

Club Connexion

Spring 2007

Returners Weekend June 3rd 2006

Last years summer dinner was held in fantastic weather on the 3rd June. The day started around midday with the Returners and College 16 meeting on the grounds outside Old Building. There was croquet already set out on the lawn and the afternoon was spent playing croquet and sipping on a few drinks. A marvellous bbq was our source for lunch and food was served. The croquet, naturally, got competitive with some of the College 16 proving they didn't study all the time and displaying some awesome skills. A small game of cricket was set up and between the sports gentlemen chatted into the late afternoon. The College 16 held there annual AGM and this was shortly followed the Returners AGM before gentlemen retired to prepare themselves for dinner.



Gentlemen before dinner

Dinner was held in the private dinning room and we were all in the fine company of each other. An enjoyable evening was had with jokes told and port, snuff and cigars passed around after dinner. The outgoing chairman Elliott was encouraged to do the mysteries while the College 16 and Returners sang Gaudeamus Igitur was sung several times. Gentlemen retired to the union to indulge in a little bit of dancing and conversation with the students. After the mound the inevitable happen and members climbed the mound for some more songs. Once asked kindly by the Porters to leave the mound the some College 16 and Returners returned to where the day had started to drink a little more wine on the 16's Bench and welcome in the morning. Gentlemen slowly retired until I found just myself sitting on the 16's Bench drinking white wine at 4am, listening to bird song and admiring the beauty of Old Building.

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Returners Dinner 2nd June 2007

This years dinner will be held at the Kings Head, Lampeter on
Saturday 2nd June 2007

The College 16 will be providing activities and entertainment during the day and this will be followed by the annual AGM of the 16 Returners club. Please contact myself if you wish to attend.

College 16

Elliott Moreland has had a good year as the chair for the College club. All meals have been well attended this year and there are a lot of new potential members. 4 new members joined the club this year and were awarded ties. There are many new prospective members that will hopefully get their ties this academic year that has just started.

This academic year has seen Greg Morrison in charge and all has been going well so far. A reef was placed on the war memorial in town on Remembrance Sunday. It is good to see that the Club are keeping up good relations with the town in this way and this is being done consistently. Meals have been well attended through the year with several members now due their ties. The College 16 is in good strength at present following several years of hard work and this is continuing.

16 Polo Shirts & 16 Redentes Ties

We have received our first batch of Polo Shirts and these have been sold on to Club members and Returners. Last year some 16's had black Polo Shirts on with the 16's Club Crossed Goblets embroidered on one breast and the motto on one sleeve. They are very good Polo shirts as those whom already have one will know. If you would like a polo shirt then please let me know and we can arrange another batch to be ordered.

At the AGM last year we discussed new ties and the possibility of a Returners tie which is slightly different from Club ties. My thanks to Ali Hartwell who looked into and researched new ties for us. The ties are of a much better quality than those currently issued. The tie will have the crossed goblets on like the College Club ties but will have REDENTES embroidered underneath.

Website & Communications

Please don't forget the 16's website. Could members please ensure that if they move or change contact details please let myself or Stuart Tilley know or go on the website and change your details there. It would also be greatly appreciated if you could all let me know your email addresses if you have one.

We would like to move more towards electronic communication where possible to save the considerable amount of time it takes to post the Connexion and also enables more regular communications. Please let myself have your email address and please make me aware of any changes.

Please let us know if you move or change email
 address so we do not lose contact with you.

If you know any Returners that are not receiving
 communications please let me know.

Notes of the Annual General Meeting, 3rd June 2006

The following decisions and appointments were made at the AGM 3rd June 2006:

Returning Members Present:

Mr Steve Brangan	Mr Emyr Morris
Mr Alistair Hartwell	Mr Greg Morrison (Vice-Chair of College 16's)
Mr Max Heinrich	Mr Andy Oke
Mr Andrew Holdsworth	Mr Sean Slater
Mr Elliott Moreland (Chairman of College 16's)	

Appointments

Andrew Holdsworth – re-elected as Returning Members Officer
Robert Rosset – re-elected as Lord High Registrar
John Skinner – re-elected as Keeper of the Purse
Stuart Tilley – re-elected as Keeper of the Electronic Abacus

Peter Allison's Bequest

A discussion was held around Peter Allison's bequest. The money is in a high interest account earning around 5.5% per annum. John Skinner has been keeping a careful watch over this and this will be discussed at London dinner.

An idea was tabled by myself on behalf of Richard Jopling of a Development Fund for the university. This would consist of a board, of which a 16 Returner would hold a seat and could also involve Lampeter Alumni, Prince of Wales, and Anthony Hopkins along with representatives of the arts and industry and local business. The criteria for being on the board would be that the person has contributed a lump sum from his organisation or pocket into a pot. The purpose would be to raise a substantial amount of money for an agreed objective – new building, sport complex etc. Something that could not be achieved individually but as a collective a lot easier. The idea was discussed in depth at the AGM but concerns about the relationship between the Club and College were raised along with Peter's own feelings towards the college. Despite all having strong feelings for the College it was felt that the climate for something like this was not right but would possibly be in the future. A vote at the AGM dismissed the idea but consider that it is a good idea that should be re-visited in a couple of years.

The current club chairman, Elliot Moreland, suggested some of the money could be used to purchase some items for the club. A new ledger to record meals and events was discussed along with a new gown and some new goblets. The current gown is getting rather old and so are the goblets. The club have now purchased a new ledger and the condition of the gown and goblets will be reviewed and discussed later in the year. Elliot also suggested looking into buying a croquet set for the Club as this can be used not only on Returners weekends but also at points during the year when the 16's need time to put their books down for a bit of rest and recuperation!

The College 16 will be given £200 this academic year to help provide Port, Snuff and Cigars for club dinners. This is slightly more than last year and seems like an appropriate amount for the year. The Returners will also, as usual, pay for a wreath on Remembrance Day.

Peter's £50 Prize for first 16 to 'make love' on the 16's bench is still going. No evidence was provided at the AGM meeting and no-one claimed to have completed the task. We roll on for another year and see what happens next year.

Other Business

College 16 have taken the decision to make Greg Morrison the Chairman for the next year. As always we wish him all the best for the forthcoming year. The club have had a very good year and a lot of prospective members will be attending the meal this evening. The Club hope to recruit more next year and would like to welcome Returners to contact. It was discussed last year that the College 16 were looking to get the plaque replaced on the 16's Club Bench. Unfortunately this has not yet been possible but come Returners Weekend next year it will be replaced.

The Returners meal for next summer was discussed as being around the same weekend (beginning of June) in 2007. It would be fantastic to see if we could get a good turn out from the Returning Members. Please let the Returning Officer know if you are free the first weekend in June 2007 and I hope to start organising the weekend around the beginning of next year. It was also noted that meals can also be held wherever members wish. If you wish to organise a meal elsewhere please let me know and send the details to Stu Tilley for the website.

Ali Hartwell did a fine job getting a quote for a Redentes tie. It was suggested that we purchase some of these and sell to Returners as and when, rather than waiting for enough to sign up. We are sure they will all be sold and will hope to have a batch ready for next returners weekend. Polo shirts were also ordered and have been sold.