made for Halloween. Once again thank you so much for your support during my time in college and university, I cannot express how grateful I am.

University of London

Thank you again for your support it has been a fantastic help in my first year. I've been settling in fantastically. Academically I am loving the course, and have really expanded my economic learning in my free time through reading and online media. I am actively involved in the finance and banking, economics and fintech societies and additionally am the committee member and social media manager for the callisthenics society. As I am looking to work in finance/banking it's been an important part of time here to network and take part in opportunities to break into the industry. I recently took part in an experience programme at KPMG and am shortly beginning a beginner coding course to expand my skills. Through this I have been supported by certain social mobility programs like UpReach and Bright Network.

Thank you once again for the financial support it has been an enormous aid, it can be expensive being in London and my part time work only goes so far. During my first year I've had interesting work opportunities in recruitment, sales and managing a tattoo studio. Currently my main focus is application for summer internships in banking for the following year.

Around and about the Thomas Hardy School



CCF Line Up!

Club President Damien Lewis recently gave a talk to the CCF

The Hardyans Club Annual Dinner
Saturday 26th April 2025 6.00pm for pre-Dinner Drinks
(there will be a paid bar so do remember to bring cash!)
The Restaurant, Thomas Hardy School

Dress Code: Smart Casual

Menu

Starters:-

**Smoked salmon paupiette, blinis, sour cream and chive,
mustard dressing and watercress**

- **(V) Beetroot 3 ways, roasted, pickled and pureed, veg and pine nuts**

Main:

**Roasted chicken breasts, panzanella, romesco sauce,
rosemary croutons, crispy sage, chips**

- **(V) Mushroom pie, new potatoes, kale and carrots, wild IPA gravy**

Dessert:

Sticky toffee pudding, Toffee sauce, vanilla ice cream

Fruit salad

Cost per person £40

Booking details:-

Please pay by BACS to: The Hardyans Club Lloyds Bank Dorchester
Sort Code 30-92-69 Account Number 00403528

The closing date for Bookings is 28th March. After this date no bookings will be accepted.

The short notice is regretted but outside the Club's control, due to School's Easter Holidays.

When you have completed the payment please email the Secretaries, Heather & Peter Foster at heather.foster1@btinternet.com .who will liaise with our Treasurer James Driver, to check payments with the following information:

Number and names of guests.

Years at school where appropriate.

Menu choices; if you are booking for more than one person please make it clear which guest requires which menu choice.

Please let us know of any dietary requirements or allergies.

Any specific people you would like to sit with, if possible.

Remember to bring cash for the bar and raffle

Many thanks, we look forward to seeing you at the Dinner