

Returners – 24th May 2008 -

The date for Returners has been set as the 24th May. The College Club are looking for ways to entertain us during the Saturday before the Returners AGM and Dinner in the evening. Please let me know if you wish to attend ASAP.

New Returner Ties

I have taken delivery of 50 Returner ties for your purchase. These pure silk ties have been produced alongside new Club ties and look superb. They are a darker, more vibrant blue than the old ones and have 'Redentes' underneath the goblets.

These are available for £10 each. If you would like one please and are not attending Returners in Lampeter please send me a cheque (payable to: *The 16 Club – Returning Members*) or cash to the address overleaf (and the address it is to be posted to). Alternatively see me in Lampeter.

College 16

The College 16 have been going well recruiting new members and potential members. They have held dinners every term with 20 members and potential members attending the Falcondale for the last dinner.

The Club bench now has a new plaque on it to replace the damaged one.

Spring Dinner 2007

Stuart Tilley organised a superb luncheon in Whatley Hall, Banbury in both. Those present were; myself, Stuart Tilley, Rob Rosset, Barley Evans, Bill Blincoe and Max Heinrich. Gentlemen discuss Club matters followed by a superb lunch including a rather delicious Eton Mess for desert. We discussed the principles of the club and also ideas on Peter's bequest. These ranged from sponsoring students to community projects to the status quo. Peter's bequest and the 16 Club Returners principles go hand in hand. It was agreed (and approved at the AGM) that the 16 Club Returners principles, in priority order, were as follows:

1. To support the 16 Club and ensure its continued existence.
2. To support the continued existence of the University of Wales, Lampeter.
3. To foster good relations between Town and Gown.

Spring Dinner 2008

Stuart once again organised Spring dinner on the 29th March at the same wonderful location. This year's event was attended by 6 Gentlemen. Lunch and service were again superb followed by discussions around the Club. There was more discussion of Peter's Bequest as we all decide how best to observe the principles of the Returners. All decisions will take place at the AGM but we welcome further thought. This delightful afternoon was rounded off with a 'swift couple' in the pub on the way to the station that enjoyably lasted until quite late!



*Gentlemen after lunch, Banbury 29th March 2008
Back Row: Barley Evans, Stuart Tilley, Rob Rosset
Front Row: Andy Holdsworth, Mick Manson, Bob Foxon*

Club Accounts

At the AGM it was agreed that the College Club would receive £80 a term out of the current account this academic year for the provisions of Port and cigars as well as helping out with dinners.

Interest goes into the account that we have Peter's Bequest in each August (the anniversary of its opening) and we received £928 (net of tax) in the year 2006/07. This year we have transferred over money from the savings account into the current account to pay for the new club ties. Some of this money will be recouped by the sale of Returner ties.

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Returners was well attended with a good number of Returners turning up for the weekend. During the day on Saturday we had a good BBQ and various activities. A croquet set was once again put to good use. It was good to be blessed with good weather for the weekend. Both the College 16 and the Returners held their AGM's before heading to the Kings Head for a fine dinner.

Over 20 gentlemen enjoy dinner with some of Returners having fun with some of the College lads. After port, cigars and snuff gentlemen made their way down to the Union to enjoy a spot of dancing and some post dinner beverages. The mound was scaled but the brave few to fill the valley with singing comparable to that of a Welsh Male Voice Choir! One of the College 16 got slightly over excited after the meal and had a small meeting with the local constabulary although not for anything too untoward!

16 Club on Facebook!

Being in touch with our more youthful side and the phenomenon of networking sites Elliott Moreland has set up a Facebook group for the club. It's a great space for talking to current members and looking at some new and old photos of the 16's. The page is also a superb way to see what the current 16's are up to and contact old 16's.

You won't be able to see it unless you are invited by one of the Administrators of the page. To get access please search for me (Andy Holdsworth) as a friend (you have to be on Facebook first) and send me a message asking me to add you to the group.

Peter's Bequest

It was thought that we could celebrate the 40th year of the club and make sure that this is a superb occasion for all. After a quick confirmation from Stuart Tilley the year would be 2011. This will take some planning but we have a few years and lots before us before then. A dinner along the lines of the Double 16 hopefully and we can try to get the meal in Old Hall.

A Small Slice of History.

The first 16's dinner was held on the 11th June 1971 at 19:30 in the Private Dining Room.

Gentlemen Present: Richard Jopling (chair), Robin Holland (Secretary), Stuart Tilley (Treasurer) Brendon Somers, Andy King, Alistair Wallace, Paul Boyle, Brian Buckhurst, Phillip Butcher Patrick McGoun, Frazer McNee Muir, David Nixon, John Shepherd, Andrew Wood, Malcolm Tomas with apologies from Alan Hughes.

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Please inform us of any address (postal or email) change so we can keep in contact with you. This can be done through the excellent website or by contacting myself or a member of the executive.

If you are aware of any members who are not in touch with us then please pass on our details to them or theirs to us. We are always on trying to get in contact with old members.