

# Society and Foundation NEWSLETTER

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## Message from the Headmaster, Giles Tollit

**As we end the school year, I am delighted to share with you all the good news from Horris Hill, and there is plenty of it.**

As ever, academic results have been excellent and once again all our Leavers passed to their target schools: entry to these schools is ever more competitive and our results in Scholarship, Common Entrance and Winchester Entrance papers are outstanding. As well as an academic Exhibition to Winchester, one boy was awarded a Music Exhibition and three earned Sports Scholarships. Horris Hill has always encouraged boys to develop all aspects of their potential and I am delighted that the sport is at a high level here, as well as our traditional strengths in the classroom and in the Music school. Having ex-England player Nick Compton coaching the 1st XI cricketers this season was an added boost!

I am delighted to announce that the fundraising target for the new theatre has been reached and that work has now started in its construction. By Summer 2020, Horris Hill boys, and, we very much hope, members of the local community, will be on stage in a state-of-the-art resource for this fundamental area of education.

The other big development is that in September we welcome twenty boys into the Lower School, which is for boys aged 4 to 8. Those of you who recall the Greenhill Pre-Prep will know that these year groups are not completely new to Horris Hill, but the Lower School will be boys-only and its opening represents an important evolution for the school.

I am delighted to be contributing to another Society and Foundation newsletter. The Society and Foundation clearly go from strength and I would like to take this opportunity to thank Guy Denison-Smith and Roddy Gow, Chairmen of the Society and Foundation respectively, for all their work. I would also like to thank all of you who have supported the school this year. The strength of our alumni is a vital factor in the continuing success of the school.

## Theatre Update

In July the Headmaster announced the news we all had been hoping for: the building of the Theatre would commence this summer with the expectation that it will be completed next June.

Once the school broke up for the summer holidays, the home team quickly set about moving out the DT equipment to its new home in the Old Gym, ready for Vale Southern, our contractors, to come on site. While a pity the boys were not there to witness the arrival of large lorries and diggers we are keen to get as much as possible of the heavy work done when the school is not in session. The DT department, previously the Music department before the Music school was built, being wooden and showing much wear and tear, did not take much to dismantle and we look forward to foundations being dug later this month.

As the fundraising comes to an end and the building begins it seems the right moment to take stock and briefly review the story of the Theatre project so far.

A purpose-built Theatre for Horris Hill boys and the local community was the vision of Chairman of Governors, Mrs Marina Lund,

and the Headmaster. The Appeal was launched in March 2016 and, as with all fundraising and building projects, has been quite a journey with highs and lows. Beginning with the selection of architects, Jonathan Tuckey Design, then planning permission, an appeal brochure and webpage the first two years were busy. By May 2018 due to the generosity of many including the Chairman, one of our governors, Alex Roe, the Mackay family and a wonderful Spring Ball we had raised £600,000 but it gradually became clear that costs had gone up despite a rigorous value engineering exercise by the new bursar, David Palmer, and a major gift we had relied upon disappointingly did not materialise. Value engineering continued as it became clearer that the fundraising target had to be substantially increased. To help achieve a higher target the Chairman of Governors announced the establishment of the Horris Hill Foundation, chaired by Roddy Gow (OB 1960), and the appointment of myself, Molly Tollit, the Headmaster's wife, as Director of Development; as with most previous Horris Hill fundraising this was to be an in-house affair. With this, fundraising took on a new energy, literally as well as metaphorically



with the boys and staff doing a fun-run in the torrential rain, sponsorship for which the Greenham Common Trust kindly fund-matched. With a particularly generous donation from the family of Harry Xu (OB 2019) and others, we approached £1 million and it felt like, despite the increased figure, it might be possible. To check we asked Gifted Philanthropy, an independent fundraising consultancy company, to appraise the theatre project and advise us on bursary fundraising which we hoped would follow. From their conclusion on the Theatre appeal was raising the money within the nine months we hoped would be quite a feat but possible due to the overwhelming support for the Headmaster and the school articulated by those they interviewed. In late November following the success of the dinner at the Long Gallery, Englefield, home of Richard Benyon (OB 1973) the Governors agreed a final fundraising figure of



£2.5million and it became clear that we needed to reach out as widely as possible and as quickly as possible. As you will know at Horris Hill we are not afraid of a challenge! We reviewed and republished the appeal brochure, ran 'Play your Part' events at Horris Hill to update current parents and wrote to those who had been with us since the appeal was launched to update them on the new target. Thanks to kind invitations from alumni families, the Browns and the Staffords, the Headmaster travelled to Hong Kong and New York to reconnect with our alumni based overseas and discuss the project with potential donors. Our friends at the Hong Kong event raised a remarkable £300,000, with particular thanks to the Chen, Huang and Shi families. Back in the UK, past and current parent and professional chef, Gee Cartwright, ran a cookery demonstration in aid of the appeal and, through current parent, Micki Hacking-Tabor, BNY Mellon gifted two seats on one of official boats which follow the Oxford and Cambridge boat race to go to the highest bidder. Current parents generously gave to a raffle and bought tickets which was pulled at a drinks at Woolton House, courtesy of Rosamund Brown. A further generous fundmatching pledge of £100,000 was enthusiastically taken up by our current parents and the Aben family made another substantial pledge. The parents of the Leavers of 2019, under the stewardship of past parent, Sophie Knight, followed the

example set by our alumni families who had gifted a bench to Henry Riches - the mastermind of the Leavers' plays for almost thirty years who retired in the summer of 2018 - and clubbed together to gift a bench. As we drew near the £2million mark it felt like it could really happen but there was barely a week to go before the project would have to be delayed by yet another year with all the extra associated costs. This was a tense time! Then the David Brownlow Charitable Foundation stepped forward. David Brownlow and the CEO of the DBCF, Alexander Barfield, had attended the Spring Ball where they were able to see the school first hand and get a sense for what a theatre would mean to us. After that David Brownlow donated £50,000 immediately which he then followed up with a £500,000 donation. There is more about the DBCF below but as it has always been the intention that this project would be used by the local community we were particularly pleased that this, our largest single donation, has come from a foundation whose focus is supporting those who live in our area. In gratitude the theatre will be named the David Brownlow Theatre. The Jiang family and others generously donated the remaining amount and we were there, £2.5million in just over three years, almost two million of which was raised in just over 12 months, a simply remarkable feat. They say size doesn't matter and certainly this story bears this out if you think of the size of

the school. To have had so many contribute in small and big ways, through donations - in many cases repeat donations, attending and organising events, donating and purchasing auction and raffle prizes, and through encouragement, connections and support has been a truly humbling experience and I know for many a testament to the depth of regard, gratitude, belief and trust in which this school is held among our families, past and present.

I hope you will forgive me taking the opportunity to give you all my personal thanks for gifting the generations of today and to come such an inspiring resource. I appreciate the sacrifices many of you have made to support this project and am so delighted to have played a part in bringing it to fruition. I have discovered that like most things in life it is all about people and in that we are hugely blessed by the Horris Hill community.

We very much look forward to welcoming donors to the official opening by our School Visitor, HRH The Duke of York, next summer.

There will be further updates in the next edition of the Society and Foundation newsletter.

*Molly Tollit, Director of Development*

## The David Brownlow Charitable Foundation

Set up in 2013 by David Brownlow CVO DL, the David Brownlow Charitable Foundation is a UK registered charity which supports causes across the UK, predominantly in Berkshire. The David Brownlow Charitable Foundation is dedicated to enhancing the lives and wellbeing of individuals and communities where there is an element of disadvantage, through personal development such as education, the provision of new equipment, or the improvement and regeneration of their community. David Brownlow has granted £10million to charitable causes over the past 10 years both personally and through his charitable foundation.



## Name a panel

All the major naming opportunities and benches have now been gifted however there are still some panels inside the main auditorium which can be gifted for a donation to the Theatre appeal of £5,000 (previous donations can be counted towards that total.)

Some alumni have been in touch and would like to club together to gift a panel in memory of David Winther, HH Staff 1965-2000; Head of Maths and Science; Housemaster Horris Bank 1978-1985 and Housemaster Horris Wood 1985-2000; in charge of golf and Fives.

If you are interested in a panel in your / your son's / David's name please contact Molly Tollit, the Director of Development on [Molly\\_Tollit@horrishill.com](mailto:Molly_Tollit@horrishill.com)



*In the next edition we intend to acknowledge the generosity of our Silver donors, 'Play your Part' donors and all other donors by name. If you do not wish your name to appear please let us know by emailing [development@horrishill.com](mailto:development@horrishill.com) by 1st September. Thank you.*



# The Next 50 Years: 1938–1988

*Felix Beardmore-Gray continues a brief history of the school which he began in the last edition of the Society and Foundation Newsletter.*

'Daddy' Stow decided to retire the year following the outbreak of war in 1939. Two members of staff took the reins, Trevor Liddell and Monty Stow, 'Daddy' Stow's nephew. 'Daddy' Stow proceeded to buy the house now called Hill End which had been built as a private house in 1930. Members of the Stow family continued to own the property for the next decades but, when not in occupation there, let it out to the school.

With the onset of war, six parents decided that Horris Hill was too dangerous a place, being in the south of England, and removed their sons. Various measures had to be taken, for the vast majority of boys who returned that September, however. Blackout blinds were impractical, so to comply with government blackout orders, black paint was applied to skylight windows, of which there were several in the Glass Passage, now known as the Cocoa Passage, and all the lights were removed in the gym. The gym is no longer there of course, but its foundations were visible in the car park as recently as 2008/9 before the car park was resurfaced. For other rooms, blinds were purchased.

The onset of war also had an impact on the teaching staff. Two had signed up before that September term had started and more were to follow. This was also the term that had been set for implementation of an Inspector's report. Latin would no longer be taught in the most junior form and this form was to have a dedicated Form Teacher. In fact, this was not to be a Form Master but a Form Mistress. If the dropping of Latin was a shock to the system, then having a Form Mistress in charge of a Horris Hill class was seismic. Diana Byron, a lively and attractive girl according to accounts, entered the staff Common Room on her first morning. By mid-morning a deputation of staff had approached the authorities to say that allowing a woman into the Common Room was quite out of the question. This was also the term that Jimmy Stow joined the teaching body and that most iconic of Horris Hill Sunday games 'Blockade' was

played. This was on Sundays and on those afternoons that football was impossible owing to the very hard winter. 'Blockade' was played on the Common, not yet fully cleared as it is now, and involved boys and several staff. It remained a staple Sunday game until well into the 1990s.

As the war progressed and the threat of invasion became an increasing possibility, nine more parents decided to remove their sons to safer areas. In spite of this the school roll remained strong throughout the war at around 80-90. With the threat of invasion becoming more centre-stage, all the staff apart from the Headmaster who had to remain in charge of the pupils, joined the Local Defence Volunteers, more fondly known as 'Dad's Army'. The Burghclere and Newtown platoon numbered some thirty men but there were only rifles for two. A lookout post was established at Hill End. A further complication was 'Daddy' Stow's retirement as Headmaster in 1940. This meant that there would be no Headmaster's wife as the successors were bachelors. So Horris Hill employed the services of what might be called a 'Dame', Ivy McCrum.

With German bombers flying overhead regularly, dormitories on top floors were abandoned and the private side dining room was converted into an air-raid shelter through strengthening of the ceiling. Although no bombs were dropped on school property, one bomber was seen flying very low over Top Field and dropped a bomb a mile further on, on the outskirts of Newbury. A plaque has been erected on the spot where the bomb landed to commemorate those who lost their lives on that raid.

It was also at this time that maids stopped making boys' beds and the boys had to do these themselves. To economise use of clothing the traditional Horris Hill jackets and long trousers were changed to grey corduroy shorts (corduroy long trousers were allowed in 1978) and grey long-sleeved pullovers. This remained the

uniform until 1997. The end of the war saw the members of staff who had signed up return. Thankfully none had been casualties. Tragically, that was not to be the case with the Old Boys who had signed up, and the memorial to the fallen in that war that is in the chapel is testament to the sacrifice made by that generation of our pupils.

In the years immediately after the war the numbers intentionally remained below 100. By 1958 they had risen to 154. That meant a reappraisal of the building provision within the school. Numbers at Horris Wood were increased from 25 to 40. The top floor of the Private Side was converted into dormitories. And then the owner of Horris Bank decided to put the property on the market. A member of staff, Richard Andrewes, bought it and let it out to the school in term-time at a nominal rent. Boys began sleeping in Horris Bank in 1956. They also had breakfast and lunch over there on a temporary basis. It was also at this time that a two-storey extension was built out from the original staff common room onto the Prisoners' Base ground and the school Sunday services, that had been in Newtown Church, came into the New Hall, now our chapel.

Development and progress in the sporting life of the school took on renewed drive in the immediate post-war period. E.W. Swanton's Arabs cricket XI had their first match against a team organised by Monty Stow and later Jimmy Stow in 1946. This fixture, often involving ex-Test and County players was to remain a staple of the summer calendar until 1997. This was also the time of tremendous footballing success, with the unbeaten years of 1954 and 1957 particular highlights. But, in truth, it was more than this. In the years after the war to 1988, the 1st XI was unbeaten in 19 seasons. The best period according to Jimmy Stow was from 1957 to 1965 when the 1st XI played 103 matches, winning 96, drawing 6 and losing just 1. The goal difference was a staggering 666 for and 62 against. Top Field was abuzz with footballs being kicked around on the various



pitches whose names have now fallen by the wayside: Green Ground, Red Ground, Yellow Ground. In the very early 1980s hockey was played on Blue Ground. But other developments had taken place too. The original swimming pool on Bath Field was no longer fit for purpose and a new swimming pool was proposed. It is the one we use today. The original gym, likewise, was in poor repair and inadequate and so a new one was built alongside the squash court. We know it as the Old Gym now. By 1965, both these new facilities were open for use and a freestanding netball post with hoop was present on Bath Field.

Alongside these sporting developments, a new Music School was built, now the DT centre and the 1960s saw an extension to the dining room. All this might seem wonderful, and it was, but it did not stop a pupil of the mid 1960s writing home to his parents "Horris Hill is a very old school and leaks in places".

This was also the time that there were serious discussions about the future ownership and running of the school. Some prep schools had already become charitable trusts but Horris Hill was still in private ownership with the Stow family, and had been very successfully. But times were changing and it was felt sensible to turn Horris Hill into a charitable trust and appoint its first board of governors. A letter went to all parents in September 1957 informing them of the change. In practice, the change was not all that great. The new Governing Body appointed the current Headmasters to continue as Headmasters and the Governing Body itself was made up of Horris Hill Old Boys or those with a very strong Horris Hill and Winchester connection.

The advent of the 1970s brought more building development. New classrooms were built, to be called D1, D2, C1 and C2. These are now the staff common room, a locker room and the snooker room. They were first used in the spring of 1973. By the autumn of 1973, two additional



classrooms had been finished, now known as Cook and Nelson and the foundations for the new changing rooms were laid. This is the changing room we use today. In addition, in 1970, two hard tennis courts were constructed below the swimming pool. Today it is an all-weather surface with four courts. It was also decided that the school needed a new indoor sporting space, one that would have its own dedicated stage and green room attached for drama productions and musical concerts. In 1984 the new Sports' Hall was opened. The first concert in December 1984 included the choir singing Handel's Coronation Anthem, Zadok the Priest, ending with massed choirs and orchestra performing Jerusalem and the first play production performed in there was the Phantom Tollbooth directed by Rupert Godsal in the spring of 1985. It was also in 1984 that the school's first ever dedicated computer room was ready for action, resplendent with a full suite of hi-tech BBC Micros. One of these machines was still being used for some retro style work by two senior pupils in 2018. During this period the small chapel pipe organ, donated in the early 1960s by Richard Andrewes, was replaced by a two manual electronic one. The front cover of that pipe organ is on display at the far end of the south wall of the chapel. The electronic two manual we have today is a more recent one but the original 1980s speaker housings are the ones you can still see above the altar.



And so the school approached its 100th birthday in 1988 but before any centenary plans could get underway the governors had to appoint a new headmaster, Malcolm Innes, upon the retirement of Jimmy and Sandy Stow in 1978 but Jimmy and Sandy would remain members of the teaching staff. The Stow family of Jimmy, Colina, Sandy and Mary, moved out of the Private Side and into Hill End. That is where this part of the story began so it seems appropriate to end it there too.

*Article written by Felix Beardmore-Gray, gap student, head of History, 1st XI cricket and football coach, choirmaster, Housemaster Wood, Deputy Headmaster (HH Staff 1976 - Current)*

# Cricket at Horris Hill

When Horris Hill was founded in 1888 two things were of importance if the school was to be successful in attracting pupils - first class coaching in the Classics and in Cricket. This fact is borne out by a little research. The founder was eminently qualified to ensure that both would be well taught and coached.

AH Evans was a very gifted all-round player who captained Oxford in his 4th year in the side and also played county cricket with Hampshire and Somerset, taking over 200 wickets in his 44 matches. His son AJ Evans played in one Test against Australia in 1921. Two other Old Boys also played for England, Douglas Jardine who played in 22 Tests averaging 48 and notorious for his captaincy of the Bodyline Series. He also features in HH cricket records for taking

4 wkts in 4 balls! In 1914 he was captain of HH 1st XI and when they played arch rivals Summer Fields Gubby Allen, who not only played under Jardine in the Bodyline series but also captained England at a later date, was a 12 year old in the SF XI! The other Old Boy, who had two sons at HH, was David Townsend who played in three Tests in 1935 - the last player to represent England without ever playing for a county side. He also features in HH records for taking 9 wkts for 8 runs against West Downs in 1924! One former member of Staff before the war, South African Pieter van der Bijl, played two tests for South Africa against England in 1938 and 1939. He later became HM of Bishops' Preparatory School in Cape Town. This is perhaps the moment to mention other International cricketers who have

played cricket at Horris Hill in Jim Swanton's Arab side against RM Stow's XI over the years. Jim Swanton was a great supporter of HH cricket, donating a bat to the outstanding 1st XI player each year. Walter Robins played 19 Tests and captained Middlesex, Ian Peebles, a parent, played 13 Tests, being particularly successful against Don Bradman, Hubert Doggart, also a parent, played three tests for England and captained Sussex, and Richie Benaud who captained Australia for many years also played in an Arabs match. Another parent who played in five Fathers' matches at Horris Hill was RES (Bob) Wyatt. He played 40 Tests including the Bodyline series and was a very successful England captain.

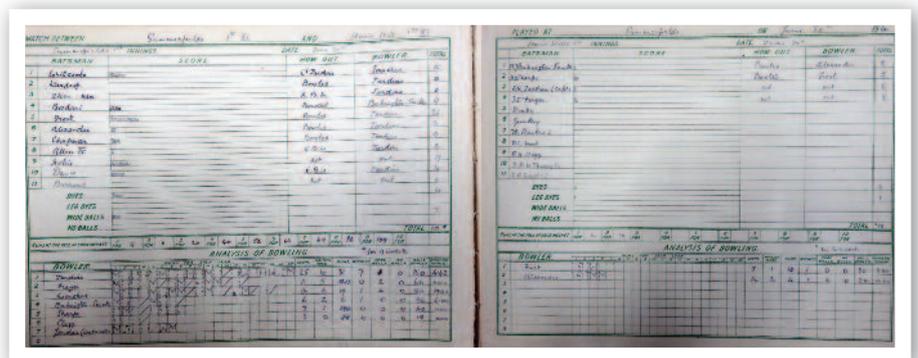
*Ian Maclure (OB 1947)*

## Douglas R Jardine

The following statistics have been researched and compiled by Barnaby Talbot-Williams (OB 2019), one of our 1st XI, as part of a post-scholarship project.

Douglas Jardine played for the Horris Hill 1st XI from 1911-1914. He made his debut on the 8th July 1911 in an away match against Twyford. He did not bat but bowled two overs for 7 runs. His first ever innings for the 1st XI was in the following match against Winton House, Winchester. He scored 0.

During the 1912 season, Jardine was batting in the middle order and continued to bowl. His first ever significant wicket haul came at home against Summer Fields on the 18th June 1912. He took 6 wickets for 19 runs. His first ever 50 came away at Twyford on 5th July 1913.



During his final season for the school, Jardine took 4 wickets in 4 balls, all bowled, against West Downs in June 1914. During this match he ended with figures of 8-39. He also scored 42 runs.



### Averages:

1911 SEASON					
BATTING	IP	HS	NO	TOT	AV
	3	19	0	19	6.3
BOWLING	O	M	R	W	AV
	3	0	16	0	-
1912 SEASON					
BATTING	IP	HS	NO	TOT	AV
	4	22*	1	34	11.3
BOWLING	O	M	R	W	AV
	77	16	173	19	9.1
1913 SEASON					
BATTING	IP	HS	NO	TOT	AV
	7	55*	2	227	45.4

We are needing to rebuild and expand the Douglas Jardine 1st XI pavilion. If you would be interested in helping with this please get in touch with Molly Tollit, Director of Development - [molly\\_tollit@horrishill.com](mailto:molly_tollit@horrishill.com)

School food was not so much generally disgusting as disgusting in parts. It was served and cleared by domestic staff, a butler supervising the maids. We always had porridge for breakfast as benefitted the choice of the Scottish Mrs Stow who herself doled out the helpings on the central table. It was virtually never properly made, but was lumpy and some of the lumps were large. It was compulsory to eat it all up. As remarked above, there were always boys who could eat everything. One's luck was in if one of lumpy plates beneath and porridge oozed out the sides and dripped down the pile. Vigilant masters tried to prevent this happening but when they did intervene I never knew of a boy being forced to start with a new helping. The maids removed the plates whatever state they were in.

OB 1931-1935

*"Humour keeps us alive. Humour and food. Don't forget food. You can go a week without laughing."*  
 (Joss Whedon)

# Food at Horris Hill

We hope here at Horris Hill boys get plenty of 'humour and food' but there is lots of evidence in the archive that meals were not always as good as they are now! Here we show some evidence from times past and present.



*Breakfast 1921-24 J. H. LEBLOCK*

1. Sausages.  
 2. Small slice of bacon & fried bread  
 3. Kippers or Herrings. sometimes mackerel.  
 4. Large bit of scrambled egg & fried bread  
 5. as usual.  
 6. Halfpenny (Price & bit of fish, floating in liquid)  
 7. as above.

*Very few puddings sometimes available sometimes missing with large lumps in it, sometimes burnt.*

*Dinner*

1. Roast Beef. Apples or other pie.  
 2. Cold Roast Beef. Game stew  
 3. Ham. (Sometimes floating in thin gravy) Stewed dried fruit.  
 4. Spiced mince (with stew) (or mussels). Rice & vegetables (often)  
 5. Sausages & mash. Potato & peas (green vegetables)  
 6. Rabbit. ? Mince & mash.  
 7. Brown or cold sausage. ? Mince & custard.  
 8. as above.

*Rich puddings of varying quality always available for those who do not take the pudding.*

*Tea. Very dry. Made of 2 1/2 lb & 2 1/2 x the quantity of cold bread & butter (or bread & butter & jam). If children were not asked they were not up, the chest of tea was frozen & melted round the rest of the room was popular for being not very dry.*

*After dinner. Cocoa in winter. Large quantities of jam & butter. One of large tins of jam & butter & jam on the table & no more jam.*

*Before bed. Cocoa & a biscuit (or 2).*

*I don't recollect anything about vegetables.*

Menu Week 2		Date W/S 06/05/2019					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
<b>Breakfast</b>	Weetabix + another cereal	Coco Pops + Muesli	Cornflakes + another cereal	Shreddies + Muesli	Rice Krispies + another cereal	Weetabix + another cereal	
	Sausages Mushroom Fruit Salad Fruit Bowl Yogurt Toast	Hash Brown, Fried Egg, Baked Beans Fruit Salad Fruit Bowl Yogurt Toast	Bacon, Pancakes & Maple Syrup Fruit Salad Fruit Bowl Yogurt Toast	Boiled Egg, Petit Pain, Sliced Ham & Cheese Fruit Juice Fruit Salad Fruit Bowl Yogurt Toast	Pain au Chocolate Fruit Juice Fruit Salad Fruit Bowl Yogurt Toast	Omelettes Black Pudding Fruit Salad Fruit Bowl Yogurt Toast	
<b>Lunch</b>	Katsu Chicken Curry	Roast Lamb & Mint Sauce Roast Potatoes Broccoli Cauliflower	Ravioli in a Tomato Sauce Garlic Bread Salad	Pan Fried Pesto Cod with Parma Ham Crust Ratatouille Sauté Potatoes	Baked Salmon With Lemon Chips Peas	Crispy Sage & Parmesan Pork Steak Mash Potato Green Beans	
	Rice Poppadums Onion Bhaji & Spinach Rice Pudding & Jam Fruit Bowl	Pear & Raspberry Crumble & Cream Fruit Bowl	Banoffee Pie Fruit Bowl	Danish Apple Cake Fruit Bowl	Sticky Toffee Tart Fruit Bowl	Roast Pork & Apple Sauce Chipolata, Tomatoes, Fried Egg Fruit Salad Fruit Bowl Yogurt Toast	
<b>Supper</b>	Meatballs in a Tomato & Pepper Sauce Mash Potato Green Beans Cheese & Biscuits & Grapes Fruit Bowl	Pizza a Choice of Spicy Beef or Pepperoni Garlic Bread Asian Slaw Salad Sliced Pineapple & Yoghurt Fruit Bowl	Piri Piri Chicken Sweet Potatoes Wedges Corn on the Cob Chocolate Sponge Fruit Bowl	Cowboy Pie Broccoli Mandarins & Cream Fruit Bowl	Stir-fry Beef with Ho-sin Sauce Egg Noodles Stir-fry Vegetables Sultanas Sponge Fruit Bowl	Harissa Chicken with Roasted Pepper Risotto Cavallone Nero Cabbage Waffles with Strawberry Sauce & Ice Cream Fruit Bowl	Breaded Calamari with Garlic Mayo Dip Mixed Salad Skinny Fries Crème Caramel Fruit Bowl

# OB Memories

## Life at Horris Hill over three generations

As the third generation of Ricketts to attend Horris Hill has just left, it seems an appropriate juncture to provide some comparisons of the experiences of those three generations.

My father, David, started at HH during World War II, which clearly brought some genuine austerity, on top of what was before the War a more Spartan school existence than when my brother George and I were there in the late 1970s/early 80s. Despite such conditions, my father always said that he thoroughly enjoyed his time at HH, more so than at Winchester. Although he died in 1997, I have subsequently met several of his contemporaries who have reinforced this view. In many respects, the simplicity of life must have made for a more straightforward, even idyllic, time, when Prisoners' Base and Colditz were 'live' versions of 'Fortnite' and 'Call of Duty', positively encouraged by masters and parents alike rather than discouraged!

George arrived in September 1975, which was shortly after our generation's equivalent of the War - the oil crisis of 1973-4 (a response by OPEC to the Yom Kippur War), following which the average price of petrol went from 39p per gallon to 73p by 1975. A few years later, the Iranian revolution caused prices to jump again, from 76p in 1978 to 98p in 1979 and £1.28 by 1980. When I left HH in 1981

it was £1.60, a 300% increase. The modern equivalent has to be school fees, which I am relieved have only risen by 25% over our parental period!

Something more apparent to all boys is the weather. In 1946-7, David had to endure one of the worst winters of the 20th Century and 1975 saw a freakish snowstorm across the UK in June, but winter 1976 saw both snow and a storm that killed 24 people. My abiding memory of my first term (Spring 1977) was of enough snow to extend half term. At the time, the A303 was single lane and the A34 had not threatened to carve its way through OB Richard Adams' beloved Watership Down. Living in Somerset, we therefore took the train at half term and exeats instead of a 6-hour return trip for my parents. The HH Somerset boys (the Ricketts and Alers-Hankeys) duly took the train from Newbury to Taunton at the start of half term in February 1977, only to become snowed in by drifts as high as the house and so unable to return as planned after the meagre four days. Instead, we enjoyed an extended break that today would be considered short! The following winter was far worse, but the issue that gripped the rest of the nation was not the possibility of extended holidays (sadly this did not happen again) and epic snowball fights but the chaos of the strikes of the 'Winter of Discontent'.

Although there have been some decent winters in the past eight years of my sons' time at HH, the best weather comparison is the summers of 1976 and 2018, which rank with 2003 and 2006 as the hottest on record. I do, however, mourn the loss of two events that allowed us to pass the time in such conditions: the Greenham Common Air Show and 'Owzhat!', a pre-digital cricket game. The Lightning aircraft always seemed to rehearse its vertical climb above Top Field, which has to be one of the most exhilarating and noisy things a young boy can watch. With both the air show and Lightning now long retired, should any HH OB or parent happen to have any influence over the RAF's new Lightning II, perhaps this spectacle could be repeated for the current generation....? Although it seems that the onslaught of digital entertainment forced the likes of 'Owzhat!' to retire at HH many years ago (noting that 'Space Invaders' arrived at HH while George and I were there), I was pleasantly surprised to see that you can still buy it. Aside from the healthy competition it created, it taught us how to score, which, with the donation of an electronic scoreboard (thanks to the Leavers of 2017, including my oldest son Hugo - oh, the irony!), seems to tax and/or bore many of the current boys.

Perhaps because George had been there for a while, boarding life did not come as a complete shock to me. This was certainly the case for Charlie and Ralph, who have just left. Indeed, they were only too happy to join Hugo at what they saw (aged 7½)



*Leavers v Fathers Cricket match 2019*

as a home of the persistent sleepover for boys! The elder brothers did not enjoy such comforts, although George did have a familiar face in the older (Rupert) Alers-Hankey when he arrived, and David no doubt was able to say farewell with a “well it’s a lot more comfortable than in my day” pat on the back! Hugo coped admirably in the absence of both such a friend and father, as I had deployed to Afghanistan two months before he started. As he rose to become Head Boy, this clearly did not bother him, but then, like George, Hugo was old for his year (and tall), whereas the younger brothers were all young for theirs.

Perhaps one day the small but distinguished gathering of OBs to play cricket at HH Day will become the equivalent focal point that the Arabs’ Match was for David’s generation. The standard of cricket may not be as good, but if this year’s match in May is anything to go by, the teams are likely to contain the sort of characters the great OB AG Macdonnell would have been proud to write of in his classic novel ‘England Their England’. Many thanks to all those that made it such fun - how many 12-year olds can claim the scalp of a very recent England batsman?! Talking of whom, perhaps we will have our modern equivalent of E W ‘Jim’ Swanton in the

guise of Nick Compton, who helped coach the boys this summer and made a welcome cameo appearance at the OB match. Who knows, but I hope other OBs find the time to give it a try at Horris Hill Day 2020.

My final comparison concerns what I believe was the reason my father enjoyed HH so much. I have mentioned one great OB, who went on to Bradfield, where George went, and another who went on to Winchester, where I went. I share my father’s view that HH was a more enjoyable place than Winchester, not because it is a better school, but because it is a better time of life for boys. And that is what HH has got right for each generation - indeed I would argue that it is in its DNA - a place for boys of any generation to thrive by having fun. By the time we hit the teenage years we need to move on and become men, but we leave behind an age of innocence that most will surely look back on with joy, even if with the benefit of rose-tinted spectacles!

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*Henry Ricketts (OB 1981)*

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# Horris Hill Society



## Message from Chairman of the Society, Guy Denison-Smith

The summer term has finished and yet again the school has seen all boys successfully achieve places at their chosen senior school. This is a remarkable record and a great achievement. As the leavers of 2019 depart to join their senior ones, we welcome them to the Society. It is my hope that they will be part of a society that will benefit them in their future through not only social activity but also networking and career support.

Our Society emails go out to over 1400 addresses. We have active social media platforms through Facebook, LinkedIn

and Alumnet. I would encourage all members to join these platforms to not only keep up with what is happening around the school but to reconnect with other old boys.

We have run some very successful events this year. In particular the old boys' dinner at the Cavalry and Guards Club in March and Horris Hill Day in May. It was fantastic to see so many old boys at both events. I would like to thank our guests of honour on each occasion; his Royal Highness the Duke of York and Nick Compton respectively. On 6th October, we welcome

back to the school the leavers of 2015 and their parents to their reunion lunch. None of these events or ones in the future would be possible without the support of the school in particular Molly Tollit and Susannah Ferguson.

It is great to see the Society grow, enabling old boys to reconnect with each other and the school. Please do stay connected with the school with your news and add 23rd May 2020 to your diaries for Horris Hill Day 2020. There will be more events coming soon.

## Horris Hill Day 2019

On Saturday 25th May, we were delighted to welcome back forty Old Boys for our annual Horris Hill Day. This year we were joined by a special guest, former England cricket player, Nick Compton.

Some Old Boys chose to arrive for 10am for a tour of the school with Mr Beardmore-Gray and Mr Wiesendanger, Housemasters of Wood since 2000 and Bank since 1998 respectively. I know those who attended the tour much enjoyed seeing the place, reminiscing and noticing the ways in which the buildings had changed since they were there; including the addition of the lovely Maclure Room which is our Archive room established in 2017 and houses a wealth of material in beautiful cabinets built by our Head of Maintenance, Allan Evans, who retired this summer after 25 years loyal service to the school.

Other Old Boys, dare I say, the more nimble, were at the crease by 10am to play in an Old Boys' match on Top Field.

It was great to get this off-the-ground, following in the footsteps of a previous match of Leavers 2006 v Leavers 2007 held back in 2016. It was an all-age affair with many siblings and fathers and sons with a particularly strong showing from our 2017 Leavers - it was good to see you back sporting your public school whites! Anthony Gammell's side beat George Ricketts's side in a social game of 25 overs with Nick Compton putting a star appearance and all expertly umpired by Andrew Murray, our previous Head of French and Wood Assistant Housemaster (1999-2012).

At mid-innings all Old Boys enjoyed the fete stalls run by our current boys - everything from a putting competition, jousting with pillows and splat the rat - all good prep school stuff! The proceeds for the stalls went to Home Start, West Berkshire, raising £715. We were delighted that Grace Ryder, the Scheme Manager, was able to join us.

At lunch Old Boys' enjoyed a delicious buffet in the Horris Hill Society Tent with the Chairman of Governors, Marina Lund, and Nick Compton, and over coffee enjoyed looking at some of the archive material Felix Beardmore-Gray had brought out of the Maclure Room. It was especially lovely to have Rupert Godsall, previous Housemaster of the Bank and Deputy-Headmaster (1977-1997), join us: one of his nephews will soon start at the school.

The cricketers returned to Top Field and others enjoyed watching our current boys and families in the Mothers v Sons rounders match and a hotly contested Colour Triathlon won by Green. Tea and cake completed what was a truly special day celebrating all things Horris in this, our 131st year.

Horris Hill day 2020 will be on Saturday 23rd May. Please do put a 'save the date' in your diaries. It would be lovely to see you.



## Old Boys who attended Horris Hill Day 2019:

Bill Morton	1950
Alastair Drew	1952
Iain Gammell	1953
Michael Houghton	1954
Andrew McCall	1956
Richard Stevens	1956
Andrew Lenox-Conyngham	1957
Stephen Pimlott	1958
Roddy Gow	1960
Charles Barlow	1971
George Ricketts	1980
Simon Gammell	1981
Henry Ricketts	1981
Nick Rowsell	1981
Alex Bingley	1984
Anthony Gammell	1984
Jeremy Hodges	1985
Tom Kitching	1991
Jonathan Holt	1994
Alexander Anderson	2004
Archie Denison-Smith	2012
Harry Denison-Smith	2014
Sam Talbot-Williams	2015
Hugo Cartwright	2017
Jack Cleland	2017
Mungo Dakin-Poole	2017
Hugo Ricketts	2017
Kit Rowsell	2017
James Sandars	2017
Toby Talbot-Williams	2017
A J Tollit	2017
Rufus Bowder	2018
Ben Scarborough	2018



## 130th Anniversary Dinner

On Tuesday 12th March, forty Old Boys attended the 130th Anniversary Dinner at the Cavalry and Guards Club in the presence of His Royal Highness the Duke of York. Also in attendance were his equerry, Lt. Cdr. Alex

Davies, the Chairman of Governors, Mrs Marina Lund, the Chairman of the Society, Mr Guy Denison-Smith, the Chairman of the Foundation, Mr Roddy Gow, and the Headmaster, Mr Giles Tollit.

It was an excellent evening, with much bonhomie as Old Boys recognised familiar faces, if a little changed, and met new ones. There were also displays from our Archive room from each of the eight decades represented at the dinner; memories of the past were shared and heartily laughed over, from great sporting victories over long-term rivals to memorable school boy antics. The setting was magnificent with a champagne reception in the Waterloo Room followed by the black tie dinner in the Peninsular Room overlooking Hyde Park. After a welcome from Guy Denison-Smith and an update on the school of 2018 from the Headmaster, Old Boys were treated to a fine meal and wine served by the hospitable staff at the C&G. After dinner, one of our alumni, Professor Patrick Minford CBE, a specialist in macro-economics, gave a stimulating talk on what he felt were the opportunities and challenges of Brexit, and Roddy Gow gave the vote of thanks.

As the evening dispelled to the bar or to nearby tube and train stations, all seemed to have had a convivial evening, a fitting celebration of 130 years of Horris Hill. Thank you to those who attended and for your many kind letters and emails of appreciation. We are delighted that the event was such a success and, for those who came and those that were sadly unable to, we hope to hold a similar event every ten years.

### Old Boys who attended:

Sir Michael Craig-Cooper CBE TD DL	1949
Baron Charles Burnell-Nugent	1953
Sir Hugh Duberly KCVO CBE	1954
Mark St Giles	1954
Gerald Barber	1955
Patrick Minford	1955
Roddy Gow	1960
Richard Pawson	1962
Jonathan Carey	1963
Julian Metcalfe	1969
Wilfred Pawson	1969
David Pusinelli	1969
Bobby Leach	1970
Seamus Lefroy-Brooks	1971
Alex Roe	1972
Anthony Lyster	1973
Nick Burge	1974
Philip Lambert	1974
Richard Mullineaux	1977
Barnaby Morison	1978
Anthony Mullineaux	1980
Simon Gammell	1981
Henry Ricketts	1981
William Cottam	1986
Simon Clay	1990
Neil Gow	1991
Jonathan Holt	1994
Andrew Tose	1994
Tom Dixon	1995
George Juer	1995
Julius Cavendish	1995
Andrew Gow	1996
Alexander Anderson	2004
Eddie Pease	2004
Sebastien Turnbull-Cooke	2004
Arthur Cole-Fontayn	2007
Ed Roe	2007
Jaime Roe	2010
Archie Denison-Smith	2012



# Horris Hill Foundation

## Message from the Chairman of the Foundation, Roddy Gow OBE, OB 1955–1960



The chance to review progress with the Horris Hill Foundation provides an opportunity to reflect on what has been achieved over the twelve months since the Foundation was formed after Horris Hill Day 2018.

The good news is that with the help of many of you, as well as current parents and members of the Foundation and completed with the exceptionally generous donation by the David Brownlow Charitable Foundation, we have reached the fundraising target for the Theatre and ground has been broken in preparation for construction – the hard hats have arrived! This is a terrific achievement and our thanks to all of you who have contributed.

In bringing this project to fruition we should recognise the enormous support of Marina Lund, Alex Roe and rest of the Board of Governors.

As I wrote in the inaugural Society and Foundation newsletter at Christmas, the Foundation's purpose is to support the school over the long term. To achieve this,

the Foundation's Board has expanded over the past six months to include parents and Old Boys covering a spread of over sixty years. Working closely with the Horris Hill Society, our joint approach to reconnecting with the school's community has helped to bring old friends together again and raise awareness of the key funding objectives.

We have held many successful events in the UK and overseas about which I hope you will enjoy reading in the next few pages. These have included a soiree in Hampshire, a drinks in Hong Kong and a dinner in New York. My sincere thanks to all those who hosted and attended these events.

Our attention now shifts to the no less important and ongoing project to ensure the funding of bursaries to enable talented children to be enrolled at Horris Hill and benefit from an education that would otherwise be unavailable to them.

To this end I very much hope to see you at one or more of the events planned for the rest of this year.

- New York Reception hosted by New & Lingwood courtesy of Alexander Duckworth (OB 1981) followed by Dinner on Thursday 19th September.
- Horris Hill Stakes Gala Race Meeting at Newbury Racecourse on Saturday 26th October. Drinks and Luncheon with Auction. Sponsored by the Michael and Watson families.
- Scottish Reception and Dinner at the New Club, Edinburgh, on Thursday 21st November.

Finally, I would like to pass on my thanks to the rest of the Foundation board, without whom much of the above would not have been possible. Members of the Board are: Gee Cartwright, Nitin Gulabani, Jonathan Holt, Michael Houghton, Bobby Leach, Alistair Lyster, Henry Ricketts and Andrew Tose. I hope you will support them as they join me, Molly, Susannah and others in reaching out over the coming months to support the future of this remarkable school.

Onwards and Upwards!

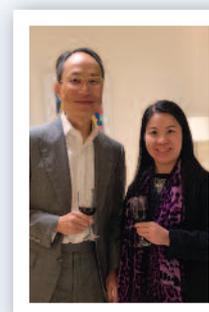
## Foundation Drinks, Hong Kong

On Thursday 28th February about thirty Old Boys, past and current parents and friends of Horris Hill gathered for drinks in the home of Charles and Beatrice Brown, parents of Old Boys Charlie and Nicholas Brown (OB 2012 and 2014). It was super to have the opportunity to update our friends in Asia on the progress of the Theatre Appeal since the Headmaster's inaugural visit there in November 2016 at the Hong Kong Football Club hosted by Laurie Kan, parent of Zhenfeng Kan (OB 2019).

Accompanied by delicious canapes and fine wine donated by current parent and Member of the Horris Hill Foundation, Nitin Gulabani, the Headmaster gave a passionate speech about the power of drama to prepare a boy for the challenges and opportunities of the modern world and the importance of creating an appropriate space for a boy at prep school age for that spark to be lit and confidence to grow. He warmly thanked the many in the room who had already given their support and reached out to all our friends in Asia to help take the project across the finishing post, a particularly apt metaphor given that at the chief veterinary surgeon of the Hong Kong Jockey Club, one of our alumni, was there! The Headmaster's vision for the school at the forefront of our sector was publically endorsed by many in the room.

The warm words were accompanied by generous donations with a remarkable total of £300,000 pledged to the Appeal. The extraordinary kindness of those present marked a pivotal moment in the campaign allowing the language to move from not 'if' but 'when' and people dared to speak about 'closing the gap'. It was a truly transformative moment for the project and we are very grateful to those that came:

Charles and Beatrice Brown  
James Jia Chen and Su Hwei Lee  
Daniel and Heidi Cheung  
Dr Khai-Men Choy  
Charles Chu  
Adrian Farrington  
Nitin and Amie Gulabani  
Xiaowen Guo  
Angela Jiang  
Laurie and Peile Kan  
George and Carmen Lau  
Ming Shi and Rumin Yu  
Desmond and Shelly Wong  
Weihao Xu, Xia Li and Jiahue Xu  
Ning Zhao and Huang Shao Xin  
Rebecca Zhu and Jenny Wu



## Foundation Dinner, New York

What a lovely evening this was. The first ever Horris Hill Foundation reception and dinner at the Union Club in New York kindly hosted by John Stafford, a former parent.

Thank you to all those who came from across the States and even Canada to be part of the evening.

Old boys, past parents, Chairman of the Foundation, Roddy Gow and the Headmaster and his wife were all there.



### Attendees:

Edward Andrewes (OB 1980)  
Tom Beaumont (OB 1980)  
Graham Crawshaw (OB 1963)  
Roddy and April Gow  
(Roddy OB 1960)  
Edward and Ashleigh Hargroves  
(Edward OB 1993)  
Tim and Jane House  
(parents of OB Alex 2012,  
Ollie 2012 and Arthur 2017)  
Charlie Serocold (OB 1989)  
John Stafford  
(father of William OB 2018)  
Nicholas Tatlow (OB 1993)  
Giles and Molly Tollit



## Cookery Demonstration, Hampshire

On 7th June, past and current parent, Gee Cartwright, who runs a culinary school out of her kitchen in Stockbridge and at venues in London, kindly gave a cookery demonstration to raise funds for the Theatre Appeal.

Almost 20 past and current parents and friends of the School received some lovely new summer recipes ideas from fresh salads, sharing platters, BBQ ideas and fruity puddings with the focus on al fresco dining ideas using fresh seasonal produce to create stunning summer dishes to share with family and friends. As usual the demo was a relaxed and friendly affair with the opportunity to ask lots of questions and plenty of time for tasting. It was a lovely morning and raised £717 towards the Appeal. Our thanks to those who attended and to Gee for providing such an enjoyable morning.



## Horris Hill Foundation Drinks, Woolton House

On Friday 14th June fifty Old Boys, current parents and friends of the School enjoyed a splendid evening in the gardens of Woolton House, near Newbury, courtesy of Mrs Rosamund Brown, grandmother to two of our alumni, Charlie and Nicholas Brown (OB 2012 and 2014).

Guests enjoyed fine wine kindly donated by Beatrice Brown and delicious canapes made by our own Head Chef, served with panache by some of this year's Leavers in the evening sunshine while being entertained by jazz musician Bunny Thompson who has worked with an extensive list of famous artists including Bing Crosby, Rosemary Clooney, Shirley MacLaine and Helen Shapiro. An unplanned highlight was Mrs Brown's fascinating tour of part of the gardens which is only open to the public on rare occasions and is the only garden in the UK designed by the late Pascal Cribier who is best known for updating the Tuileries Gardens in Paris in the 1990s with French landscape designer, Louis Benech, and whose designs were influenced by botanical and Mughal gardens.

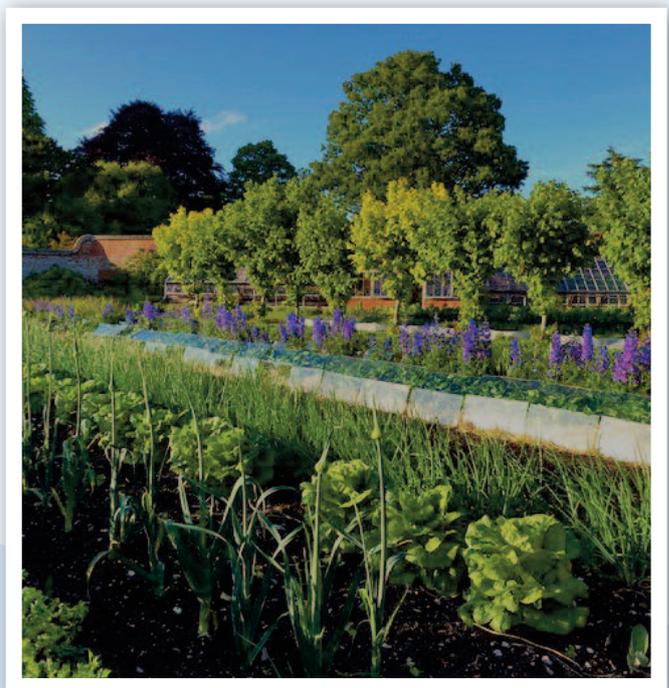
We also held a raffle, the star prize being a weekend break at a beautiful holiday cottage in the Cotswolds kindly donated by current parent, Micki Hacking-Tabor. Other fabulous prizes were donated by Chinese medicine practitioner, Katie Brindle, Gee Cartwright Cookery, JOJO Inspired clothing and accessories design, the Vineyard Hotel, Rupert and Deanie St Aubyn of Southern Wines and Penwood Nursery and from the Aben, Akarlilar, Gulabani, Titmus Mather and Yang families.

As the evening drew to a close the Headmaster announced the exciting news that the David Brownlow Charitable Foundation



had pledged £500,000 towards the Theatre Appeal which at the time stood at £1.9million. With the overall fundraising target being £2.5million this put us within touching distance of the finishing line: there was, needless to say, a loud cheer! A perfect end to a perfect evening.

Our thanks to our hosts and all those who attended this event which together with the accompanying raffle raised over £3600.



# Bursaries

A Horris Hill education has been giving boys an outstanding start in life for over 130 years. In recent years school fees have risen steadily, driven by the need to cover the ever-increasing costs of running a 24 hour a day, 7 day a week, day and boarding school to the highest standards.

We have long-strived to try to enable boys who would benefit from joining our school community, but whose families are not able to access a Horris Hill education, to do so with some financial assistance. We currently do this in two ways: in recognition of our debt to those who serve the UK in its Armed Forces, we offer a 15% bursary to those families; in addition, we offer a limited number of means-tested bursaries up to 50% of the school fees.

The Horris Hill Foundation will be establishing an endowment fund in order to build and expand the current bursary programme, offering support for more families including potentially a single transformational bursary of 100%.

If you would like to help please get in touch with Molly Tollit, Director of Development on [molly\\_tollit@horrishill.com](mailto:molly_tollit@horrishill.com). There will be further information on how you can make a donation for bursaries in the December newsletter.



*Leavers 2019: five of whom were in receipt of a bursary, without which they would not have been able to come.*

## Forthcoming events 2019:

- Thursday 19th September 2019** Evening drinks at New and Lingwood, 970, Lexington Avenue, New York, courtesy of Alexander Duckworth (OB 1981)
- Sunday 6th October 2019** Sunday lunch and Colour football for Leavers 2015 and parents, 12.30-4pm, Headmaster's house, Horris Hill.
- Saturday 26th October 2019** Horris Hill Gala Race Day at the Horris Hill Stakes, Newbury, sponsored by the Michael and Watson families in support of the School's Bursary provision,
- Thursday 21st November 2019** Dinner at the New Club, Edinburgh, courtesy of Roddy Gow (OB 1960)

For details of these and ideas for future events please contact the Director of Development, Molly Tollit, on [Molly\\_Tollit@horrishill.com](mailto:Molly_Tollit@horrishill.com)

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## Your Data and Contact Preferences:

The Horris Hill Society was established in 2018 as a network to bring together Old Boys and past Parents and Staff. We will help you keep in touch with your friends from Horris Hill and with the School through biannual Newsletters, reunion events, sports and other social activities.

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## A Gala Race Day in aid of the Horris Hill Bursaries on Saturday 26th October at Newbury Racecourse

This fabulous day's racing will begin with a champagne reception followed by a three course lunch with wine in a private suite with a fantastic viewing balcony. Tipster Colin Brown (jockey of Desert Orchid fame) will chat through his top tips for the day and lunch will be followed by an auction, tea and coffee and a full afternoon of racing including the Horris Hill Stakes. There will be the opportunity to bid on judging the best turned out, a glass of champagne in the Royal Box, a trip to the start of a race and giving out the prizes for the Horris Hill Handicap Stakes, equine photography shoots, some once-in-a-lifetime stays in South Africa, New Mexico and the Shetland Isles, a spa break, pampering treatments, spoiling gifts and fine wine to name but a few. All proceeds from the auction will go to support the School's Bursaries provision.

11am – gates open

11.30am – Champagne Reception

12pm onwards – three course luncheon, auction and talk by tipster

1.10pm – first race

4.30pm – Horris Hill Handicap Stakes

5.05pm – last race



Tickets £160 each (car parking will be included)

Dress Code: Suits

Available from Eventbrite at <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/a-gala-race-day-at-newbury-racecourse-for-the-horris-hill-stakes-tickets-64657032926>

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