



Connexion

Winter 2004

Returners Weekend & Peter Allison's Summer Party

The Returners weekend was something a little different this year as both current and returning members paid their respects to the late Peter Allison. I feel the weekend would of pleased Peter as we had good food, wine and conversation on the Friday night and a 'Party' in memory of him on the Saturday with Peters ashes being 'chucked in the Dulas' as he had requested. Both the Friday and Saturday continued, in the normal glorious 16's style, to the early hours of the morning.

The turn out for the Friday night was good with approximately 30 Returning Members and Club Members attending dinner. The food was of good quality, I felt and it was nice to be in the Old Hall with it being used for what it was once intended. I believe that it is fairly rare for the hall to be used in this way in these modern times and hope that the Club can continue to use it as it is such a splendid location for an evening meal. After the food, port, cigars and snuff were passed around whilst jokes and tales were told. I believe that Stuart Blair won the joke master competition but found it hard to recall when asked the following morning. After dinner and highly enjoyable renditions of Guadeamus Igitur the rest of the wine was enjoyed by some Gentlemen along side the river whilst others 'danced' to their hearts content in the Students Union. Later the 'mound' was tackled by those still capable; a Returning Member was found sleeping at the bottom in a rather comfy looking bush and was asked to move on by the ever present Porters. A few songs were sang and cloths lost to the joy of a small but pleasurable crowd and the rest of campus before members swayed off in different directions to find somewhere to rest their heads for what was left of the night.

Again the turnout for Saturday was superb with over a hundred people for all aspects of Peter's life coming out to enjoy the glorious sunshine. I must thanks those who helped set up in the morning and those who tried but a heavy head hampered their best efforts and confined them to staring into the sky hoping and praying for pain killers. With a buffet and bar running throughout most of the event which was accompanied by a Jazz Quartet. After choice words from the Mayor and Lampeter Society, guests and club members flanked the river as Peter's ashes were scattered. Once again the day continued into night and a few stayed to finish off the tab behind the bar, which was quite a task. The drink flowed well and the Club gave drinks to fellow students in memory to Peter.

My thanks and gratitude must go to Rob for helping me organize the whole weekend and doing an awful lot of the hard work. Also his wife Maria for enduring us talking at great lengths on the phone before the event and helping us through the weekend.



Some old and new club members find time to put the glass down and pose for a photo.

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AGM

The AGM was held before the Summer Meal on the 4th June 2004. In the meeting various topics were discussed, one of the main issues was the point of Peter Allison's will. It was decided that the issue would be discussed more at the next AGM when we know more where we stand. The Lord High Registrar has been keeping on top of this with correspondence on behalf of the Club to the Solicitors.

The website was also raised at the AGM and it is important to note that Stuart Tilley is still doing a fine job with the website where email addresses of many members can now be found along with other information including up and coming events with the College 16. However the list of contacts is not exhaustive and if you know of any members that are not aware of the website or that have not given us up-to-date details please ask them to or they may miss out.

The following decisions and appointments were made at the AGM:

Andrew Holdsworth – Returning Members Officer

Robert Rosset – Lord High Registrar

John Skinner – Keeper of the Purse

Stuart Tilley – Keeper of the Electronic Abacus

Emyr Morris was elected to join the Returning Members as a natural progression of being a member of the College 16

The College Club

On a recent visit to Lampeter for Old Boys weekend I spoke to Phil Coldicott, the current Chair of the Club, who informed me what the 16's had been doing. The Club is doing well with several new prospective members attending events and proving their worth. The College 16 enjoyed a round of Pub Golf in Lampeter on the 12th October and it proved to be an excellent medium for promoting the Club within the College and amongst the local hostelrys!

The Michaelmas Term Meal was held on the 27th November at The Castle Green. They enjoyed good food and drink with 14 gentlemen attending and the normal proceedings taking place. May I wish Phil all the best in the New Year with running the College 16, I have faith that it will do very well under his watchful eye.

Forthcoming Events

I must apologies for not organising a meal during the autumn and winter months of this year. However after speaking to Rob it was thought that an event could be planned for early 2005. It was thought that maybe a meal somewhere in the regions of London or the Home Counties with the possibility of an overnight stay somewhere to save us driving home afterwards. The day could possibly involve some kind of activity. Please contact me with ideas and suggestions.

There will be a meal in the summer at Lampeter in the usual way. Planning has not yet started but again please email me with any ideas, especially what night is best and whether we could do something during the day. I remember going to a pitch a put a couple of years ago followed by a BBQ on beach during the day before the meal in the evening and another year local wine tasting was the option. Both were highly enjoyable so ideas please.

The College 16 are keeping Stuart up-to-date with events they are doing so an eye on the website if you plan to visit the Lampeter region and pop in on the College. Speak to Phil Coldicott for further details.

May I take this opportunity to wish all 16's and their families a very Happy Christmas and New Year

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Andrew Holdsworth