

The 16 Club Connexion April 2004

The newsletter for returning members of the 16 Club



NEW ACTING RMO – ANDREW HOLDSWORTH SPEAKS

“ As some of you may know I have recently become **acting RMO** to help organise the summer meal and Peter Allison’s Summer Bash. The position of

RMO will be discussed further at the AGM. Firstly, I must thank **Richard Jopling** for temporarily taking on this role and then, believing that I could do the job as well as he and **Chris Darnell** have, passing it on to me. I promise I will do my best. I must also thank **Rob** for his help with this position within the Club. For those who are not sure who I am I graduated last year after 4 marvellous years in Lampeter and two and a half years with the College 16’s. I now work and live in Hampshire but still have close ties with the University and wish for these to continue.

THE COLLEGE 16’S

Myself and **John ‘Posh’ Harris** were invited by **Charlie Notton** (the current Chairman) to join the College 16’s for their February dinner, which was something a little different. The meal was held at the **Kings Head** which, once again, closed off the back dinning room for our use and supplied with splendid service and food of a high standard. Most importantly the new **Vice Chancellor of the University, Robert Pearce**, joined us for the dinner, we believe for the first time in many years *or ever*, his company was most enjoyed and he ours. We can only hope that this brings the Club and the College closer and I expect it will as the Vice Chancellor had a wonderful time and was very positive towards us and the club and showed great interest. The second reason the meal was slightly different was that it was a **Ladies Night!** This was partly due to the fact that the only evening Vice Chancellor had free was **Valentines night** and so it was. **Two Ladies** joined us for the night and seemed to enjoy themselves and although not all the normal regalia happened due to Ladies being present it was certainly an enjoyable evening.

RETURNERS WEEKEND

Returners Weekend is being organised by **Rob** and **myself** and promises to be a truly wonderful weekend. A meal is to be held on Friday the 4th June 2004 in Old Hall (@7.30pm) with the AGM preceding it along with sherry (@6pm). On Saturday there will be a memorial party for Peter, as he wished, as this will be going on in the afternoon under a Marquee, with hopefully a live band. The day will include music, food and drink along with the scattering of Peter’s ashes in the Dulais. Saturday will be a day not only for the College 16’s and the Returners but for many other guests as well. I hope to see you all there.

Gaudeamus

Andrew Holdsworth ”.

GUEST EDITOR SPEAKS OUT

I must thank **Andrew** for asking me to edit this issue of “The Club Connexion”. My lack of expertise in this field will be obvious to those of you used to the more polished editorial skills of **Richard Jopling** or **Chris Darnell**, however, *we must get this issue out in time for the Annual Returners Dinner and AGM.*

As numerous soccer managers have said down the years, after watching all sorts of games:

“We got a result!”.

Rob Rosset - “Semper in excreta sumus .”

CONTACT ME STRAIGHTAWAY IF YOU CAN
COME TO THE RETURNERS DINNER ON
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THE LATE PETER ALLISON

An invitation to the Summer party to celebrate **Peter's** life is included with this newsletter. We will remember **Peter's** immense contribution to the 16 Club on that day and everybody should try hard to attend this event which takes place the day after the Returners Dinner.

For those he may not know, **Peter** died on Sunday February 22nd 2004 after a long illness.

In his will **Peter** has left £25,000 to the 16 Club to ensure its survival. We need to address the issue of how this money can be invested, just *another reason* for attending the AGM, the Returners Dinner and the Summer party.

Helena and **John Ronska** sent a condolences card to "All at the 16 Club SDUC Lampeter", which **Richard Jopling** received and passed on to me. I quote

Helena's enclosed letter in full, dated March 3rd 2004:

"Dear Richard,

I had your address from Matthew Scott and I really did not know exactly who to contact regarding sending our sympathy of the late Mr Peter Allison to the 16 Club.

As you are aware, he was highly respected by us in Lampeter and especially by the "RONSKA" family.

We have known most of you from the 60's and we had happy times at the "Plough". (*Editor's note: Amen*).

I would very much appreciate if you could send our condolences to all at the 16 Club.

It's a shame to lose such a talented person so young.

God Bless him and may he rest in peace.

I hope you and your family are all well. At the moment Dad is in hospital suffering with heart and chest problems, apart from that he is quite active for 85! I thank you again for passing on our condolences to the 16 Club. All the best, Helena."

Of course, **all Helena's** family have been invited to the Summer party for Peter.

TREAT FOR RETURNERS AT FORMER LONDON BANK

Our last RMO **Chris Darnell** organised a splendid Returners Dinner at 'The Bank Aldwych' in Central London on Saturday 18th October 2003. He was ably assisted by the indispensable Keeper of the Electronic Abacus – **Stuart Tilley**. It was **Stuart** who pencilled in 'The Bank' as a likely venue, stating that it was one of the best mid-priced restaurants in London. Oh boy, did we agree with him !

A bakers' dozen of suits enjoyed this meal and did not feel inhibited by being in the main body of the restaurant, albeit at a side table. The boisterous atmosphere was sustained after the meal by a first class jokemasters contest which was won by **Mick Manson** (of course). We finished off a most memorable evening by singing songs in a local pub patronised by **Mick Manson** who works a stone's throw away in the Food Standards Agency at Holborn. It was enjoyable to meet up with younger returners like **Edward Jopling**, **Ben Haden**, **Jake Scott** and **Dan Davey**.