

Club Connexion

Autumn 2005

Sad News

It is with regret that I have to inform members that Charles McKenzie died suddenly on September 1st 2005. He was one of the earlier members circa 1974. He leaves his wife Kitty and children Jennifer and Robert. We pass on our deepest sympathies to the family.

Returners Weekend June 4th 2005

On Saturday the 4th June several 16 Redentes returned to Lampeter for a day with some of the College 16's and a meal in the Private Dining Room above the Refectory in the evening.

The Saturday started with some Returning members meeting up with College 16 midday in front of Old Building. I must confess that I was not feeling my best after myself and Ed Hart had gone to the union on Friday night for a couple of beers. It was good to see some of the College 16 and a couple of new faces there. We chatted and enjoyed some 'flamed grilled' food cooked expertly on the bbq. The AGM preceded the meal and the minutes are on the back of this Connexion. The meal was held in the Private Dining Room with Hand Carved Roast Rib of Welsh Beef with Herby Yorkshire pudding and a Roast Jus for main course which was absolutely superb. The meal was modestly attended by College 16 due to it being at the end of term but there was a good compliment of Returners. Good conversation was had and the normal quantities of wine and port consumed. Jokes were told by members in the normal fashion before Gentlemen gathered for photos and then headed to the Students Union.

After the Union members gathered at the fountain to drink some more wine which had been well stored after the meal in Morris's car boot. Ed Jopling then, just like he used to as a College 16, led by example as he jumped, fully clothed, in to the fountain and had a good soak. He was joined by some other members including posh whom stripped to this underwear, and then couldn't find his suit for a while afterwards, and joined in the fun. I seem to remember seeing a young lady in there at some point too. The rest of the night and early hours of the morning were spent on the lawns enjoying wine, conversation, fun and games and chatting to a few young ladies. The Club was well behaved with no complaints from the Porters. Wine and conversation went on well into the night with some not returning to rooms till nearly first light.



Gentlemen after dinner pause for thought after dinner.

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Returners Meal 29th October 2004

There is a table provisionally booked at Ye Olde Cheshire Cheese in Fleet Street on the 29th October 2005. Could members please let me know, by email or phone, if they can make it or not as soon as possible. The cost of the meal is approximately £20 from a set menu plus what ever we drink. I will try and do a deal this year on the port. We ate here in April and had a thoroughly enjoyable evening and the food was rather nice.

Peter's Bequest

Following the AGM John Skinner has been hard at work finding the best place for Peter's Bequest to go. It was put in a account with a higher than normal rate of interest. Once the paperwork was filled in the money was safely transferred into the account. I'd like to thank John for organising this and Rob for his part in receiving the money and dealing with the executors.

College 16

Elliott Moreland has become the chair for the College club. The Club is just about to start term and plan to recruit some new members to bolster numbers. We wish Elliott the best of luck and as with Phil last year I think Elliott will be a great asset to the College 16 and lead them very well. Elliott is going to keep me informed of when College dinners are, don't forget if you wish to dine with the College 16 they are only a phone call away.

16 Polo Shirts & 16 Redentes Ties

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. We have made enquiries with the company who made these and they can do some more if members wished for them. Price will be about £17. I need at least 12 orders and hope to have an order in at the beginning of October. I currently have 8 and hope to have at least 12 once I have spoken to the College Club members. If you would like when then please let me know ASAP.

At the AGM 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 and has come with a deal from Vista Ties. The ties are of a much better quality than those currently issued and are a darker blue / green. The tie will have the crossed goblets on like the College Club ties but will have REDENTES embroidered underneath.

Website

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. Those that have email addresses that I know work will receive a lot of information via email as sending out anything by post takes time and money, if you are not receiving emails please let me know so I can add you to my address book. The website is being kept in fine order by Stuart and it is a good place to find out what is happening with the club and the latest events. As always we are looking for members we may have lost contact with. If you know of any Returners not receiving the Connexions or communications please either put them in touch with myself or the website.

Notes of the Annual General Meeting, 4th June 2005

The following decisions and appointments were made at the AGM 4th June 2005:

Returning Members Present:

Mr Edward Jopling
Mr Richard Jopling
Mr John Harris
Mr Edward Hart

Mr Alistair Hartwell
Mr Max Heinrich
Mr Andrew Holdsworth
Mr Emyr Morris

Mr Andy Oke
Mr Ben Rogers
Mr Sean Slater
Mr Tristan Smith

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

- The main point of the AGM was to discuss Peter Allison's bequest to the club of £25,000 and how this money was to be spent. Comments and ideas from Mr Rob Rosset and Mr Mick Manson were aired at the meeting for discussion. Many ideas were put to the group and the following decisions were made by a unanimous vote.
- Peter offered a prize of £50 to the first 16 to 'make love' on the 16's bench under the tree near old building. It was decided that this would continue. Evidence must be presented to the RMO for consideration by the Returners at each AGM until the prize is won. Evidence must satisfy the Returners in order for the prize to be given and in this modern age of camera phones and the like it could prove an interesting contest.
- The money Peter left is to be put into a long term investment which is to be dealt with by John Skinner as the man in the know.
- Each year interest from the account is decided how best used at subsequent AGM. Inflation on the account will be put back into the investment. The idea being a figure is announced at the AGM for decision.
- Some of the interest will be used to fund the College 16.

The interest earned so far over and above the 25,000 will be used as follows;

- It was decided that the college club will receive £60 a term in the forthcoming academic year. This money is used at their discretion but with the idea that this money will supply Port and Cigars for the Club meals in each term. This amount will be put in the College Club account for the Chairman to use. This will continue the tradition of Peter supplying Port and cigars for the meal.
- Buy a batch of 50 ties, once supplier is decided. This will keep the club going with a strong supply with some available to Returners.
- A proportion of interest is to go towards paying for polo shirts for the College Club. It was decided that these should not be free but subsidised for the College 16. The polo shirts will be approximately £10 for college 16 and £16 for Returners.
- Other money left over from the interest accrued so far can be used to help subsidised the Returners meal in Lampeter in the summer.

Other Business

College 16 have taken the decision to make Elliott Moreland the Chairman for the next year. We wish him all the best and by the way he conducted himself at the weekend it looks like a fine decision. The club have had a good year but hope to recruit more next year. They have also discussed getting the plaque for the 16's club bench replaced.

The Returners meal for next summer was discussed as being around the same weekend (end of term) or towards the beginning of term so more of the college club could make it. I will look into college dates and try and book towards the end of this year. A meal was also discussed in or around the London area for around November time. Volunteers to help organise this meal are more than appreciated (Steve Branagan did a superb job this year), and the meal does not necessarily have to be in London. Any suggestions and volunteers please contact myself.

Ali Hartwell will look into the possibility blazers for the club, possibly in the style the college use to have for events during the day time and at meals. He is also going to investigate the possibility of silk ties from a regimental tie maker. It was agreed that the polyester ties we currently have are not that good. It was also discussed and agreed that we could darken the colour of the tie to make it more easily wearable with other shirts. The idea being new members will get the new silk ties and Returners can purchase new ties when they are available. Details will hopefully be available in the next connexion due around autumn this year. On the subject of clothing I have not had much response about polo shirts from members yet; I was hoping to get an order in at the beginning of the new academic year so it is easier for club members to pay for them (student loans being put to a fine use I feel). Discussion was also had to see if we could get 16's cufflinks engraved, if anyone has contacts in this area please let me know.