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# St. Luke's Club



David Burdett.

St Luke's College  
Exeter 1920

## Year Book 2010



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Society of ex-students of Saint Luke's College Exeter.

[Founded 1878]

President 2009' -'10 R. D. Anstis

Vice-President F. Coombs

### Past Presidents.

|                            |                    |
|----------------------------|--------------------|
| H. P. Kingsley [1972]      | D. V. Rugg [1983]  |
| A. T. Cook [1985]          | D. Burdett [1989]  |
| G. Hilditch [1990]         | W. Sheaff [1992]   |
| Dr. A.P. Derrington [1995] | F. L. Angle [1996] |
| R. D. Anstis [1998]        | G. Helmore [1999]  |
| R. Whatley [2000]          | R. Wilcox [2001]   |
| E. Champion [2003]         | F. Coombs [2005]   |
| D.Lake [2006]              | G. Helmore [1999]  |

### Committee 2008/9

All Officers and Past Presidents.

### Honorary Life Members.

K.T.Collins B.Sc., M.Ed. [Past Tutor of the College.]

H. P. Kingsley '55, W. Sheaff '42.

## St. Luke's (Exeter) Club Minutes of the A.G.M. held in Room OS 3 Smeall Building 27th June, 2009

1. **Welcome.** The President, Geoff Helmore, welcomed all present and declared the A.G.M. open at 11. 40. The following members signed the attendance roll:- Fred Coombs '48, Bob Anstis '66, Derrick Rugg '53, Dave Burdett '53, Peter Nickolls-Rawle, '73 Bob Crick, '47, T.Forber '47, Fran Angle '58. E. Champion '49, Arthur Cook '40, Geoff Helmore '42,  
2. **Apologies for Absence.** David Lake '57, R.Whatley '47, N.Branch '53, R.Harrison '49, T.Davies '64, D.Thyer '48, H.Kingsley '55, R.Nye '47, A.Beaumont '71, A.T.Robinson '60, J.Legge '70, G.Edmonson '61, K.Allen '47.

3. **Remembrance.** The following members have died since A.G.M. 2008: - David Harris'51, Last Year's President, Dave King '53, Tony Tonkin '56. Additionally:- Will Sheaff's wife, Mary, John Morrish's wife, Joy, and Freddie Smith, (staff) member of the Luncheon Club.

4. **Minutes of the A.G.M. 2008.** The Minutes having been printed in the 2009 Year Book were taken as read, were proposed by Ewart Champion and seconded by Fred Coombs and accepted unanimously.

5. **Matters arising.** There were no matters arising other than those included in the agenda that follows.

6. **Treasurer's Report.** The Treasurer, Arthur Cook gave his report as follows- The Accounts for the year 2008 are published in the Year Book. In 2009 the only transactions to date are -

- 1) The receipt of 34 (44) annual subscriptions,
- 2) 19 (18) bookings for lunches,
- 3) 4 donations amounting to £25.

When I receive the account for the Lunches it will be paid and will include 2 or 3 guests which will come from funds.

This year for the first time, the Bellman Prize will be taken from the Reserve Fund. Two payments have been made, the Secretary's expenses, £260.88 and the Treasurer's expenses of £50.90. (Nb.Sec.'s Exp.'s included the Bellman Prize, the Organist's fee and the Year Book printing.)

|                            |              |          |            |
|----------------------------|--------------|----------|------------|
| The current balances are - | General Fund | £1994.00 | up £11     |
|                            | Reserve Fund | £ 457.82 | unchanged. |
|                            | Total        | £2451.82 |            |

Looking into the future the situation is not a rosy one.

The lower number of subscriptions are not covering normal running expenses and this raises the possible necessity of raising the subscription.

If we have special efforts to raise money for particular projects we could leave the subscriptions at the present level, as the current balances will, at least for the time being, cover any minor shortages. This is providing the response to projects is successful and covers their costs.



2006, 49 subscriptions, donations £10.50. Total funds up by £105.80.  
 2007, 49 subscriptions expenses £114.00 Total funds up by £ 15.76.  
 2008, 43 subscriptions expenses £193.00 Total funds down by £236.33  
 2009, 34 subs. to date expenses £311.78 Total funds down by £ 126.78

Addendum to the report - We have three main projects in mind :-

1. The Smeall Building plaque,
2. List of Chaplains in the Chapel and
3. The National Memorial Tree.

I would suggest that we finance the first two by inviting members to subscribe as in the case of the Principals' Plaque. An estimation of cost is uncertain depending on what the membership decides. I suggest the £275 cost of the Memorial Tree is taken from existing funds. In this way we should meet our objectives without unduly reducing our funds which will eventually come to an end. Personally, I think that we must do these things before the point is reached when we will be too small a club even to think of them. It is important that we leave these mementos to remind the University and future students of the origins and history of this historic site.

Acceptance of the Treasurer's Report was duly proposed, seconded and carried together with an expression of thanks to the Treasurer.

Arising from the report - Noting the small number of subscriptions (34) paid to date, the President proposed that a vigorous drive for new members should be directed towards those students on St.Luke's Campus courses. This proposal was countered by Bob Crick who proposed that with such a low number of members the time had come for the closure of the Club. Accordingly, the President invited an open discussion of the matter amongst the members present. During the discussion the Secretary proposed that the matter should be postponed for a year in order that the Club's three unfinished projects (listed in the Treasurer's Report) should be completed. To this the meeting agreed.

7. **Secretary's Report.** The Secretary's Report had been printed in the 2009 Year Book and so was taken as read.

#### **Secretary's Correspondence and News of Members.**

David Lake and his wife are still unwell and send their good wishes.

D.Thyer is in hospital with cancer but sent good luck, best wishes and thanks to all for their companionship over the years. Both Richard Whatley and his wife are recovering their health. R.W.Harrison, unable to be present this year has booked 2010 Reunion in his diary & sends best wishes.

Philip Parkhurst wrote to say how much he had enjoyed proceedings on 18th October, 2008, and commented upon the enthusiastic and appreciative crowd. Adrian Beaumont '71, new member, will send his membership cheque to the Treasurer. He retires in 3 weeks time.

8. **Induction of the New President.** The retiring President inducted Bob Anstis (66) into the presidency, offering his congratulations and good wishes for the coming year. The new President then took the Chair.

9. **President's Address.** The President delivered his address, commenting upon the essential value of the Volunteer in today's world. (Copy of the Address will be printed in the 2010 Year Book).

#### **10. Election of officers.** The following were elected

|                      |                      |               |               |
|----------------------|----------------------|---------------|---------------|
| General Secretary,   | Fran Angle           | Treasurer,    | Arthur Cook   |
| Year Book,           | Fran Angle           | Minuting Sec. | Geoff Helmore |
| Vice-President -     | -----                |               |               |
| Committee            | All Past Presidents. |               |               |
| Examiner of Accounts | J.Perry.             |               |               |

It was suggested that a chairman be appointed if no President was elected.

This would facilitate the holding of meetings in the future and reduce the time of the AGM's. It was agreed that the Committee would consider the matter.

11. **Year Book.** The Editor thanked all contributors and apologised for the late availability of the 2009 Year Book. The cost this year was over £1 a copy, approximately twice the normal cost. The inclusion of colour photographs had caused the rise in price. The Editor asked members if they thought the inclusion of colour photographs should be repeated in subsequent issues. Members agreed that this was an editors decision depending upon the colour photographs available. The Editor reported that he thought the 'Members' List' was now fairly accurate and he hoped to include it in the 2010 Year Book.

12. **Re-union 2010.** The following was agreed - Date 26th June 2010.

The Chapel Service should continue and the new St, Luke's Chaplain, James Theodosios, should be invited to take the Service.

The present Re-union programme should continue and the lunch format to be considered by the Committee after the lunch this year had been experienced.

13. **Committee Dates.** The following provisional dates were agreed -

|                   |            |
|-------------------|------------|
| 17th October 2009 | at 10.30am |
| 30th January 2010 | at 10.30am |

14. **Any other business.** It was agreed to pay for what had been the 'Bellman Prize' out of the Club's General Funds, the Committee to decide the terms of reference etc. for the prize.

The Secretary reported he had been sent news that the Vice-Chancellor of Loughborough University has contacted several former students in their 70s and 80s on the premise that, 'On our Centenary we wish to offer Hon. Degrees to all students who helped make Loughborough Colleges great !'. He knows of four who have chosen BAs or BSc s. Many former St. Luke's men have queried why something similar was not planned for the recent 150th Anniversary of St.Luke's. The Secretary suggested that possibly this was because the Club was not involved in the organisation of the event. He has taken no action as he did not wish to prejudice any future move. However he would make further inquiries if he were asked.

The Secretary stated he would be pleased to receive any items for the 2010 News letter by the date of the January Committee Meeting.

There being no further business the President closed the Meeting at 12.45pm.



**Presidential Address 27th. June, 2009.**

The call arrived about about a week after Fran returned from holiday at the beginning of June. Whilst he had been away he had asked me to investigate prices for plaque or similar to commemorate the work of Principal Smeall to be mounted on the Smeall Building. Unsure of when he would be back I had left a message on his answer machine so that he could take any appropriate action in the short time prior to the Annual General Meeting.

His call back to me was to bring me up to date with this matter and other arrangements for today's Reunion and AGM, the Chaplain had been moved, the untenable personal reasons that had resulted in possible presidents having to withdraw and the absence of a guest speaker. By this time I was like the proverbial rabbit in the headlights. "Club rules allow for a previous President to serve again." he said, and before I knew it I had agreed. He played me beautifully. I had never thought of Fran as an angler.

He said all that was required were some well chosen words at the AGM, suggest a speaker at lunch and chair two Committee meetings when the Secretary (Fran) does most of the work.

So what shall I say in my address to my respected and venerable colleagues? I turned to Geoff Helmore for inspiration. Last year he had had to depart from the usual review of the incoming President's professional career. He outlined his sacrifices as President in terms of time, distance, petrol costs and retail therapy for his good lady.

These and many more reasons are symptomatic of volunteers that we all come across in many aspects of life today. The Year Books show how much this is in keeping with the experiences of John Legg, Derrick Rugg, Will Sheaff, Arthur Cook, Fran Angle and others.

What is expected of volunteers today? From my experiences it can be a very large commitment in terms of time and just undertaking a role. Many volunteers are expected to be professional in their approach and to undergo training to improve their expertise where necessary.

Even playing amateur sport now requires "professionalism". I recall that playing for my school old boy's side after leaving Luke's involved arriving some 30 - 45 minutes prior to Kick off select the side and then play. Training between Saturdays was optional. Today training at least once a week is mandatory and the pre-match warm up lasts for about an hour prior to kick off and is intensely physical. Now too old and decrepit to play I spent a recent week end helping to formulate a development plan, with many others, for Devon RFU.

In 1989 I was sworn in as a Justice of the Peace. There was a short induction course covering basic principles and procedures in the magistrates' courts. Judicial decision making and sentencing were

learned in the retiring room from experienced colleagues. You picked up the pronouncements by listening to the chairmen of the bench.

Today there is an intensive training programme before you even sit as a winger. If you aspire to the chair there is a three year wait before you can undertake another intensive course dealing with the many aspects of the chairman's role. Coupled with this is a triennial appraisal scheme. Add to this the training required when there are changes in the law or how miscreants are dealt with. My bench guidelines are a very hefty A4 ring binder.

I recently 'celebrated' 22 years as a school governor. This role has certainly changed and become more professional. No longer do governors simply lip service to the local authority, we have had to become more professional as a greater emphasis on governance has been passed to the community appointees, parents and teachers by the government. We have just completed a whole series of reviews on succession planning, school development plans, OFSTED, curriculum reviews and much more. All as a willing volunteer. Why? This is difficult to answer. We all have our reasons and I am sure that we could talk about them all day.

But as far as St. Luke's Club is concerned it is my way of saying thank you for providing me with the skills and opportunities and friendships to enjoy a full, varied and enjoyable life.

Thank you for listening to me.

**Bob Anstis '66, President 2009.**

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**Before giving the Treasurer's Report, Arthur made this statement:-**

**Treasurership**

**When I accepted the Office of Treasurer again last year I said it was for one year only. I wish to make it clear that I will not be available as Treasurer for the future.**

**My eyesight is fairly good for distant viewing but not for close up work. Even with glasses I find figures become blurred and difficult to read.**

**I have enjoyed my years as Treasurer but feel that the time has come to pass on the Office to someone else.**

**I shall continue to make the effort to attend the Annual General Meetings.**

**Arthur Cook.**  
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*Saint Luke's Club.*

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING  
31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER, 2009.

| INCOME.                   | General Fund   | Reserve Fund. | Britannia TOTAL. |
|---------------------------|----------------|---------------|------------------|
| Brought forward.          | 1983.32        | 457.82        | 2441.14          |
| 36 Subscriptions at £5    | 180.00         |               | 180.00           |
| Donations and interest    | 29.09          |               | 29.09            |
| 19 Meals at £16.50        | 313.50         |               | 313.50           |
|                           | <u>2963.73</u> | <u>457.82</u> | <u>2963.73</u>   |
| EXPENDITURE.              |                |               |                  |
| National Memorial Fund.   | 275.00         |               | 275.00           |
| University-- meals.       | 376.00         |               | 376.00           |
| Secretary- Expenses.      | 265.00         |               | 265.00           |
| Treasurer- Expenses.      | 50.51          |               | 50.51            |
| Balance to carry forward. | <u>1997.22</u> |               | <u>1997.22</u>   |
|                           | <u>2963.73</u> |               | <u>2963.73</u>   |

Treasurer.  
25<sup>th</sup> January, 2010.

Examiner of Accounts.  
29<sup>th</sup> January, 2010.

**The Treasurer's Report, 2009**

The total funds are down on last year by some £444. Subscriptions are down by 8, with an increase of one in the number of meals. With interest rates at low level it is not surprising that our interest is down by £43.66. No prize money has been given this year. Financially we are still solvent although we will have to consider how we are going to carry out the projects we have in mind.

**ADDENDUM, Reserve Fund.**

To the best of my knowledge the Reserve Fund was set up over 45 years ago with the object of assisting members who due to low pensions of former uncertificated teachers who had fallen on hard times. I do not remember it being used for that purpose and I feel that the original intention can be disregarded so that we virtually have one fund now that the Bellman Fund has been closed.

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23rd October 2009

Order No P1/07/2009

**Dear Mr Cook**

I refer to previous correspondence and now write to confirm that your plaque is now in place here at the Aboretum.

The plaque has been placed in the Lichfield Wood tree reference 11/343, a Scotts pine.

We look forward to your next visit and if you enquire at the Reception on arrival we will be able to confirm the exact location of the dedication.

Kind regards

Sue Elliott

Grounds Officer



**In Memory  
of former students of  
St. Luke's College, Exeter,  
who gave their lives  
in the Two Great Wars,  
in service to the Country.**



## WE WILL REMEMBER

### 1914 - 1918

|                   |      |                  |      |
|-------------------|------|------------------|------|
| ASHTON, A.E.      | 1908 | LUFF, A.         | 1904 |
| ATLAY, J.K.       | 1913 | MELLOR, J.       | 1912 |
| BARRINGER, A.J.   | 1907 | MERRIFIELD, W.   | 1912 |
| BASTABLE, W.H.    | 1913 | NICHOLLS, F.W.T. | 1909 |
| BENNETT, R.P.     | 1915 | NICHOLS, W.A.    | 1900 |
| BLACKMORE, C.H.   | 1910 | NINNIS, F.       | 1905 |
| BRISCOE, E.W.     | 1913 | PRAGNELL, A.E.   | 1907 |
| CARRINGTON, H.J.  | 1913 | PRICE, A.J.      | 1907 |
| CHALLICE, C.      | 1905 | PRIEST, H.A.     | 1916 |
| CHAMBERS, H.      | 1905 | PRUDHAM, T.P.    | 1914 |
| CHIRGWIN, J.C.    | 1910 | PITTS, H.B.      | 1911 |
| CHRISTOPHER, J.H. | 1914 | REID, G.H.S.     | 1901 |
| CORNALL, C.J.     | 1906 | SADLER, J.J.     | 1909 |
| DARK, V.          | 1909 | SANDERS, C.      | 1914 |
| DAVIS, E.         | 1909 | SMALLSHAW, W.    | 1914 |
| DEMERY, J.S.      | 1905 | SMITH, H.L.      | 1907 |
| FISHWICK, M.R.    | 1913 | SMITH, F.G.      | 1911 |
| GARNHAM, P.       | 1915 | SMITHAM, W.      | 1903 |
| HAMER, W.H.       | 1902 | STEPHENS, T.     | 1907 |
| HOBBS, R.G.       | 1905 | STONE, E.H.      | 1915 |
| HOLMAN, F.B.      | 1915 | SUMMERS, E.H.    | 1911 |
| HORNE, L.H.       | 1911 | SYMONS, A.       | 1898 |
| HORNSBY, W.       | 1908 | TALL, J.J.       | 1910 |
| HUNT, A.B.        | 1912 | TALL, W.A.       | 1915 |
| ISAAC, W.G.       | 1911 | TEAGUE, E.S.     | 1915 |
| JACKSON, E.G.     | 1910 | THOMAS, J.G.     | 1912 |
| JENKINS, A.E.     | 1903 | TREVETHICK, J.H. | 1915 |
| KEMBLE, P.J.      | 1915 | TRICK, S.        | 1916 |
| KING, H.A.        | 1902 | TUKE, W.A.B.     | 1914 |
| LAKE, W.E.R.      | 1903 | WARNE, P.E.      | 1910 |
| LEAKE, H.         | 1913 | WARREN, H.       | 1907 |
| LEAT, E.J.        | 1908 | WENT, H.G.       | 1903 |
| LEWIS, E.         | 1903 | WORNER, P.S.     | 1907 |
| LINTOTT, E.H.     | 1907 |                  |      |

### 1939 - 1945

|                 |      |                   |      |
|-----------------|------|-------------------|------|
| ADAMS, G.F.     | 1942 | PERKINS, M.T.     | 1942 |
| BATER, R.C.     | 1935 | RAWLE, F.         | 1935 |
| BAKER, J.P.     | 1941 | RICHARDSON, T.A.  | 1937 |
| BLIGHT, J.      | 1934 | ROGERS, A.C.      | 1929 |
| BOGGIS, J.W.R.  | 1940 | ROBBINS, L.A.     | 1941 |
| CLAYTON, A.S.   | 1936 | SAFFIN, E.F.      | 1943 |
| DURSTON, O.R.   | 1933 | SMITH, A.M.       | 1941 |
| FENNY, J.W.     | 1936 | STEADMAN, G.      | 1937 |
| FISHER, W.A.    | 1933 | TUCKER, L.W.A.    | 1938 |
| FROST, A.J.     | 1935 | WALLIS, T.P.      | 1941 |
| GILLMAN, R.A.   | 1932 | WEBSTER, L.A.     | 1936 |
| HALL, R.W.      | 1940 | WELBOURNE, D.H.M. | 1938 |
| KENWORTHY, J.C. | 1938 | WHITAKER, W.B.    | 1941 |
| KING, W.        | 1933 | WOELFELL, E.J.E.  | 1934 |
| NEWMAN, J.L.    | 1935 | WREN, A.D.        | 1941 |
| PAINTER, A.J.M. | 1938 | WRIGHT, R.B.      | 1938 |

## Obituaries.

### 'ROBBIE' '60

#### A.T. ROBINSON - 1920 - 2009

Family was the most important thing in Robbie's life. He was devoted to his wife, Mac, and had been married over 64 years. He was always interested in what his children, and his grandchildren did at school or outside and always gave his full encouragement.

His children and then his grandchildren well remember Sunday drives to explore Devon's beaches, or Dartmoor or Exmoor. Family holidays were spent in Wales or Scotland, or in Northumberland to visit Mac's family. Robbie was a very sociable man and took a real interest in other people. This extended well beyond his close family. As a young man he was a keen and talented road and velodrome cyclist. He might have gone on to greater things had he not come up against a cyclist called Reg Harris, who went on to become World Champion. Robbie was quite proud to be second to a world champion. He spent his 16th birthday, cycling from his home in London to Southampton to see the liner Queen Mary docking, then he cycled back again, a distance of over 83 miles each way. He played most sports and his rugby exploits led to several stays in hospital. During his RAF days he was a keen marksman with small-bore and full-bore rifles. He was a member of the RAF Hundred squad, and competed several times at Bisley.

His greatest sporting love was athletics, in particular, the 440 yards and the 880 yards. He held the RAF records for the 440 yards for some 18 months.

He played hockey for the Air Force, St Luke's College and Exeter, finally retiring in his late 40's.

In later life he took up golf and joined Honiton Golf Club and it took pretty poor weather to stop him and his golfing partners having their regular early morning round on the hilltop course.

Robbie's life was made up of two careers - the RAF and teaching.

With the onset of World War 2, he enlisted, before the start of conscription, in the Royal Air Force Regiment and saw service in the Middle East and in Eritrea and Egypt.

He was commissioned in 1947 and served in Jordan, Palestine before it became Israel, and Germany during the transition from occupying power to NATO ally. Among his duties was the organising of parades for State occasions, and training the RAF Precision Drill Squad.

He retired from the RAF in 1957 and the family settled in Exeter where his mother and sisters were living with their families. He trained at St Luke's College, qualifying as a teacher in 1960. He then taught at John Stocker Junior School, in Exeter, then was Deputy Headmaster at Bow, near Crediton and in 1970 became Headmaster at West Hill Primary School, near Ottery St Mary, where he remained until retirement in 1983. Mac joined him there and became his "Senior Mistress" which I think they both found amusing. His favourite subject was Maths and he had a very good logical brain which he liked to use and share with his grandchildren as well.



His interest in athletics didn't go away when he moved to Exeter and he was Honorary General Secretary of Exeter Harriers, from 1960 to 1964. His enthusiasm helped a small group of like-minded athletes to reinvigorate the club and arrange for the construction of the sports arena at Clifton Hill. He also qualified as an Amateur Athletics Association Coach.

In 1966 he became our Honorary General Secretary and in 1977, he became the Club's Treasurer as well. In 1987 he was elected President.

In their early 50's Robbie and Mac bought a caravan and their summers were spent travelling around Europe.

In his 80's, Robbie took an interest in computers and learnt word processing, emails and surfing the internet. He was able to download photos of their favourite gardens - Killerton and Bicton. Sadly, his last months were spent with Mac. at Adelaide Lodge, Honiton.

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*(I am grateful to Tony Robinson, his son, for masses of information which I have had to edit. Ed.)*

#### **F.T. Matthews '31**

I regret to say that Fred Matthews, our most senior member who left in 1931, died a few weeks ago at the age of 99. His first teaching post was in Rochester. He married in August 1939 and halfway through their honeymoon he was recalled to assist in evacuating the school to Hythe.

In 1940 he was the deputy head of a primary school in Margate Kent when the school was evacuated to Lichfield.

A year later he was called up into the army. He returned to Westgate primary school in Margate in 1945 and became the head teacher until he retired in 1976. He spent his retirement in Sidmouth where he often spoke of how thankful he was for his days at St. Luke's, for the changes he had seen in life. His life spanned from the sinking of Titanic to the election of Barack Obama. He often chuckled at how well the pension scheme had treated him.

#### **Dennis Thyer '48**

I first met Dennis in the Cloisters in September 1946 when I discovered we were to be room-mates along with Arthur Courtney, at Rowancroft. We stayed together, there, for the whole two years we were at St Luke's.

On leaving College, Dennis taught Maths and Science at a school in Gainsborough, Lincolnshire. Later he met Rita, a local teacher in the town. They married and moved to Cwmbran, South Wales, where Dennis became a lecturer at Caerleon College of Education. He stayed there until retirement, becoming Senior Lecturer in Maths. During that time Dennis wrote "Teaching Mathematics to Young Children" along with John Maggs, a colleague. I quote "The purpose of this book is to describe in detail the more important mathematical ideas that could be introduced to young children". The book became "quite a bible" for teaching maths in Primary Schools.

We met up most holidays for many years, along with our families. We attended reunions at Whitsuntide and after a break, in more recent times.

Dennis was most thrilled to be elected President of the Club in 2005. Dennis was very much a family man. He had quite a witty sense of humour and was always good company.

After quite a struggle with Cancer, he died in 2009. He was buried at St Kew in his native Cornwall.

Walter Harris '48.

#### **Frank Leversedge 55-57.**

Frank died on January 14th 2009.

Frank and I were proctors in Rowancroft. He played for the 2nd X1 Soccer team and I think studied English alongside Jack Priestley. Frank did a 3rd Year at Goldsmiths before taking up his first appointment at Waltham Cross Herts. Together with his wife, Peggy, from Rolle College, he answered an ad to teach in a two room school on the Prairie in Alberta. (Frank loved adventure and while on national Service he hitched through East Africa and led a scout troop to climb Mount Kilimanjaro).

After 2 years in Alberta, this led to a B.Ed in Geog. from British Columbia. Graduate work in Chicago also led to a year in the Soviet Union on a thesis related to Russian electrical power systems. This was followed by an appointment at Ohio State University, before the family settled in Victoria B.C. in 1970 where he became a lecturer at the university.

Every vacation, Frank and Peggy toured Canada and the U.S.A with their two sons. The Volkswagen camper bought in 1968 was retired in 2005!!

Despite being immersed in life and work on Vancouver Island they returned regularly to the U.K. to visit family and friends. One special visit was always to Bradninch, near Exeter, to see 'Uncle and Aunt' who looked after him as an evacuee. Later, as usual, Frank and Peggy would role up at our house unannounced.

Frank's love of football remained with him and he was a cornerstone of his 'local club'. He organised international tours for his youth teams and in 2002 coordinated the Victoria venue for the F.I.F.A under-19 Women's World Championship! It was at the local soccer club, at which Frank had just arrived, that he collapsed and could not be resuscitated and where a week later, Mike Antolin of St Luke's and Alan Rees of Loughborough were present at a great 'Celebration of Frank's Life'.

Bev Hearn, 1955-57.

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If you would like any words of remembrance included in the Year Book please forward them to me. Ed.  
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### **Will Sheaff 1922 2010.**

*(I have been given three lengthy and informative tributes to Will and I will attempt to precis them. Ed.)*

Will's roots were firmly in Cornwall. His grandfather was a coastguard boatman in Portwrinkle, his father, also a Luke's Man, was born in Craithole and Will was born in St. Dennis. The two world wars were life changing for Will. His father died from first world war injuries when he was only two years old, and he experienced blitz at St. Luke's in May 1942. He returned home still in his Home Guard uniform and nothing else to hear that his best schoolfriend had been lost in action. He became an active and often leading member of organisations that reflected his own views on war and injustice. The Order of Christian Witness, The Christian Socialist Movement, CND, the Movement for colonial Freedom/Liberation, the Fellowship of Reconciliation, the World Development Movement, and others. He was an active member of the Labour Party, served as a District and County Councillor and stood for parliament. He became an keen open air speaker like his lifelong friend Donald Soper. In 1961 he was one of the 1,500 who were arrested in Trafalgar Square in the AntiNuclear protests and was consequently absent from school on the Monday. He again demonstrated, at the age of 80 and with his wife Mary, against the invasion of Iraq, an event that caused him to leave the Labour party.

He was a friend to the fallen including former drug addicts many of whom remained firm friends. The Methodist Church was the foundation to all his work and his wife Mary was his support as he was to her.

I have pages of his and Mary's work in Zimbabwe, the Kadoma/Stevenage partnership and the Mbare/Saltash partnership. Also I have a tribute from a former pupil from Nanpean primary school Will's first appointment from St. Luke's. The Revd. Ray Trudgian recalls Will's resourcefulness by introducing them to hockey using bent sticks from the hedgerow. Their lives continued to cross socially and professionally and he pays tribute to Will's lifelong friendship. After Mary's death last year he was so fortunate to have the support of his his family in particular, his sons Mike and Rod and Mary's sister, Mona.

Will Sheaff '42.

I was glad that I visited Will that particular day in Derriford Hospital. He lay there in bed chuckling as we reminisced. He had that broad cheeky grin on his face and that is the way I shall remember him. Fran.

**We will miss them**

### **Jottings**

A message from **Ralph Harrison**:- Present circumstances make attending unlikely but will try up to the last minute. Best wishes to everyone.  
(OK by me. Fran)

**Revd. A.G.W. Grant.** I am sorry not to be able to meet the noble folk who keep the Saint Luke's Club alive and initiating things very presentable thus making disabled members proud of their membership. Considering I was ordained as a deacon in the Church of England only five years after proudly leaving Saint Luke's as a qualified schoolteacher, some could blame me for using the College as a stepping stone.

Whenever I have served our Lord Jesus Christ I have called upon and used the fine training and experience of College life in Exeter.

Many doors have been opened by the teaching qualification, not least in Central Africa where I taught in African schools and found myself used and wanted. I made many friends among those people of Zimbabwe and formerly Rhodesia. I now pray they survive!

I am now well into my 80's and the cancer that has ended my active life is treated with modern methods by our nursing staff at Saint Barnabas College Lingfield.

I use water colours paints now, looking back to what the "sketch" club in the College. I shared a room with Charlie Howard who was an artist and displayed his work everywhere especially on my bed at Nancherrow. My life style has not changed! I do sketches now rather than works of art but a habit from St Luke's is now used as therapy in my last years.

So much to be thankful for! and my English Grammar is as fluid as ever!

Yours sincerely, Gwyn Grant.

### **PHILIP PARKHURST'S EUROPEAN HOLIDAY '09**

Another year has shot by and it is time to re-read the letters and cards received last Christmas and during this year. Thank you one and all!

The eleventh annual Campervan tour began on 1st June. We crossed from Newhaven to Dieppe aboard "The Seven Sisters". I drove via the Pont Normandie and Gace to Sees for the night. Lunch on the 2nd was taken on a nostalgic return to Bouchmaine (nr. Angers) and that night was spent at Pont Neuf, La Rochelle. After a morning of sightseeing I continued south, crossing the Gironde Estuary by ferry. The 4th began with a vigorous clamber on the Dune de Pila before devouring the kilometres on the Fr/Esp autoroute/autopista to reach Miranda del Ebro. The 5th Included a disappointing visit to Zamora before wild-camping near Monfrague to be in position for visiting the natural park next morning. The 6th concluded with 2 hours in the Roam remains of Italica, near Seville. On Sunday 7th I joined



a conducted tour of the opulent Gonzalez-Byas bodega at Jerez, arriving next morning at the Casa de Paya outside Canos de Meca for a week's relaxing stay.

I nipped back to Jerez to visit the Royal School of Equestrianism (Alexandra Tolstoy devoted a programme to it in April). I also visited the Oratorio de Santa Cueva in Cadiz (That also had featured on our TV during the Haydn bicentenary series). More locally, the Cabo de Trafalgar, Brena de Barbate, Roman ruins at Bolnia, and time on the Manguela beach featured. Finally, back to Cadiz for Sunday's Corpus Christi mass in the Cathedral followed by procession through the neighbouring streets.

On the 15th I travelled via Medina Sidona and Arcos de la Frontera to wild-camp in the Sierra Nevada; resuming via Lorca to reach a site near Cartagena for a 5 night stay by the Med. There, I teamed up with Phillipe, a retired French Gvt. nuclear chemist (n.b. no physicist), touring on his powerful motorcycle.

The return to Britain began on the 21st via Murcia and the Albufera Natural Park, continuing on the 22nd to Tarragona, with the intention of using an interestingly located campsite outside Barcelona, right by the Prat de Llobregat airport perimeter and a lovely sandy beach. Unable to find the site, I settled down for the night in an out-of-the-way beach side car park only to be moved-on by police, so instead, with permission, I used a filling stations vehicle park. (The police explained that the site had been swallowed by airport expansion). On the 23rd, via Gerona to S Pere Pescador; then on the 24th via Perpignan to Lucate Plage. On the 25th I visited Narbonne, Beziers and Sir Norman Foster's Millau Viaduct; wild-camping nearby. On the 26th, after Rodez, I encountered prolonged thunderstorms, so motored on to my planned third stay at the Chateau de Leychoisier site north of Limoges. On the 27th (St Luke's Reunion Day) I camped at Olivet, outside Orleans, ready to visit on Sunday 28th. This city has reinstated its tramways. At a point where other traffic is confined to a single narrow lane, I grounded my left rear suspension on a (very) dropped curb; evidently not the first such incident! In a flash, four lusty lads grabbed that corner of the vehicle to life it clear, and with a wave of "bon chance" sent me on my way. Coming to Chartres Cathedral the same afternoon, I found an ordination service about to begin. I got a good vantage point for some video of the entrance procession and start. So the 29th saw me back on The Seven Sisters, passing its (or should that be 'their' namesake(s) just before the sun set on another very enjoyable series of experiences. Total mileage 3690.

I took friends from our USA Art Appreciation Group to an Art Fund garden party at Glynde Place. The Tate had acquired a Reubens from the Hampden family with the Fund's help. The next day I was to visit the Tate Britain, so made a point of viewing it: Sketch - Apotheosis of James I. The final work is a portion of a ceiling decoration in the Banqueting House, Whitehall. My main objective was the special exhibition devoted to Richard Long, a conceptualist who engages with the natural landscape by walking and by recording his activities and experiences. The piece that 'spoke' most strongly was from Cerne Abbas in 1975. In this case, the record comprises a black and

white photo, an annotated section of the 1 inch Ordnance map, and a collage. Suddenly I realise that what I have been doing (not professionally but in a modest way for my own amusement) with camper van, camcorder and collected artifacts is ART! I sort of knew there was a reason for never throwing anything away.

Now I'm out of space and time so other activities and involvements will have to be omitted: St Ed's Companions, HPB Companions (incl. La Gomera). USA, PPG, etc etc. but must squeeze in very happy 60th Birthday Party visit to Diane (from Calne days 1953-6) at Umberleigh on 1st November.

Two trees were planted at **Killerton Hall** in memory of **Sir Richard and Lady Anne Acland** and **Pat and Jack Goodall** and all past Killerton students who are no longer with us for a variety of reasons including, I understand, falling off a mountain. The group is led by Steve Hatton. Sadly one of their group, Neil Blewitt, who had been responsible for most of the arrangements, collapsed and died at Portsmouth Grammar School where he taught. An indication of his popularity was shown by an attendance of 1500 at his memorial service in Portsmouth Cathedral.

**Killerton Hall**, an 18th century house outside Broadclyst owned by the Acland family until 1944 when Sir Richard Acland handed it over, together with the 6,400 acre estate, to the National Trust.

In 1962 it was leased by St Luke's College as a Hall of residence, and became home to many students until it reverted to National Trust use in 1977.

At the time, Sir Richard was a senior lecturer at St Luke's. He, with Lady Anne, took over as the warden of Killerton until he retired from full time teaching at the College in 1971. The Role of warden was then taken over by Jack Goodall and his wife Pat. Jack was an RE lecturer at Luke's.

The First Day:

Like most other students, I received a pack from the College advising when and where to attend on the first day. My pack included directions to Killerton Hall. At the age of 19, and having been born and brought up in a city, it was a bit of an adventure to be directed to a "hall" 6 miles out in "the country".

The directions in the pack included: "Take the A38 towards Taunton, pass through Broadclyst, take a left turn at the sign to Hele Post Office. Past the post office and turn sharp left at the next junction. The entrance to Killerton is 150 yards down on the right hand side". The directions did not really prepare one for the sight as one drove down a narrow lane that suddenly widened by the gates to the estate. Passing through the gate one could not help but take a breath as you looked up the long winding drive to the House.

At the top of the drive there was a (noisy) cattle grid, I parked outside the main entrance. Still overwhelmed, and very nervous, it was only moments before I was surrounded by people offering to help carry my "stuff" in.



Brief introductions, a quick look at a list and I was "escorted" to "my" room. For most new students it was, dump their belongings on the bed and a whistle stop tour of the House. Depending on who was showing you around would depend on how long it took. The tour inevitably ended up in the bar.

Sir Richard, and later Jack Goodall, always lead from the front on the first day. Their tours were always quick with a very prompt arrival at the Bar!

By dinner time, most of the residents had arrived and the dinner gong was sounded. We shuffled along to the dining room where we sat on benches, eight to a table. Sir Richard and three Proctors, together with four third years were seated at the "Head Table" the rest of us finding places on other tables.

Grace was said, and dinner was brought in by Doris, and aged lady who would grumble continually about Dennis Thomas – the "Catering Manager" (for want of a better term). The food was interesting but adequate. At the end of the meal there was a brief intro chat and a note that a House Meeting would take place in the Library at 7:30. The assembled residents then dispersed to various corners of the house to continue unpacking, washing, or in many cases drinking until the gong went to remind all of the meeting.

The first house meeting was really an opportunity to inform people of the house routines, when sheets would be changed, fire evacuation procedures, times for college busses, meals, etc. It was an opportunity to invite people to sign up for sports teams. Steve Hatton.

#### **'65 Jottings.**

##### **St. Luke's Matters**

Roy Nehra '65 writes that some 15 years ago he made efforts to join the Club but his approach fell on deaf ears so he took it upon himself to contact as many of his year as he could find. Of the 50 or so, some were not interested in revisiting the past but enough were for him to continue. In 2005 he arranged a reunion and 38 took University B & B accommodation for three days and 42 attended the Banquet. Since then they have met in 2008 and 2010. Their next is in 2012. They meet on the Tuesday following Easter Monday and leave on the Friday. They have organised trips and time to themselves. Mount Radford as a convenient HQ. They eat out together on Tuesday and Wednesday but Thursday they eat in the Cloisters Refectory. Golf and city tours are also on the agenda. Perhaps there is scope for overlap in the future.

**I have just heard that Geoff Helmore is ill again!** After a knee replacement and an operation to correct ingrowing eyelashes he now has kidney problems. This was brought on by unknowingly becoming dehydrated. I have no further news.

##### **The following members signed the 2010 attendance role.**

G. Helmore'42, Ewart Champion', Fred Coombs'48, Bob Anstis'66, Derrick Rugg'53, Peter Nickols-Rawle'73, Bob Crick'47, Tom Forber'47, Fran Angle'58.

#### **Help!!**

I have received the following request from Adrian Collins about his uncle **Thomas Alan Richardson** who attended St. Luke's between 35-37

Dear Fran Re Thomas Alan Richardson 35-37

My Uncle was known by his middle name Alan (or sometimes "Sonny") and studied at St Luke's between 35-37.

He was at Crediton Grammar School and received full colours in rugby and was Captain at shooting. One of the attached photos shows him in a cricket jersey (maybe St.Luke's?). I don't know if he was a member of the Club but he probably wasn't a regular church goer. (*I cannot print the photos Ed.*)

He was extremely interested in all aspects of nature and became a wildlife photographer. Trips to Lundy taking bird photos from the mid thirties (1936?) onwards yielded shots that illustrated books and magazines. I presume, he studied biology, nature studies or the like. After leaving St Luke's he started his first teaching post at Braunton Primary School, Devon in 1937.

In Jan 1940 he joined the army and started training as a soldier with the Devonshire Regiment, initially billeted in Exmouth. He said he was there with St Luke's college friends Denzil Mortimore and Bert Ridd.

He was relocated to Essex and then in March 1942 to Egypt. In November 1942 he was attached to the 8th Battalion, Durham Light Infantry and died at the Battle of Mareth, Tunisia on 20th March 1943.

I have attached four photos that will help you to identify him. Could the group photo be at St Luke's? (*sorry, I can't print them but the group is definitely in front of Club Alley. Ed.*)

Thanks again for your kind assistance

Regards

Adrian Collins

I have taken a photo of the computer screen so the quality is not good and the flash reflection is obvious. However someone may recognise the people. Alan or 'Sonny' is directly behind the young lady. Fran.





### Register of outstanding Luke's Men.

For a while now I have been considering making a register of Luke's Men who have excelled in national and international careers not just in education but also in related areas, sports, politics, business and elsewhere. This is not intended in any way to belittle those of us who stayed in the classroom. Please send details of any our colleagues whether Club members or not. Fran.

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**Mike Steer '57-'60** wrote from Australia saying that he is still in contact with some of his year, John Per Davies, John Tidy, Terry Townsend and Nigel Tucker as well as his cousin Victor Coombes.  
Last year he was awarded the Order of Australia (MA) in the Queen's Birthday Honours and he sent this copy of the citation.

### GENERAL DIVISION OF THE ORDER OF AUSTRALIA

**Dr Michael STEER**, 3 Fairview Place, Mount Kuring-gai NSW 2080  
For service to education through the Royal Institute for Deaf and Blind Children, and to the promotion of professional standards for vision support teachers in Pacific Island countries.

Senior Lecturer in Vision Impairment, Renwick Centre, Royal Institute for Deaf and Blind Children, and the University of Newcastle, since 1996.  
New South Wales State Councillor, South Pacific Educators in Vision Impairment (SPEVI), since 1996; Editor and instrumental in establishing SPEVI's academic journal; Life Member, 2004.

Co-Editor, *International Journal of Orientation and Mobility*.

Has contributed significantly to the International Council for the Education of People with Vision Impairment (ICEVI) through development of ICEVI's Pacific Region 'Education for All Children with Vision Impairment' Plan for 2006-2010.

Has held several voluntary positions over many years with organisations serving people with disabilities, including the NSW Council for Intellectual Disability; Disability Council of NSW, 1993-1997; Australian Blindness Forum; and the Round Table on Information Access for People with Print Disabilities.

Committee Member, Australian Deafblind Council (ADBC), since 1997; Editor, *ADBC Beacon*, since 2002.

Director, NSW Office on Disability, 1992-1996.

Principal Adviser, Disability Policy and Program Direction, Department of Community Services, Victoria, 1987-1990.

Director, Policy and Program Direction, Office of Intellectual Disability Services, Victoria, 1986-1987.

Director, Integration Unit, Department of Education, Victoria, 1984-1986.

Principal Coordinator, Regional Services, Mental Retardation Division, Health Commission of Victoria, 1983-1984; Senior Consultant, Institutional Services, 1982-1983. (Not bad even for a Luke's Man. Ed. )

Here are some photos of the Tree Planting and dedication ceremony at Killerton Hall





### **CLUB RULES. (amended June 03)**

1. That this Club be named 'St. Luke's Club'.
2. That all former students and tutors of St. Luke's College, the School of Education (St.Luke's) and of the St. Luke's Campus be eligible for membership of the Club.
3. That the objects of the Club be to promote friendly and social intercourse among its members.
4. That the Officers shall consist of the President, Vice-President, Immediate past President, Treasurer, Secretary and Assistant Secretaries.
5. That the Committee shall consist of the Officers, Past Presidents, Year Secretaries. Other members to be elected at the Annual General Meeting. Five shall form a quorum. The Committee have powers to co-opt members for special purposes.
6. The Office of Vice-President shall be decided at the Annual General Meeting by a simple majority show of hands unless a ballot is requested.
7. Nominations for the Office of Vice-President shall be made to the Secretary in time for inclusion with the Notice of the AGM. In the absence of any formal nomination an Officer of the Club may make recommendation to the AGM. Such a recommendation shall be dealt with in the same manner as a nomination.
8. The Vice-President shall normally proceed to the office of President.
9. That the Annual General Meeting shall take place in Exeter each year, when a Report and Balance Sheet for the past year shall be presented.
10. That notices of motion for the AGM be forwarded to the Secretary in time for inclusion with the notice of the AGM.
11. That the annual individual subscription shall become due on the 1st. January and shall be such a sum of money as shall be recommended by the committee from time to time to the AGM and decided by a simple majority. Any change to be recommended shall be forwarded to all members prior to the AGM.
12. New Life Membership is no longer available. Existing Life Members will continue as in the past but are asked to make a voluntary contribution to cover the current higher costs of the Year Book, stationary etc.
13. That the secretary shall call a Special Meeting within 14 days of receipt of requisition from 20 members stating the object of such meeting.
14. That a Club Year Book be compiled to include relevant articles of importance and of interest.
15. That the Club provide a prize annually for 'Sports Science' annually to a student entering the St. Luke's School of Lifelong Learning. The prize to be funded by the Bellman Memorial Fund and Reserve Fund.
16. That no alteration in, or addition to, these Rules shall be made except at the Annual Meeting.

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