

SHERBORNE

PILGRIMS

2014

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***** A REMINDER OF RULE 4 *****

“It is the responsibility of any person playing for the Club in any sport to have in place adequate public liability insurance cover.”

CLUB NOTES

The usual way to approach the Chapel would be via the far corner of the Courts from the main School entrance. The crunch of gravel and tap of leather on stone corridor would generate noise in crescendo, and then there would be another sound. Of boys walking up wide stairs, their voices echoing all the more off the sandstone walls.

That addendum to the Chapel came after the First World War and the reason for its coming into being is obvious as soon as you turn the corner from the cloistered corridor. Name upon name of OS taken before their time carved boldly into the stone, now also with the book of the services old boy dead from two global conflicts and scattered others besides at the top of the stairs before you enter the Chapel itself. It is now nearly 100 years since the Great War began, shattering lives across the Continent.

The Pilgrims were not yet in existence when events in Sarajevo in the summer of 1914 swiftly precipitated war on such a colossal scale; that inauguration would come in the following decade. But of course there were OS sports teams before 1923 – and OS sportsmen, many of whom fought for the Allied cause.

I recently paused on the collection of School rugby and cricket photographs assembled by Rachel Hassall, the impressively diligent School archivist, on the OSS website. Look there at the 1914 XI: Max Westlake leading the side, who would fight in the war and survive it to become a long-time master at Sherborne and housemaster of Abbey House. There too Alec Waugh, who would also serve in the Army and come out the other side as a successful writer, albeit not without controversy.

Not all, of course, did come back. Look now at the 1913 XV. Westlake is there again, but out of the 15 boys staring at the camera, seven would perish on behalf of King and Country. It was a successful side, too, with away victories over Dulwich and Llandoverly in particular to savour. The next time G.M. Carey prepared a rugby side, the country was at war, and he had to contend with a season of three captains, as military call-ups had an impact on the School.

The reason for having this and much else about the events of a century ago is largely down to reading Patrick Francis's comprehensive and stylish new book, *Vivat Shirburnia*. Available via the School, Patrick has meticulously and with no little enterprise drawn together a range of threads encompassing the war and the School. It was a delight to proofread it in advance of publication and I learnt much. I commend it both to Club members and anyone with an interest in public schools of that time, it is not so narrow in focus that only those "who of Sherborne know" can enjoy it.

Sportsmen these days do not have to contend so much with the threat of war hanging over them but they still have battles to win. You can read in the subsequent pages of how the Club has fared over this sporting year but what I always derive great heart from in helping to prepare the reports for publication here is the obvious pleasure taken from the close contest and the renewal of old acquaintances and rivalries. The two-day match that the cricketers played against the Hampshire Hogs last July, for example, showed so much of that sheer enjoyment – without forgetting a competitive streak.

The outstanding OS sporting achievement was surely, though, the lesser-publicised Wimbledon triumph. Never mind Andy Murray and 77 years of waiting, victory for Sherborne in the annual alumni race on Wimbledon Common in December for the first time was a tremendous effort after two decades of coming close. Many congratulations to the team and in particular recognition for Angus Cater, who I think has run in most, if not all, of those 20 years of entering, and whose unflagging determination must surely have been inspirational in coaxing his younger teammates to this moment of glory.

A runner at a more elevated level and one of Sherborne's most celebrated sporting products, Chris Chataway, died earlier this year. It will be hard to think that another OS might emulate his achievement in being the BBC's Sports Personality of the Year, as Chataway was in its first year, in 1954. Remarkably, Chataway did not win a race until he was 16; perhaps gradually those Lenthay runs built him up – I'd like to think so. When I joined the School, I had thought the naming of the Chataway debating society was some ancient and not especially witty joke – given the range of Chris's achievements during and after his days at Sherborne, I know rather better now.

It will also be hard to think of many men more devoted to OS and OS sport than Peter Currie, who has also passed away recently. Richard Hardie, himself no mean sportsman, has paid a generous and thoughtful tribute to Peter that you can read following these notes. My memories of Peter are of a man full of enthusiasm and vitality, even in old age. His work for the OSGS in particular was immense and OS of many vintages will have mourned his passing.

The School reports give you a flavour of how the Pilgrims talent of tomorrow is progressing (and it is particularly instructive to read David Muckalt's comprehensive rugby assessment, not least in how he feels the culture needs to change if Sherborne is to be a genuine force on the circuit) but also to be noted is the final season of service for a man who has dealt with so much of the talent of yesterday.

Mike Davis has finally called it a day as a rugby coach – I am still not completely sure I believe this, given his dedication to the sport and to the School going back to

the early Seventies – I have written about Mike before and have the highest regard for him; grand slam-winning coach he may have been with England (1980, remember that team?), but his work at schoolboy level has been a far greater and more long-lasting legacy to the game he has loved ever since rampaging up and down pitches as a youthful forward more than half a century ago. One of my favourite “obiter dicta” that appeared in the *Shirburnian* was AMD’s: “Clichés cut no ice with me”. I have always tried to avoid them, Mike. Like the plague.

The Cricketer Cup side begin their 2014 campaign on the Upper against Old Brightonians on Sunday June 15 and will welcome all supporters in Sherborne that day. The date of the Club’s AGM is Saturday October 4th in the Westcott Room at Sherborne at 12.15pm. The XV will be playing Marlborough that day – please do come along if you can. My thanks as ever go to Charles Eglington for his work in helping me to produce this booklet.

*Robert Hands
May 2014*

PETER CURRIE

The sadness of Peter Currie’s death has been mitigated for me by two great honours: invitations to speak at his memorial service in the Abbey, and to write in these pages about his contribution to Sherborne’s sport.

I would have first met Peter in the early 1950s at Canford but I confess I don’t remember it. My father was Headmaster and captained the Dorset county hockey XI, playing full-back (as he had for Wales) with Peter on the right wing, his position for Oxford and Scotland. Our next encounter was in the Junior Colts at Sherborne. I have a vivid memory of Peter racing down the right touchline, brandishing in one hand an almost straight, ancient hockey stick, shouting instructions in stentorian tones while struggling to find with his other hand the whistle flapping uselessly out of reach behind his back.

Peter Dixon recalls that hockey became the third major sport at Sherborne in 1950, energetically promoted by Micky Walford and Peter Currie. He says that Peter taught him the key skill of stopping the ball as it bobbed towards him through the mud churned up by the inter-house rugby matches in the previous weeks. It still held that junior and grass-free status in my time a decade later, but it didn’t stop Peter from encouraging me and so many other OS from developing a lifelong love of the game. Bill Ellison, an OS who went on to play hockey for his county and the Combined Services, retained throughout his hockey career “the Peter Currie maxim: if you don’t get the ball, get the man”. Knowing Peter, this surely couldn’t have been

the basis of Sherborne's early reputation for a particularly physical style of play. Or could it?

My affection and respect for Peter began when I moved from Westcott to The Digby on its opening in 1964. He was deeply and sincerely interested in every boy's progress, and believed that he was there to help us all fulfil our potential. This had an immense impact on my life and on the lives of countless Digbyites and other Shirburnians, as many of them have affirmed. For him, House and School sport wasn't there as a constant, six-days-a-week battle for trophies. Peter didn't pretend it was easy to acquire the necessary skills to enjoy sport or that they came to everyone naturally. He believed that it provided a testing and tempering of character and determination. He took as much pleasure from seeing a physically awkward boy, with minimal natural skills, playing his heart out for his team in a crucial match for his House, as he did from seeing a natural athlete walk away with all the prizes, if not more.

Peter's linking of sport to ethos and teamwork is illustrated in this extract from his article in the current OS Record about the foundation of The Digby in 1964 (it was as wonderful that he completed the piece as it was sad that he died before the 50th anniversary celebration).

The episode which perhaps best illustrated the enthusiasm that went into making the House a success was to be seen on the rugby field where The Digby had to put out a team which, apart from four valuable members of the 1st XV, was made up of people with no sort of claim to rugby distinction. Such was their determination to prove themselves, however, that (at their very first attempt) they reached the final of the Three Cock. I was part of all that; it was exhilarating and amongst the most instructive experiences of my life.

It was no surprise therefore that, when Peter retired from the Digby in 1974, he agreed to take responsibility for running the School's golf, a difficult and character-testing game if ever there was one. In the eleven years of his involvement the School produced a number of very good golfers, and had unprecedented success against the OS Golfing Society, winning the annual match six times. When this was pointed out to him recently he replied simply and with his usual modesty: "I was very lucky to have some boys with golfing talent. All I did was encourage them to improve". The Society gave him a present on his retirement from the School in 1982. The records state that "This well-deserved accolade (almost) reduced Peter to speechlessness" (a likely tale).

Peter joined the OSGS Committee and served until 2004. In 1989, the Society's 60th anniversary, he became the only non-OS to date to be Captain, a mark of the great respect in which he was held. He regarded this as a huge compliment which he

repaid by becoming the Society's first official Archivist, a post he held from 1990 to 2004.

In 1985 Peter played for Cheltenham in the GL Mellin, realising his great wish to play as an Old Cheltonian against Sherborne. In the deciding match he and his partner fought back to all square on the 18th so they went down the 19th. In the words of the Society's chronicler, "Currie played a four-wood of truly Ballesteros quality, soaring over the trees and finishing five yards from the pin". Cheltenham won – in typical PTC style.

As an early recruit to the "Net Bowler Club", I can salute Peter as a fellow member, a canny left-arm spinner who could drop it on the spot; in other words my opposite in all respects. He is remembered with affection as an enthusiastic coach of the 2nd XI and other teams.

Largely at Peter's instigation, there is now an annual OSGS match against Cheltenham for the Peter Currie Plate, and he helped to start the Society's Family Day played for, yes, the Peter Currie Cup. These are silver memorials to him. To those lucky enough to know him and to those even luckier who were his pupils in their formative years, the memories shine more brightly.

This was a great man never to be forgotten: a great listener (and talker), a raconteur, a connoisseur, a polymath, great company – the ultimate civilised human being.

Richard Hardie

NEW MEMBERS

As leavers:

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J C N Kirsten (e), H C S Lane (b), O C Lee (c), M A Leefe (b), C H Mansfield (g),
W B J Martin (a), B J F Merchant (b), A M Murdoch (c), B T H Nott (c),
D Pastukhov (e), M E Railton (g), H F C Ross-Skinner (d), E A Shackle (d),
J O Shaw (f), B A Simon (c), C J Stuart-Smith (c), N G F H Tobin (e), N J Toomey
(g), D G Versloot (g), W J D Voaden (d), A J M Walker (e), E H Woodhead (g)

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CRICKET 2013

Played 11; Won 5; Lost 5; Drawn 1; Cancelled 2

Sunday April 28 v HAC, at Armoury House – cancelled, rain

Sunday May 5 v Old Wellingtonians, at Wellington - won by 10 runs
Pilgrims 236-6 (E R S Kelly 87); Old Wellingtonians 226 (B Marhunt 73)

A strong-looking Pilgrims side arrived at Wellington and were greeted by a green-tinged pitch, which the OW skipper proclaimed to be a “road”. Having agreed to bat first, the Pilgrims found the road a little bumpy and were two for two in the second over, with Lyons and Mackay-James departing on what was a sporting pitch. Kelly and Carline put on a superb partnership of 120 in the face of some decent OW pace bowling in helpful conditions. However, both were dismissed in quick succession for 87 and 46 respectively, and when Esson departed cheaply, the match was delicately balanced. Pugh and Clifton came together with a handful of overs remaining and put on 42 in 25 balls leaving the Pilgrims a commanding total of 236 for six from their 45 overs.

After an early wicket, the momentum of the game shifted squarely back to the OWs when their middle order showed the importance of batting in partnerships – and at 206 for six with a mere four an over required, we were up against it. Mackay-James, Willis and Kelly (who took two wickets in two balls) bowled tightly to stem the flow

of runs and the pressure began to tell. The OWs lost their last four wickets for 20 runs and we secured a fine victory by 10 runs.

Sunday May 19 v Marlborough Blues, at Marlborough – lost by 4 wickets
Pilgrims 235 (T S G Cooke 110); Marlborough 239-6

On a lovely sunny day, we won the toss and got off to a strong start with Olly Kelly and Cooke in good form. Sadly, Kelly was run out for 36, but Cooke was rarely troubled in a brilliant innings. Unfortunately, he received poor support, and we were all out for a total 50 short on a good wicket, with a small and quick outfield. Marlborough lost an early wicket, but this was soon absorbed by some solid partnerships from their middle order, and they reached the target with six overs to spare.

Sunday June 9 v Radley Rangers, at Radley – cancelled, rain

Sunday June 16, v Downside Wanderers, Cricketer Cup first round, at Downside – lost by 21 runs
Downside Wanderers 155; Pilgrims 134 (C Munro 4-45)

With a considerable amount of rain in the morning, the start was delayed and the game reduced to 35 overs. Charlie Esson won the toss and elected to bowl on what was a soft and slow wicket. Downside got off to a good start with the openers putting on 63 before Andy Nurton forced the break-through. At 79 for five, the Pilgrims were in the driving seat and had the momentum for the rest of the innings. Downside fought hard and their lower-order batsmen ensured that they posted a total to bowl at.

After losing Esson early, Charlie Cooke and Grainzevelles put on 36 but found scoring very difficult against some tight bowling. Their dismissals led to a small collapse. The required run rate was also rising and pressure became a major factor at 53 for five. Henry Cheal and Ed Kelly rebuilt and in particular, Kelly's 44 from 34 balls brought intensity to the innings which was much required. However, when he departed, it was going to require another good partnership to get over the line. Unfortunately, wickets continued to fall despite efforts from the lower order, and we capitulated to 134 all out. This was a very disappointing and inexplicable performance from a talented Pilgrims side.

Saturday June 29 v The School – lost by 35 runs
School 165-8; Pilgrims 130 (F S Cave 5-31)

The fields of the Glastonbury Festival were not the only destination in the West Country where one could find entertainment, but also on the glistening green of the Upper, where the Pilgrims took on a young and dynamic School XI.

Rob Rydon opened the bowling with a ferocious spell to a five-man slip cordon, and was unfortunate to only finish with one wicket, perhaps a case of the bowling being too good. The other bowlers didn't pose much of a threat, with two crucial wickets coming from excellent run-outs by James Smibert fielding at cover. The School industriously plodded along with their innings, finishing at 165. Having kept the School to a reasonable total, the Pilgrims batting was patchy. There were a few signs of getting close to the required score, but despite some help from the lower order, we were left 35 runs short – a poor batting performance.

Monday July 8 v Sherborne CC, at Sherborne - won by 58 runs

Pilgrims 327-4 (T P Atkins 153, C A R Esson 73); Sherborne CC 269-8 (R Durston 60, T Barnstable 71 not out).

Andrew Nurton won the toss and chose to bat. What followed would be one of the Club's great opening partnerships. The enforcer Tom Atkins led the way, reaching his half-century within the first 15 overs. Meanwhile, Charlie Esson was taking his time with some excellent stroke-play. Atkins raced away, surpassing three figures and choosing to retire on 153. At the other end, Esson was bowled for 73. This brought a flurry of quick wickets, with Jack Lyons, Roy Haycock and George Wayman all falling cheaply. However some late big hitting from the Taylor brothers, Fergus and Charlie, brought the Pilgrims' total to an incredible 327 from their 40 overs.

Our opening bowlers allowed the opposition to get off to a great start, and give them a sniff of catching the large total required. But our bowling started to exert some pressure, leading to Nurton picking up the key wicket of opener Durston who had made an impressive 60. He followed that up with the wicket of the day, James Francis, on loan from the Pilgrims, leg-before. In spite of some resistance, an Atkins direct-hit and a clean-bowled from Esson slowed the run-rate down, leading to victory.

Tuesday July 9 v Dorset Under-17s, at Sherborne - won by 39 runs

Pilgrims 265-4 (C A R Esson 103*, J E Scorer 76); Dorset Under-17s 226 (J Williams 59)

After a good start from Atkins and Ellwood, wickets started to fall, but Esson and Scorer created an outstanding partnership of 178 and scored quickly.

Dorset did not start too well, but then began to build a lower order partnership, before a careless run-out. Williams backed up his impressive bowling with a similar performance with the bat, hitting many a boundary and making his side's score much more respectable. Once he fell for 59, the match was all but over, and we won in the final over of the day.

Wednesday July 10 v Bryanston Butterflies, at Bryanston - lost by 7 wickets
Pilgrims 205 (T P Atkins 97); Bryanston Butterflies 209-3 (N Marshall 102 not out)

With back-to-back victories on the Upper, we hopped in the minibus, flag on board, with Coldplay booming out of the speakers. Winning the toss we batted, but too many of our batsmen were out just as they looked to be playing themselves in. The exception was Atkins, who kept his head while others were falling all around him, but unfortunately fell three runs before his century.

We desperately needed the early wicket to keep us in the match, and indeed got it, but unfortunately, this was the only thing we could shout about for some time as the Butterflies' three and four began to take the game away. The runs continued to flow for Marshall, as he hit four consecutive boundaries, and went on to reach three figures.

Thursday July 11 v Clayesmore Cormorants, at Sherborne - lost by 5 wickets
Pilgrims 216 (F E Taylor 63 not out); Clayesmore Cormorants 219-5 (A Morgan 63, G Hicks 54)

On the back of the dire performance the previous day, the Pilgrims were determined to maintain their unbeaten record at home. Losing the toss, we did not bat very well, with too many getting into double figures before playing a weak shot. Langly-Smith looked in good touch as he played some lovely strokes before being caught at leg slip of all places, three runs short of a half-century. Fergus Taylor, then played an innings that gave the Club more than a chance of winning the match by hitting a quick 63, but no one could stay with him.

Once again, we needed early wickets, but this time to no avail. But just as we thought they were getting a grip in this game, it was a case of déjà vu as numbers 3 and 4 piled on the runs, both surpassing the fifty mark before getting out. We did manage one more wicket, a run out, but it was nothing to cheer about as the Cormorants reached the target with plenty of time to spare.

Friday July 12 v Canford Cygnets, at Canford – Won by 10 wickets
Canford 91 (A M d'A Willis 4-17); Pilgrims 92-0

It is always a slight gamble how the final day of the week would go, with many Pilgrims somewhat the worse for wear after an exhausting time both on and off the field. However, this time we turned up with a real spring in our step, determined to finish in style. We bowled first, and Alex 'Bob' Willis did more than complement his nickname; in a vintage spell, he took 4 for 17. We wanted to win in emphatic style, but no one expected the damaging batting display from Langly-Smith and

McKillop, who made 48 and 37 respectively. A great display and we were home in time for the proverbial “early bath”.

Saturday and Sunday July 27-28, v Hampshire Hogs, at Warnford – drawn
Hogs 307-7 dec (C H E Gabb 131) and 178 (J Watty 50); Pilgrims 239 (H D I Clifton 94, C E S Clifton 64) and 213-8 (G A B Ellwood 84)

Those few of us who watched the two-day game at Warnford - a delightful ground in the heart of rural Hampshire - witnessed a match which demonstrated how the game of cricket, played in the right spirit, came to exemplify the best form of conduct on and off the field.

In this age of instant news, when one’s original plans for the weekend are so often changed at the last minute because something more appealing is suddenly on offer, it has become increasingly difficult to persuade people to make a commitment to a day’s cricket, let alone to a match which will take up the whole weekend - or even the whole week! Cricket is a time-consuming business and party animals, seeking instant gratification and not wanting to miss out on all that’s happening in the social whirl, are not inclined to waste their time on the cricket field.

Against the Hogs’ demanding total, the Clifton brothers made 150 runs in a thrilling partnership which began on Saturday and finished the following morning. Having bowled the Hogs out for 178, we needed 247 to win. With Ellwood batting with growing poise and conviction, it looked very much after lunch as though the Pilgrims were well on their way to victory. Then, two overs later, and with more than a hundred runs still needed, it looked very much as though they would do very well to survive. Thanks to some brave batting from the tail-enders, a draw was eventually a very satisfactory result.

It was a memorable weekend. This was cricket at its best. Proper cricket played by proper cricketers, securing for this wonderful game a reputation for the highest standards of sportsmanship.

Saturday August 31 v Eton Ramblers, at Eton - won by 2 runs
Pilgrims 277 (C A L Leach 58, G A B Ellwood 52)
Eton Ramblers 275 (F S Hartley Russell 107)

It was the last match of the season and boy did it finish with a bang. We won the toss and batted first, in absolute cracking conditions. The ‘little-and-large’ duo of George Ellwood and Tom Gibbs opened up and got us off to a great start. The middle order struggled to support the openers’ efforts, and when Ellwood was caught for 52, we looked in trouble. However, Leach provided some stability, keeping his head whilst

others fell around him. Some lower order runs pushed us towards the 280 mark, with a lot of help from the extras column.

Our opening bowlers failed to take the important first wicket, but the spinning duo of James Francis and Ashley Merritt began to make inroads into the Ramblers batting order. However, they began to build a partnership with the number 5, Hartley Russell, surpassing 50 very quickly. After a few wickets had fallen, he reached three figures with the help of some loose fielding. The Ramblers looked strong favourites at this point, but Berkeley came back into the attack and forced the centurion to hole out to Tom Gibbs at long-on. It seemed too little too late for the Pilgrims but Berkeley produced a fantastic spell trapping two batsmen in front for LBW. As the Ramblers only had 10 men, we needed one wicket off the last three overs with the Ramblers requiring seven runs. They hit a boundary, making them slight favourites, but James Francis got the crucial wicket. This will go down as one of the classics.

CRICKET FIXTURES 2014

Sun May 11 Old Wellingtonians (a); Sun May 18 Marlborough Blues (a); Sun June 8 Radley Rangers (a); Sun June 15 Old Brightonians (h)*; Sat June 28 The School; Sun July 7 T20 at Bryanston; Mon July 7 Sherborne CC (h); Tues July 8 Dorset XI (h); Weds July 10 Bryanston Butterflies (h); Thurs July 10 Clayesmore Cormorants (a); Fri July 11 Canford Cygnets (h); Sat/Sun Aug 2/3 Hampshire Hogs (a); Sat Aug 9 Harrow Wanderers (a); Sat Aug 30 Eton Ramblers (a).

* 1st round Cricketer Cup; 2nd round June 29; 3rd round July 13; Semi-finals July 27; Final Aug 17. If successful, the 2nd and 3rd rounds would be at home.

RUGBY 2013-14

After James Moubray's tireless efforts managing the Pilgrims rugby team, the reins were passed on to Jamie Snudden and Tom Carr. Once again, poor weather and the opposition unable to field teams plagued this season. Three games were played, with a spectacular finale against Downside old boys at Richmond RFC.

Saturday December 1 2013 v Royal Holloway Old Boys Won 25 – 7

The teams arrived to a cold but clear afternoon at Battersea Park and after a slow warm up in which the Pilgrims decided on the set plays to run in the game, the teams lined up for the kick-off. Royal Holloway kicked off, with the Pilgrims forwards quickly gathering the ball up and setting up a solid foundation for the backs to build an attack on.

The teams were well matched throughout the match, but the Pilgrims had the upper hand in terms of being able to finish phases, which led to a good lead. However,

when the Royal Holloway side got the ball they tended to hold on to it well, using their strong pack to batter the fringes of the breakdowns. Despite spirited defence from the Pilgrims, especially from the forwards around the rucks and mauls, the Holloway side managed to barge over for their only try of the day. The Pilgrims came back from this immediately with an incredible solo try from James Bowker after sprinting off the line from our kick-off, catching the ball and cutting an inspired line to score under the posts before the Royal Holloway pack had realised what had happened.

All in all it was a very promising performance, with the forwards coming together to produce a strong scrum and the backs linking well, even though this was the first time many had played together.

March 2 2014 v East India Club Won 36-7

Due to a particularly wet few weeks leading up to the game, we had to move the location from Battersea Park to Garratt Green. Despite the last minute change, all but one (who will remain nameless) made it to the pitch before kick-off.

After a rushed warm-up, the Pilgrims started slowly with the well drilled East India Club side putting pressure on within the Pilgrims' half. The Pilgrims managed to hold off repeated pushes for the line well and gradually got into the game with some good running rugby from the backs. Despite strong tackling from the East India Club, the Pilgrims eventually found a gap and got on the scoreboard. This trend continued after half-time with two tries from Seb Jaques, and some good attacking play. Hard running from the forwards and confident handling from the backs, despite wet and muddy conditions, ensured a steady stream of tries from Bowker, the Capels and Moubray.

Saturday April 26 2014 v Downside Won 42-15

Having won all their games so far this season, the Pilgrims went into this game feeling confident of victory but Downside should never be underestimated, a lesson learnt from previous encounters. The stage was set at Richmond RFC for a great contest. The game started evenly, especially in the forwards. A series of penalties awarded to Downside in our half eventually told with their fly half slotting one through the posts. After the kick-off the Pilgrims worked their way into the Downside half and got close to crossing the whitewash several times, only to be thwarted by giving away penalties. As the half went on, the number of infringements dropped as the players got used to playing as a team and eventually George Smibert forced his way through the Downside defence to get the Pilgrims on the scoreboard. Apart from a minor lack of concentration, letting Downside through for a try, this dominance continued with James Moubray running through to score the first of his two tries after a good phase of running rugby from the backs. Half-time followed with a score of 14 – 10 to the Pilgrims.

For the majority of the first half, the Pilgrims pack dominated with a strong set piece. Unfortunately, an injured Charlie MacClelland meant that the scrums became uncontested and we lost this advantage. This showed especially at one point in the second half where we were camped on our try line, and a series of penalties resulting in uncontested scrums to Downside meant that the Pilgrims defended for 36 phases before letting them through to take the lead. This made the Pilgrims refocus, and following this, the Downside defence started to crumble. Aided by fresh legs from the Pilgrims' sizeable bench, the Pilgrims ran in four more tries with some champagne rugby. Moubray ran in one more and released Joe Bridger for an 80-metre run down the wing to score his debut try for the Pilgrims. Alex Cattle also contributed two tries to the scoreline, one by running a fantastic line breaking several tackles, and the other by collecting an up-and-over kick from Seb Jaques. The Pilgrims scoring was completed by fly half Ben Lyons and Joe Bridger converting all tries.

The following 37 played in one or more of the matches: George Atkins, Ed Bonnell, James Bowker, Joe Bridger, Andy Bulman, Ed Capel, James Capel, Tom Carr, Jimmy Carroll, Alex Cattle, Harry Cook, Joss Edlmann, Jamie Excell, Phil Hammick, Nick Holding-Parsons, Beanie Isles, Fred Isles, Seb Jaques, Alex Kerby, Ollie Lintott, Ben Lyons, Charlie MacClelland, George Mackintosh, Freddie Mills, Charlie Minter, James Moubray, Jamie Pearmund, Henry Ritchie, Humphry Rose, George Smibert, Jamie Snudden, Matt Snudden, Jack Stratton, Charlie Whitcombe, Alex Willis, Hugh Willis and Patrick Windle.

Jamie Snudden

HOCKEY 2013-14

Sunday March 23 at Sherborne v School 1st XI Lost 1-2

A dynamic Pilgrims team, full of youth and fresh legs, took to the field under the captaincy of Beanie Isles. It didn't take long for everyone to get back to finding form with stick on ball but we shortly went 0-1 down on the stroke of half-time. With some outstanding defending from George Berthon and some creative control from Ed Bacon in the midfield, the Pilgrims drew level thanks to an acrobatic reverse hit from Jamie Excell; all was to play for with 20 minutes to go. However, a break from their centre forward resulted in a goal towards the end of the second half. Throughout the game George Berthon, Ed Bacon and George Ellwood were outstanding.

v School 6th form XI Won 6-3

With a four hour break between the two games, we came out on the field already stiff, but hungry for a victory! That reflected in our performance as we quickly went 2-0 up thanks to another goal from Jamie Excell, who seems to prefer taking onto his

reverse side and falling dramatically whilst connecting sweetly. A well-crafted short corner, finished by Ed Bacon, followed.

The 6th form struck back, but some excellent goalkeeping from Max Cosby, as he preferred to almost “penguin dive” over the ball as opposed to staying upright, kept us ahead at half-time. The second half allowed us to rack up another four goals with the opposition adding a further two. This was a great win and once again George Berthon, Ed Bacon and George Ellwood made telling contributions and were very ably supported by Jamie Excel and Max Cosby.

Will Smibert

Pilgrims Seniors v School 2nd XI Lost 1-2

An early start on a Sunday morning did not put off a hardy bunch of 70s and 80s generation Pilgrims, as we took to the Hughie Holmes Astro, fielding a side with a bigger proportion of current hockey players than in past years. This was reflected in the game, which I think surprised us all, and spectators to boot. The standard was high and competitive, and remained so throughout the match. As the two sides settled down, the general view was that the seniors had more of the play. In goal, Pete Crinks, having not played for several years, if not decades, did admirably well when called upon, which, in the main, was not that often. The defensive stalwarts, Dave Montague and Gavin Brooking, helped at times by Andy Wilson, Charlie Leach and Henry Wilkinson, kept the School attack at bay, again proving that wisdom wins over youthful vigour.

The half backs, Jonathan Powe and Justin Brooking, held control for most of the match, feeding the front men of Will Rydon and Mike Tucker. The School did well to score twice from not that many chances, but the seniors, with one in the bag, always felt that a draw or a win would be the right result. However despite some late pressure, and quite a few short corners, they ran out of time and the game was lost.

Pilgrims Seniors v School Colts and others Drawn 2-2

This game was more of a struggle, a good lunch and a big gap after the first game seemed to have a soporific effect on the players. The hockey coach, Chris Roberts, kindly stood in for Pete Crinks who had to leave after the first match, and he did an amazing job, keeping out the School time and again. We were also joined by the goal machine that is Rob Rydon, brother of Will. On fresh legs he popped two goals in. However, overall the ages began to tell, as weary legs started protesting. The School recognised that we were tiring and played the ball quickly to their front men who sped past our defence to put constant pressure on Chris, and through no fault of his inevitably the goals came. Dave, Gavin and Jonathan maintained the defensive spirit, but after Gavin went off through injury holes began to appear. However, mainly thanks to Chris Roberts, we managed a draw at 2-2, which was kind to us, as really the honours should have gone to the School.

Overall it was a fabulous day, the weather was kind, the umpires were kind (to the old folk); thank you Chris Roberts, who umpired once, and Matt Woods twice. Some good hockey was played in a competitive but fair spirit, the way proper hockey should be played. At mainly three times the age of the opposition the old Pilgrims were remarkably athletic and skilful. Thank you to the School for hosting us, thank you to Matt for organising the event, we all thoroughly enjoyed ourselves. We plan to be back next year, a yard slower, but a year wiser.

Justin Brooking

SOCCER 2013-14

The Pilgrims' hope of reversing the heavy defeat in last year's fixture was cruelly ended on a sunny Saturday with a hard fought 2-0 loss against Sherborne's finest. Going into the game with a strong squad and some rousing words from the captain Will Stebbings, the Pilgrims felt confident of coming away from the game with a result but were undone by individual errors and some questionable decisions.

After the pre match handshakes the game kicked off and, with the Pilgrims so fluid in the early stages, Stebbings must have thought he was in for a stress-free afternoon but it proved a false dawn. The Upper faithful were on their feet on 10 minutes as a long ball from the Sherborne midfield was calmly controlled by the Sherborne striker who raced through on the Pilgrims goal, dinking his finish over the keeper Tom Atkins. Clearly angered by the Pilgrim's defensive frailties, Stebbings brought on Edward Capel to add a calming presence at the back but with almost his first touch Capel's underhit pass back was pounced on by Sherborne who failed to capitalise and the finish went wide. The Pilgrims slowly but surely began to show more urgency and came close to finding a route back into the match. This opportunity came in the form of a scintillating cross from Stebbings which found Will Hamnet free at the back post but he could only guide his header inches over the bar.

With the half-time whistle blown the Pilgrims needed to show more ambition and ask harder questions of their opponents. A nervous, and increasingly scruffy, opening 25 minutes had passed in the second half before Sherborne doubled their lead. The goal befitted much of what had gone before, in that it came from an unfortunate mistake, in this case by the Pilgrims centre back Hamnet, who misjudged the bounce of the ball before the Sherborne player coolly placed the ball past a despairing Atkins in goal.

The Pilgrims did improve thereafter, in that Will Hooper imparted a certain organisation and midfield bite that had been lacking previously, but with both sides guilty of heavy tackles the referee gave a word of warning to future offenders which

led to a player being disputably sin-binned. The Pilgrims rarely threatened Sherborne's goal until they were given a lifeline by the referee. Having had an earlier appeal waved away from what seemed a clear handball, Alistair Pusinelli was upended in the box by a Sherborne centre back. It was a clear penalty, a clear denial of a goalscoring opportunity for Pusinelli who had done well to find space in the box. It was left to James Kinnersly, straight off the plane from Barcelona to try his luck from 12 yards. Betraying his confident run up Kinnersly placed his penalty too close to the Sherborne keeper who saved expertly and was quick on his feet to deny Tom Royle the follow-up.

Sherborne almost extinguished the Pilgrims' fading hope in injury time, with the Pilgrims attacking desperately for some sort of consolation; this led to a Sherborne counter attack which left Atkins in goal facing four opposition players. Atkins did splendidly in repelling the attack with two quick saves but the referee's whistle was shortly to blow confirming a second successive loss for the Pilgrims. Although the Pilgrims were left to reflect on what might have happened had chances been taken, it ended up being a great afternoon and thanks must be given to Richard Falder, the 1st XI and all the Pilgrims for playing a competitive but highly enjoyable game.

James Duncan

SQUASH 2013-14

The season kicked off with some promising results with victories at The Southbank Club against the Old Tonbridgians (8-0) and Wimbledon. This seemed to be a good omen and suggested that my ever faithful London team of Justin Gulston, James Leakey, Tom Morgan, Richard Round-Turner, Jeremy Bishop, Will Pope and myself, as well as new recruit Dominic Scaglioni, were all on good form; and ready to take on all-comers in the Londonderry Cup and hope to improve on the successes of the last two seasons by reaching the final. Unfortunately, it appears we are better unprepared and were defeated 3-2 by a surprisingly strong Winchester side.

We also played the School in March and had a resounding victory. It was great to see Toby Murray with so much enthusiasm to play, to be on court and to visit my pub after many years studying in Scotland. Unfortunately, some fresh enthusiasm also needs to be injected into School squash as this match does become easier year after year. We hope to have the usual mix of friendly and Londonderry Cup fixtures in London next year as well as the School match and also a match versus Dorchester.

Nick Lamb

TENNIS 2013

The 2013 tennis season started with Charlie Grant Peterkin's and my annual visit to St George's College for the D'Abernon Cup qualifying round. It is always quite an ominous day as we tend to meet many familiar faces and immediately know there are pairs whose full-time commitment to the sport means it will be another tough day. Once again, the familiar story, and we had to settle for mid-table mediocrity but we have definitely established a reputation for 'entertaining' tennis.

I planned to start the match against the School with a bit of inspiration by watching the Lions win the 2nd test against Australia but that was thwarted in the 76th minute by Adam Ashley-Cooper scoring in the corner to defeat us by one point and level the series. As a result, we were always destined to lose by one point to the School despite the efforts of Ed Gidney, Milo Corke, Ed Leakey, Alex Koban, Will Pope and myself. The School levelled the series 2-2 over recent years.

No pair has been entered for the D'Abernon Cup this year, so the School fixture is the only date in the tennis diary. However, if the rugby tens tournament goes ahead at an appropriate time, I intend to organise a tennis competition on the day.

On a personal note, but one that may be a good motivation to visit Sherborne once again for a Club fixture, I have just taken over The Rose and Crown in Trent. It is a glorious country pub just outside Sherborne and there can be no better clubhouse for the Pilgrims teams.

Nick Lamb

CROSS COUNTRY 2013-14

Old Shirburnian running reached a new peak in its history this year when the team won the Alumni race on Wimbledon Common for the first time. However, we also lost the greatest runner Sherborne has ever seen in Sir Chris Chataway, who sadly died on January 19 2014. He not only held a world record, but was the first winner of the BBC sports personality of the year. His memory will live on in the form of the Chataway trophy, which is awarded to the winner of the OS handicap race each year.

The 60th Public Schools 5 mile Alumni race was held on Wimbledon Common on December 14 2013. Sherborne have been entering a team for 20 years but this year, with 19 runners, we had a record entry. It was an overcast but dry day (not too cold) and the 161 runners, mostly, made their usual fast start. The 5 mile course begins fairly gently but there is a short climb onto the golf course before a long flat figure of 8 with a painful switchback at the end. It was here that Ed Raymond, who was heading for a very fast time, lost the trail at the end of the second lap. He and several other runners went walkabout, which finished up costing Ed about four minutes.

However, there was a strong group of OS behind him, who came storming through to post some excellent times. The leading OS was Ed Knudsen, who had twisted his ankle early in the race, but persevered to finish 3rd overall in an outstanding time of 26.48. Ed Pitt Ford, running a Captain's race, came in 7th in 30.06, with Theo Irvine, in his first outing, finishing 11th in 30.23. What a prospect he is. Our last scorer was Lloyd Collier, also a first timer, 13th in 30.28. We then went on to post 13 finishers in under 35 minutes. The result is determined by adding up the finishing positions of the first four runners and our total was 34, followed by Winchester with 55 and Ampleforth with 83. The other OS runners in finishing order were: Hugh Knudsen, Josh Turner, Louis Mayes, Manny Lee, Charlie Whitcombe, Will Lane, Tom Hussey, Ed Raymond, David Kirk, Paul Lane, Tim Love, Peter Dillon, Andy Morley-Smith and Angus Cater. Josh Turner won the handicap race for the Chataway Trophy.

In February we participated in the Hyde Park Relays (a student relay race event organised by Imperial College, London). Running clubs from the UK and across Europe turned up to compete. The course comprised just over five kilometres of concrete paths joined together by some sharp turns. Despite very hostile weather conditions, our runners managed to battle through courageously and finish 22nd out of 87. The team was, Tom Hole, Tom Hussey, Max Hobbs, Louis Mayes, Charlie Whitcombe and Theo Irvine.

Finally, as I hand over to the new captain, Theo Irvine, I would like to thank all those who have run over the past nine years.

Ed Pitt Ford

OLD SHIRBURNIAN GOLFING SOCIETY 2013-14

Grafton Morrish 2013

Our pairings were: Stuart Gillett and Toby Couzens; Rhys Francis and Ed Kelly; Jos Pralle and Robin Irving. Against KCS Wimbledon at Brancaster, there was a strong start from the top pair who played excellent golf and overpowered the opposition to secure a good point. The second pair played well and came up against a pair who putted well, Crowther in particular; however, good play kept them ahead and an excellent birdie at the 16th secured the winning point. The KCS bottom pair was their strongest and put there to secure a point which they duly did. The new partnership of Pralle and Irving were unable to reproduce their form from the qualifying event.

A quick lunch and we were out against a strong Oundle side. The top pair continued to play well, and some strong iron play into the wind on the outward half gave them a commanding lead which was not threatened, and an excellent two on the short 15th secured the first point. The third pair struggled against two experienced players, and

were learning fast about the vagaries of foursomes! The second match was always going to be the key and a poor first nine left Sherborne up against it; however, a spirited fight-back was typified by a wonderful pitch to the 16th by Kelly for their second birdie of the day on that hole, and a great up and down at the 17th sent the match down the last all square. Both pairs two putted for pars to mean extra holes. A tough 19th into a stiff wind resulted in both pairs hitting poor second shots, but a solid two putts left Oundle with a short putt for the half, which was missed. It was an unfortunate miss by a fine player and friendly team, but it sent us through to the Saturday morning third round at Hunstanton.

A repeat of the 2011 semi-final against Merchant Taylor's was always going to be a tough challenge for the team, however confidence was high and another glorious day left us in confident mood. The top pair struggled to repeat the good form of the day before and on four occasions didn't get up and down, resulting in being behind heading into the back nine. They remained patient and won the 17th with a scruffy 5 meaning they were 1 down on the 18th tee. The change in fortune allowed Gillett to hit a "Sunday best" down the 18th, which put pressure on the opposition who succumbed, and an excellent 9 iron to ten feet resulted in a win and halved match. A good comeback and this meant an unbeaten tournament record for this pair in 2013.

The second pair came up against good opposition who just maintained an advantage throughout, and had the rub of the green which was typified on the 17th when Francis hit a miraculous shot from the rough only to see it bounce to the left of the green, a foot further right would have resulted in the ball ending up stiff and giving a chance of a halved match. It was a great example of how you do need a bit of luck to be successful. The third pair played their best golf of the weekend and were up early, however a strong back nine from the opposition meant a loss on the 17th green.

Mellin Salver 2013

After a miserable spring and a late summer, we were treated to three days of glorious sunny weather, and the occasional light breeze came as a relief to the heat. The course at West Hill, assisted no doubt by the wet weather of earlier weeks, was in magnificent condition and the greens were fast and true but not easy to judge pace and line.

We have continued to suffer from a dearth of available golfers in their 60s, with the consequence that all of our team for the Burles Salver (over 65s) and half of the Mellin team (over 55s) are in their 70s. Moreover, for the second successive year, we were unable to field a partner for Peter Southcombe in the Millard Salver (over 75s).

We had been drawn against Cranleigh in the first rounds, and on Thursday morning we played them in the Burles Salver. In the top match Simon Brown and David Dinkeldein never really got to grips with very competent opponents and lost by 5

and 4. However, Nick Chamberlin and Mike Jerrom dominated their match, winning by 7 and 6, and were nominated to represent the team in the sudden-death decider against the Cranleigh top pair. They did well to halve the first four holes before losing at the next hole.

In the Plate in the afternoon, we were somewhat outclassed by a strong Bradfield team which had surprisingly been beaten in the first round. Having beaten us 2-0, they went on to win the Plate.

So on to the Mellin Salver against Cranleigh on the Friday morning. Our team was: Rhys Francis and Michael Farley as first pair; Nigel Whalley (making his debut in the Mellin) and Mike Falconer; with the veterans John Youngman and Mark Cannon Brookes as bottom pair and playing together for the 30th time. We lost the top two matches: Francis and Farley being unusually out of sorts, and the second pair struggling to find their best form. A tight and well-contested match at the bottom ended in a half.

In the first round of the Plate against Aldenham in the afternoon, the middle pair, who seemed to attract the strongest opposition in every round, lost again; but Francis and Farley recovered their form, and the bottom pair continued to play steadily and sealed a 2-1 victory.

In the semi-final against Haileybury on Saturday morning, the top and bottom pairs gave us a 2-1 win to face Bedford in the final. This was to be our fourth round in two days, and played on the hottest afternoon of the year so far. Perhaps our players in their 70s were beginning to feel their years, although none would admit it! The comparatively youthful top pair won by 4 and 2; and the second pair having lost, the pressure came on the old men at the bottom.

This match had been always been close, but Bedford went ahead with a birdie two at the 13th, and further ahead with two good pars at the difficult 14th and 15th; we were eventually defeated by 2 and 1.

All in all, another disappointing year without a trophy but, in recent years we have been reinforced by a new player from past Halford Hewitt ranks. This promises an increasingly competitive Mellin team in the years ahead, which will enable the veterans to play in their proper age-group!

Family Day 2013

Teddy and Suzie Bridges won the Peter Currie Cup at Woking in October with 25 stableford points. Alan and Thomas Gale were second. We started in rain which got heavier; the greens started to puddle and this made putting difficult. It was decided to play only 14 holes, hence the low number of points.

Brent Knoll 2014

Our pairings for the weekend were: Nick Aubin and Robbie Busher; Nigel Whalley and Jos Pralle; Ed Kelly and Robin Irving. As defending champions, it was essential that we were not over-confident, and this nearly happened in the first round against the Leatherjackets.

Busher proved to be too good for Geoff Clay, in spite of the latter's 50 years extra experience, and we won 4 and 3. Pralle and Whalley were looking good being 2 up at the turn, but failed to make par at the next four holes and were lucky to still be all square. Missed putts at the 16th and 17th resulted in losing 2 and 1. Kelly and Irving were two down on the 17th tee. The opposition were in the right-hand bunker and took two to get out, so we won the hole with a bogey 4. At the 18th Kelly drove long but left, and landed in a deep hollow five yards short of a big bush. The Leatherjackets had driven short and further left, but their lie looked reasonable. However, their next shot did not reach our drive and was still in the dunes. Following several more shots by both sides we won the hole with a five.

The 19th was halved in par. On the 20th Kelly hit a huge drive down the left side of the fairway so far that it reached a bunker most of us had never seen or feared. The Leatherjackets missed the green with their second shot on the right. Irving then hit a truly professional shot from the deep bunker 100 yards from the green, pitched just on the top level and spun to a halt 15 feet left of the hole. The Leatherjackets putted 20 feet past the hole and then holed this for a par 4. Kelly just missed the birdie 3 and we moved to the next hole (which was the 17th on the course). Both players went right and missed the bunkers. Leatherjackets hit a crisp pitch which stopped quickly leaving a difficult 20-footer from the edge of the green. Kelly hit a lovely chip to 8 feet and Irving holed to win the match.

Slow play and the extra holes meant we finished our match half an hour after we were due to go out again. Fortunately Epsom, our renowned adversaries, were relaxed about delaying the start. The top match played par golf and won 1 up. Aubin commented that playing with Busher he had only needed to hit the ball half as far as when he played with Whalley! Pralle and Whalley also played par golf and this was good enough for a comfortable win by 6 and 5. Meanwhile, Irving and Kelly had lost 3 and 2.

Sunday morning brought us into battle with the Army and we needed all our guns out. An early night helped the cause and Whalley and Pralle were soon 2 up and, after the usual lapse around the turn, went on to win 3 and 2. The top match missed from five feet at the 16th and from three feet for a two at the 17th. However, they were still one up going down the 18th. Busher's cracking iron rolled over the back and the Army holed from 20 feet to win the hole. It was with great relief that we then saw Irving and Kelly walking in having won by 3 and 2.

By Sunday afternoon Busher's reputation had caught up with him and the Wigorns reversed their order and we won the top match 6 and 5. Whalley and Pralle started solidly and after winning the first four holes things were looking too easy. It did not stay that way as the Wigorns pair got their game together and played some very solid golf. By the 13th we were all square and wondering what was happening. We pulled ourselves together and, one up on the 17th tee, Pralle almost holed his 3 iron, which gave us two putts from ten feet for the match and tournament. It was a great moment to win the Bowl in consecutive years, and this time we had beaten some of the best teams in the competition.

Halford Hewitt 2014

We entered the Halford Hewitt with high expectations after successfully defending the Brent Knoll Bowl two weeks earlier. The side in playing order was: Rhys Francis and Robbie Busher, the latter playing his last Hewitt before embarking on a career within the professional ranks; Peter Martin and Nick Hyde; Toby Couzens and Stuart Gillett; debuts for Robin Irving and Rob Kitchin; and a strong last pair of Clive Martin and Jos Pralle. On paper a strong side with some notable and talented golfers not selected.

We knew the first round draw against Framlingham was favourable as their rankings were not great, however, the Hewitt rarely sees weak sides put out so we were on our guard. It transpired to be a relatively easy match with the first, second and fifth pair winning by 5 and 4, 4 and 3 and 6 and 5 respectively. Irving and Kitchin were 2 up with 3 to play and were unlucky to only record a half due to the match having been decided, and Hewitt protocol encourages all matches still playing to walk in. Gillett and Couzens were all square at 16 in the same scenario. So the margin was 4-1.

A period of rest and contemplation ensued in the sunshine whilst waiting for the afternoon match against Glenalmond. We debated some changes to the order, but felt we were strongest in the way we set out in the morning match. The match was always likely to be close, and Glenalmond recognised our strength at top and bottom by putting their stronger pairs in the middle of the order. Francis and Busher (6 and 5) and Clive Martin and Pralle (5 and 4) produced comfortable wins early on which should have put the momentum with us. However, Peter Martin and Hyde were out-putted and went down at the 15th. Gillett and Couzens started poorly and were 4 down after 8, but a rally around the turn took the match all the way to the 18th where they lost 1 down. Irving and Kitchin found themselves in the pressure cooker situation and were ahead for most of the match. Unfortunately, some nervy moments down the stretch, and an untidy 18th from both pairs, saw Glenalmond edge the final hole and go through in a very tight encounter.

Another disappointing year, and we seem to lose matches we should win and unfortunately don't make a habit of winning matches we could lose! Once again a

big thank you must go to all those who made the effort to travel down to Kent to lend support. It is hugely appreciated, and it was very sad not to have Fergus Watson and Peter Currie with us this year; they will both be missed.

Reports by John Youngman, Nigel Whalley and Stuart Gillett

SCHOOL CRICKET 2013

The 1st XI finished with a mixed record, with emphatic wins over Millfield and Blundell's, and disappointing defeats along the way. Despite this, the team did reach the last 16 of a national trophy, and with a side largely made up of current lower 6th and 5th formers, the future looks bright, although Hugh Barron and David Buck will be leaving some huge boots to fill for 2014.

After a lot of hard work and effort by the boys during the cold winter months, the season was finally here. The 1st XI were all back before the start of term to make the final preparations to their season before the visit of the Free Foresters and Dauntsey's. The Free Foresters game saw David Buck score a fantastic 170, but we failed to get them out. This was then backed up with a superb win over Dauntsey's, with Buck this time scoring an impressive 158.

The National U18 T20 competition started with a tough game against a strong Canford side. Again, with Buck 41, Sale 55 and Calcott 33, we gained a place in the next round, at home to King's Taunton. They proved to be the thorn in the side of this year's XI, defeating them in the block fixture, the T20 and national U17 competitions. Although disappointing, as we pushed them close on two of the occasions, the boys competed in all three games.

After a set-back at Marlborough, the next game was the highlight of the season, a one wicket victory over Millfield. This showed that on its day, this team could compete with the best. A special mention here must go to Oliver Calcott (104) and Will Cochrane-Dyett (47). Enter Charlie Smith, a fifth former with a point to prove and the bit between his teeth. He bowled with both pace and aggression, and ripped through the middle order of Millfield, finishing with 4-38.

Just as winning can become a habit, the team found the second half of the season tough, struggling to adapt to different wickets and not always responding well when put under pressure. This can be expected of a young side, and I hope they will learn from this next season. Momentum is crucial in a jam-packed term of cricket, and this was not helped with the loss of senior players through injury.

We lost successive games to Canford and St Peter's, struggling to cope when lacking senior players whilst batting under pressure, and showing the difference in experience between the sides. A change was required, and with batters lower down the School knocking on the selectors' door, the time had come for fresh faces. With an executive decision made to promote youth and look to the future, Greg Willows, who had been scoring heavily for a lower side, was called upon to bolster the batting, whilst pace bowling all-rounder Conrad Fish also received the nod. Starting at Taunton, their presence certainly provided the team with the lift they most desperately needed. The team fought hard in tough conditions, with James Vitali finishing with 6 for 17, being well supported by Fish. A target of 168 was always going to be a good effort with a young side, and after being in trouble at 78 for 6, Willows played a master innings before eventually being out for 46. The game was lost by 2 runs as we fell agonisingly short.

Clifton sent a very experienced side, including no less than three Gloucestershire junior players, which was going to prove a challenge for the young Sherborne side. They posted what turned out to be a match-winning 312. In reply, we at least showed signs that learning had taken place, with all-rounder Fred Cave stepping up for a well-made 64. This was not enough and we were dismissed for 214.

Hugh Barron did an excellent job both on and off the field as the Captain. Unlike many other sports, the captain's role in cricket extends beyond the game itself. He was a true role model to a young Sherborne side.

Tom Flowers

Played 12; won 4; lost 7; drawn 1.

April 21: School 320-4 dec (D S Buck 170); Free Foresters 146-7; drawn.

April 27: King's Taunton 272-6; School 238; lost by 34 runs. **May 2:** School 163; Bryanston 166-7; lost by 3 wickets. **May 4:** School 311 (Buck 158); Dauntsey's 208; won by 103 runs. **May 11:** School 126; Marlborough 127-2; lost by 8 wickets.

May 18: Millfield 233 (C W J Smith 4-38); School 234-9 (O P Calcott 106); won by one wicket. **June 8:** Blundell's 275; School 278-7; won by 3 wickets. **June 15:** Canford 197; School 99; lost by 98 runs. **June 17:** St Peter's, Australia 193-8; School 125; lost by 68 runs. **June 23:** Taunton 167 (J Vitali 6-18); School 165; lost by 2 runs. **June 25:** Clifton 311-2, School 214 (F S Cave 64); lost by 97 runs.

June 29: School 165; Pilgrims 130 (Cave 5-31); won by 35 runs.

T20 under 18 and under 17 limited over competitions

Played 5; won 2; lost 3.

Under 18 - **April 28:** School 160-5 (O R T Sale 55); Canford 129-8; won by 31 runs.

June 6: King's Taunton 165-5; School 163-4; lost by 2 runs.

Under 17 - **April 30:** School 136-7; Bradfield 124-9; won by 12 runs. **May 9:** Slough Eton 80; School 72-2; lost by 8 runs. **June 13:** School 78; King's Taunton 79-3; lost by 7 wickets.

SCHOOL CRICKET FIXTURES 2014

Thur Apr 24	Sherborne CC T20	Sat June 7	Blundell's (away)
Sat Apr 26	King's Taunton (away)	Sat June 14	Canford (away)
Sun Apr 27	Free Foresters	Fri June 20	MCC
Thur May 1	Bryanston	Sat June 21	Taunton
Sat May 3	Marlborough	Mon June 23	Clifton (away)
Sun May 11	Millfield T20 (away)	Sat June 28	Sherborne Pilgrims
Sat May 17	Cheltenham		

SCHOOL RUGBY 2013-14

Played 18, Won 9, Lost 9 - points for 395, against 324
 Blundell's, won 21-6; Radley, lost 7-32; Bishop Wordsworth's, won 24-5; Prior Park, won 49-0; Millfield, lost 14-42; Cheltenham, won 17-10; Wellington College, lost 3-29; Bryanston, lost 12-22; Canford, won 34-27; Clifton, lost 17-25; King's School, Parramatta, Australia, won 26-22; King's Taunton won 24-7.

NatWest Cup

Poole Grammar, won 41-25; St Peter's, Bournemouth, won 50-0; Dauntsey's, won 17-13; Stowe, lost 7-21

Oldest four rugby playing schools tournament

St Paul's, lost 12-13; Durham, lost 8-12; Cheltenham, won 15-10

The 2013 season would be the season that would bring to an end a 39-year affiliation to Sherborne for one of its longest-serving rugby coaches, A M Davis (Mike to his friends!). I certainly count myself as being one of the privileged few who have had the opportunity to work with the great man. After a very successful season with the 2nd XV last year, I was delighted when Mike accepted my invitation to join me in coaching the 1st XV this year. For both of us the season would be a memorable one irrespective of our results. Mike's patience, humour and passion were evident throughout the year and I want to express my gratitude on behalf of the School for the years of service. I would also like to thank him for introducing me as the 1st XV coach when we lost games this year, and as his assistant when we won! Mike you will always be welcome on The Upper and I look forward to continuing our post-match discussions when you eventually get the Summer House up!

The pre-season preparations for the 2013 season were held at Sherborne where the 1st XV squad were joined by RGS High Wycombe and Cokethorpe School. After the three-day camp and some conditioned games on the Saturday the 1st XV looked forward to their first match of the season away at Blundell's. The James Harding Memorial Trophy was retained, but the performance lacked composure as the nine newly promoted Colts from 2012 looked to settle into the 1st XV shirt.

Radley at home saw the return of many old boys for the annual Pilgrims event but a monstrous Radley pack spoilt the day as our young and inexperienced front row struggled to secure any set piece ball against the two England Under-18 Radley props. The XV got off to a poor start with a series of penalties conceded at the scrums. Our defensive display lacked any real commitment, and we looked very limited in our attacking play which centred too much on the senior backs, Coulson, Homer and Galloway. This was perhaps an indication that the lower 6th players were going to need time to settle in.

Against Bishop's poor discipline at the break-down allowed them an early lead but as the game went on our composure improved and some intelligent play kept the Bishop's XV pinned in their own half without a kicking game to rescue them. A comprehensive second half display secured our second win of the season. This was backed up with a comprehensive performance and victory in our annual fixture against Prior Park at the Recreation ground. Some 26 players experienced the occasion and a strong performance all-round ensured that this would be a memory that would stick with the players for many a year.

The XV travelled to Millfield in confident mood after the Prior Park victory, but a lack of belief was evident throughout the warm-up and a poor start gifted Millfield two early scores. With a well worked try right on the half-time whistle, Sherborne were certainly in the game down 21-14. Some stern words were had in the dressing room and a resurgent XV took to the field dominating play for the first 10 minutes of the second half. A series of penalties almost resulted in a try but the referee deemed we had made a double movement as we scored a try. The Millfield intent was evident as they reacted much quicker to the decision, and after some quick hands ran a try in from deep in their own half to take the game away from Sherborne. In an attempt to finish the game on a positive note, our attempts to run the ball from deep in the final minute of play led to an interception try to add to the misery of the day!

A time for reflection was very much needed and some home truths were spelt out in the meeting which followed the Millfield game. Belief is something that needs to come from within, and there are some boys in the Sherborne family who have this in abundance against some of the teams we play on our circuit, but not when it comes to the big occasion. There is a real need for a change in culture from our sportsmen

and hard work is an essential requirement if we are to join the very top table of rugby playing schools.

The home fixture against Cheltenham saw one of our best defensive displays of the season. The game was a tight affair from the start but the Sherborne pack achieved the ascendancy, and some intelligent play from our backs gave us an early lead. The second half contest was certainly edging Cheltenham's way as they battered the Sherborne line for the later stages of the game attempting to get back onto even terms, however the XV held out to secure the win. The magnitude of this win was quickly realised as Cheltenham defeated Radley four days after this game.

Our last game of the first half of the term against Wellington College, and our first game after the break against Bryanston, once again highlighted the inexperience within the squad. In both fixtures the XV made some poor decisions or errors which were punished by the opposition. This is not to say that other teams don't make mistakes. However, by giving the XV autonomy to make decisions on the field there will always be a higher level of risk than when adopting a system that implements a rigid framework in which fewer decisions need to be made. The argument as to which method produces the better play certainly remains!

The October break allowed 22 Sherborne players to be involved in the Veterrimi IV, a competition between the four Schools with the longest rugby playing history. Since its inauguration in 2010 there had always been some discussion as to who had claims to be included, but Rugby's withdrawal from the 2013 competition allowed St Paul's to join Sherborne, Cheltenham and Durham. The event was a huge success with Durham winning the A J Dingle trophy after a series of tight games with many being decided by less than a score. The 2015 event will be hosted by Cheltenham.

Against Canford the Sherborne young pack (including six lower 6th players), really stepped up and produced a display which showed set-piece dominance and control. The driving maul was instrumental in this victory and the confidence which came from it would be evident through to the end of the season.

After a late arrival at Clifton, the XV lost out in a narrow affair with the Clifton defence winning the day. Certainly the 15 minutes of preparation time impacted on the start but the XV were resilient and came back twice after two early Clifton scores suggested the match might become very one sided.

The visit of King's School, Parramatta enabled some of our players to experience southern hemisphere rugby at its best. King's arrived following a victory at Truro. The mid-week game was a thrilling event with King's dominating the first half 22-0 but a strengthened Sherborne XV came out after the break and in one of the last plays scored a full length of the field try to steal the game 26-22.

The final game of the season, and the last one for Mike Davis, was a fantastic day. A pre-match luncheon saw many of last year's XV return with parents to present the Edwards family (Tom Edwards, a 2012), with a bench in memory of Tom's father, Dr Jim Edwards, a regular on the Sherborne touchlines. The bench will reside in Jim's favourite viewing spot on the Upper. Following the presentation, the XV gave Mike a guard of honour as he took to the Upper for his last home game in charge of the 1st XV. The team ensured that he received the send-off he deserved and put in a fantastic performance against King's Taunton to win comfortably.

The newly labelled NatWest Cup Competition started with two early victories against Poole Grammar School and St Peter's, Bournemouth. The home tie against Dauntsey's was a typical local derby with Dauntsey's throwing the proverbial kitchen sink at the XV but a composed performance and a late score saw us through to the next round and an away tie against Stowe.

The visit to Stowe on the penultimate day of a long Michaelmas Term would prove to be one step too far. The Stowe XV boasted a huge pack which throughout the game provided them with the platform to play off. An early score from their England Under-18 centre was cancelled out but a dubious try was awarded to Stowe after a series of pick and drives to send them in 12-7 up at half-time. The second half was a real contrast of styles. Sherborne playing their running game constantly came up against a resilient and effective Stowe defence that soaked up wave after wave of attacks before clearing their lines with an effective kicking game. Two break-away tries in the second half saw the home team, now supported by the entire School, go through. The season had ended with the win/loss ratio balanced out at 50/50.

On the representative front: Richard Galloway and Will Homer gained selection for England Under-18. Ed Coulson, Jake Guildford and Charlie Smith all represented Bath Under-18 Academy in the Academy league and, following this, Will Homer was offered a full time playing contract with Bath for the 2014-15 season. Ed Coulson is currently being assessed for contracts with other professional clubs and Richard Galloway will have a decision to make between a possible professional contract and starting a medical degree.

In the junior teams there have been representative honours for Dorset and Wilts at Under-14 and Under-15 age groups, and Fergus Hamilton has represented the South West in the Under-16 Divisional Festival.

The School played more than 190 matches this year including all the County Cup fixtures at Under-14 and Under-16. The win/loss ratio sits at 50% which suggests that the fixture list we currently play is at the correct level. I would very much hope to see this ratio improve to 60% wins over the next couple of years but what the

statistics do not show is that there are nearly 400 boys playing competitive rugby in the Michaelmas Term, a number that very few schools in the country can boast!

We played 25 sevens matches, winning 20 and losing 5. We won the Plate competition at Colston's and Worth; and qualified for the finals of the Open Competition at Rosslyn Park as one of only nine previous finalists, losing in the quarter-final pool competition to Millfield (2014 winners) and Wellington College.

With much of the sevens season being a wash out, the 1st VII only had two tournaments to prepare for the Rosslyn Park national event and their inaugural entry into the Open based on the request of the competition organisers who were striving to make the Open, the premier competition as opposed to the Festival which was being advertised as a "developing schools competition". Our performance at Colston's showed us at our very best in a memorable encounter against Kingswood and our worst as we lost to Truro in the group stages. Our group defeat put us into the Plate competition semi-final where we defeated King's Bruton and then went on to beat the hosts in the final. The Worth 7s provided us with the opportunity to field two squads, but with two narrow defeats in the pool stages and a broken leg for Richard Galloway, the Plate victory was very much over shadowed. The 2nd VII performed well, narrowly losing to Christ's Hospital 1st VII in the semi-final (despite the competition being for 2nd VIIs!).

The Rosslyn Park national 7s draw pitched us against America's Under-18 7s (draw 7-7), Bishop Burton College (won 12-7), Gwent College (won 24-0) and Los Angeles Public Schools (won 44-0). After making it through a tough group the play-off on day two against Pocklington would determine our progression either into the Cup or the Plate.

The Under-16s performed well at Canford and travelled to the Nationals in a positive mood. The early group games produced two wins, one draw but a defeat by Cwmtawe School, who proved to be too big and strong, ended the squad's hopes of qualification.

Having had a number of weeks to reflect on our XV's season it continues to be the case that there is still a great deal to do at the School to take our rugby forward. The culture within the School still needs to change. I do not feel that we have yet established the correct attitude to being the very best we can be. This not only requires a great deal of inner belief, but also a lot of commitment and organisation to ensure that the right amount of time is afforded to each aspect of the School life here at Sherborne. There is no doubt that we have a great deal to be proud of at the School when it comes to rugby, but I firmly believe that there is the capacity for us to achieve more than our current efforts.

David Muckalt

SCHOOL RUGBY FIXTURES 2014

The provisional 1st XV fixtures for 2014 are: September 6 Blundell's (h); September 13 Radley (a); September 18 Millfield (a); September 27 Bishop Wordsworth's (a); October 4 Marlborough (h); October 11 Cheltenham (a); October 18 Wellington (a); November 1 St Paul's (a) – half term fixture for the inaugural Mike Davis Cup; November 8 Bryanston (a); November 15 Canford (h); November 29 Clifton (h); December 6 King's Taunton (a).

Please check on the School website for the latest information.

SCHOOL HOCKEY 2014

Played 16; Won 10; Drawn 2; Lost 4.

Exeter lost 0-5; King's Taunton lost 1-2; Taunton lost 1-4; Dauntsey's drawn 1-1; Wellington School won 9-0; King's Taunton won 4-3; Bryanston won 6-3; Canford won 3-2; Gillingham won 8-0; Canford won 2-1; Cheltenham won 4-0; Bloxham won 4-1; Clifton won 3-1; King Edward's Southampton drawn 3-3; Millfield lost 1-3; Pilgrims won 2-1

The 1st XI started their season with pre-season training at University of Exeter getting off to a shaky start against Exeter School losing 0-5. The boys worked extremely hard in training as well as attending additional strength and conditioning sessions, but positive results were hard to come by losing to King's Taunton (1-2) in the first round of the cup and Taunton (1-4) in the first league game. However, after a hard-fought draw against Dauntsey's, this proved things were about to change.

With intense training sessions most days of the week, backed up with a structured strength and conditioning and flexibility programme along with applying tactical changes with regards to pressing and counter attacking, Sherborne started to adapt their play to great effect. This was evident against Wellington School in the plate game, with the side romping to a 9-0 victory. Further league victories against King's Taunton (4-3), Bryanston (6-3) and with an extremely impressive hard fought victory over a confident Canford (3-2), we went on to complete a ten match undefeated run.

The Canford victory gave the boys real belief as they entered the County Cup, and swiftly brushed aside Gillingham 8-0 in the semi-final with lethal finishing from Jack Humphrey, James Dickins and Hugo Howarth. This emphatic scoreline secured a place in the final again against Canford. This was a very intense encounter and our

defence proved to be very well organised, and with only minutes on the clock we secured a 1-0 victory, lifting the Dorset Cup for the first time since 2009.

The National Plate campaign continued and Sherborne secured a place in the next round by comfortably brushing off Cheltenham with a 4-0 victory. An away tie to a very well organised Bloxham was next on the agenda with the score 1-1 at half-time; changes were made and Freddie Lillington-Price made a dramatic impact scoring two goals from close range and, with a further goal added in the later stages, Sherborne progressed to the last 16 of the National Plate.

The final game of the season was against Millfield, and victory would secure a place in the last eight of the National Plate; however, the game didn't quite go to plan and we ended with a 1-3 loss.

Despite this result, the 1st XI had a fantastic season and credit must go to all the boys who have trained and competed on behalf of the side. Real effort and a professional approach in all meetings, training sessions and fixtures has ensured a solid foundation, and a platform has been set for forthcoming hockey seasons at the School. With a joint Colts and senior tour to Spain for pre-season 2015, hockey at Sherborne will continue to prosper.

Special mentions must go to Jack Humphrey (players' player of the season), Henry Ormrod (player of the season) and Hugo Parsons (most improved player). Furthermore, Henry Field, Hugh Williams and Jonnie Massey must be credited for their progression within England Hockey's Single System. They will be attending junior regional performance camps during the summer.

Elsewhere, the Mini colts and the Colts progressed through their County round competitions, qualifying for the preliminary rounds of the regional tournament. Unfortunately, the Colts side were knocked out, but the Mini-colts continued their campaign after beating Millfield in a hard fought 1-0 victory in the final. This ensured their place in the regional finals where they were unfortunately knocked out by a well drilled Bishop's Stortford side; but nevertheless this is the furthest a Sherborne side has progressed in the National Cup for a number of years. Mentions must be made of the Junior Colts B's for an unbeaten season, and to the 2nd XI's transformational second half of the season. The 3rd XI had a particularly strong season too, winning or drawing 80% of their matches.

Matt Woods and Chris Roberts

**SHERBORNE PILGRIMS CLUB
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31 2014**

General Fund	2014		2013	
	£	£	£	£
<i>Income:</i>				
Subscriptions	3,623		5,648	
Donations	1,762		1,801	
Bank interest	636		-	
		6,021		7,449
<i>Expenditure:</i>				
Audit	100		100	
Booklet and website	701		674	
Corporation tax	-		97	
Cricket	1,672		1,913	
Cross country	180		48	
Hockey	200		-	
Rugby	2,937		2,000	
Soccer	210		-	
Squash	120		79	
Tennis	30		30	
		(6,150)		(4,941)
(Deficit) / Surplus for the year		(129)		2,508
General Fund at April 1		42,007		39,499
(Deficit) / Surplus for the year		(129)		2,508
General Fund at March 31		41,878		42,007

BALANCE SHEET AT MARCH 31 2014

	2014	2013
	£	£
Cash at bank	*41,878	42,007
Represented by:		
General Fund	41,878	42,007

*£36,000 was invested in a Nationwide 2.25% Bond in April 2013 and matures on April 16th 2016.

I have examined the books and papers of the Sherborne Pilgrims Club presented to me and report that the attached Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended March 31 2014 and Balance Sheet at that date are in accordance with this information.
J D V Wheatley, 12 Blatchington Road, Tunbridge Wells TN2 5EG April 16th 2014

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RULES

1. The Club shall be called “The Sherborne Pilgrims”.
2. All OS who are members of the OS Society shall be entitled to apply for membership. Members of staff who are members of the OS Society may be invited to become an honorary member.
3. With the exception of honorary members, who shall pay no subscription, all new members shall pay a life subscription, which shall be determined by the Committee.
4. The objectives of the Club are to promote and encourage all forms of OS sport, and to keep members in touch with one another and with the School. It is the responsibility of any person playing for the Club in any sport to have in place adequate public liability insurance cover.
5. The Officers of the Club shall be the President, who shall hold office for three years, two Vice-Presidents, the immediate Past President, three Trustees, the Honorary Treasurer and an Honorary Secretary, if appointed.
6. The Committee shall be the Officers of the Club; two representatives from the School staff, up to 18 ordinary members, and such others as may be co-opted. A co-opted member shall be subject to annual re-appointment.
7. Ordinary members of the Committee shall retire after three years’ service, but are eligible for re-election.
8. The Club bank shall be the Sherborne branch of the NatWest Bank.
9. All investments shall be held in the name of a regulated nominee company, or in the names of the Trustees.
10. The financial year-end shall be March 31st and an AGM must be held by the end of the calendar year. An income and expenditure account, together with a balance sheet, shall be produced for approval at the AGM.
11. A Committee meeting shall be properly convened on two weeks’ notice and be quorate with five or more members present.
12. In exceptional circumstances the Committee shall have the right to refuse an application for membership.

