

# **SHERBORNE PILGRIMS**

**2018**

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### \*\*\*A REMINDER OF RULE 4\*\*\*

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## CLUB NOTES

I can't remember my first meeting with Charles Eglington. It might have been during my time at the School, when he was a governor. But I don't think so. More likely, I believe, it was at Marlborough for the Cricketer Cup match with the Blues in 1993. However, I already had much to thank him for. He had underwritten the costs for my book about rugby at the School after hearing about the project from Peter Lapping, determined that a 17-year-old's ambition should be matched by someone with the finances to help.



**Charles Eglington  
1938-2018**

In the quarter-century since, Charles and I spoke regularly. Often about this booklet. Often about the content of these Notes. But always with a shared interest in Sherborne and sport – mainly in that order. For the past 14 years, we have lived close enough to his home near the All England Club for me to drop in occasionally, and at Christmastime to enjoy his hospitality with our children at his annual grand expedition to the pantomime in Wimbledon with family and friends.

Charles died in February this year, still 21 runs short of his century. Given his love of cricket, he would surely have been cross with himself at failing to see the innings through to three figures but he managed to take on so many responsibilities and projects in his life that his 79 would be worth a double ton on a more placid wicket. At his funeral in mid-March, his brother Mike and Adrian Watney both spoke warmly of his contributions to Sherborne, business and much else.

Adrian's words about his long-time friend can be found following these Notes. But what marked him out arguably more was his generosity. Many of the anecdotes mentioned during the formalities and at the reception afterwards centred on what he did for others. Young and old could attest to the gestures, large and small, that Charles made on their behalf. And never for public recognition, it was enough just to know that it helped. As the familiar words at the start of the order of service have it, "Not how did he die, but how did he live? / Not what did he gain, but what did he give?"

It was especially poignant, as the pall-bearers entered the church, to note that Charles's Pilgrims tie and OSS tie, both a little less than pristine after many years of service, were hanging off the end of the coffin. A club man to the very last.

The Pilgrims will reach its centenary in five years' time. That is a date that Charles would have dearly loved to have seen – because more than any other, he was the keeper of the Club's flame. Few have contributed so much to the Club, let alone the School, down the years. While he was "the 'hub' of our family", in his brother Mike's words, and it is the family that always loses the most when someone beloved passes on, he was also the hub of so many positive and vital elements to things Sherborne.

No more will a phone call or email arrive admonishing someone for not living up to the most exacting of standards. No more will that stentorian voice counsel “now hang on a minute” before suggesting, plausibly insisting, that there might be another way of addressing a problem. No more will a committee be told that Churchill’s “Action This Day” needs to be channelled. And we are all the poorer for it.

While his contribution to the Club was necessarily rather less significant than Charles’s, it would be wrong of me not to note also the death of Ian Williams. Ian left Abbeylands in 2009, won rugby Blues at Oxford, and became a professional rugby player, most recently with Doncaster Knights. He died suddenly four days before Charles, during training with his club. Our condolences to the family on the hardest of losses, that of a young person in their prime.

The date of the Club’s AGM is Saturday October 13<sup>th</sup> 2018 in the Westcott Room at Sherborne at 12.15pm – please do come along if you can. My thanks go to Philip Lough and Ed Lyons for their work in helping me to produce this booklet. Somewhere in another place I can hear Charles’s voice telling me that there are mistakes in it but we must soldier on without him now. Gratitude too should go to all the various match managers, without whom the Club cannot function for its primary purpose. It is important we always remember that this work is voluntary and unpaid.

*Robert Hands*

March 2018

## **NEW MEMBERS**

As leavers:

A D Adigun (a), H E Arnold (g), J T H Baker (d), A S C Bourne (g), C F Bye (c), H S B Cairnes (m), H S N Carr-Smith (a), H W B Clark (a), B Clark (c), A S Copinger-Symes (f), C P F Cowan (m), P G Creamer (m), T E Crinks (b), H A P Cripwell (c), O S Cruz (c), E H C Davidson-Houston (g), H A H Davies (f), T G A de Montfort (a), K E F Delamain (c), A Dembinski (c), A R H Denholm (g), B R Dickins (c), O E C Dobbs (a), J L Evans (d), A R T Everett (m), C G B Fish (c), H G L Foreman (d), W G Gracia (f), J M S Hague (f), S D F Hambro (d), C G Healy (m), B E G J Heber (f), C A I Hickling (d), A R Hughes-Hallett (a), A O R Johnson (d), C P Johnston (m), D Kelly (b), D R J Kendall (f), S J A Key (a), H T R Kitson (b), E Lillington-Price (c), W G Mann (a), H R B McIntosh (g), A G McNair Scott (m), R A Millar (m), A J Miller (f), J I Natterer (f), J R L Newman (c), B A Nokes (m), O A H Norris (m), C I O’Donnell (g), T E B Paines (m), T W Pentreath (m), B D F Pugsley (d), M E Purchase (b), O B W Regan (c), G J C Ross (c), R C Salisbury (g), C W C Savage (f), T E H Sherratt (d), T G D Smith (c), L A Sollohub (b), L A Stannah (m), G A Syradd-Chown (g), S L E Szapary (e), T O Trumper (d), L J K Tyrer (c), G W A Vandaleur (m), A J Warren (g), R P J Yeydall (g).

## OBITUARY

C R J Eglinton (g 56), B D C Shields (d 52), I Williams (f 09).

### Charles Eglinton

(1938-2018)

*The below is an edited version of the address given by Adrian Watney at Charles Eglinton's funeral which was held at St Mary's Church, Wimbledon, on Wednesday March 14 2018*

I am exceptionally honoured to be invited to say a few words today. I have been extremely fortunate because I sat with Charles on the day before he died, when he briefed me ... or in reality it was perhaps more of a "team talk"! So here I am to talk about Charles and his wonderful commitment to his old school, Sherborne.

Apart from his family, for whom, after the death of his parents, Dick and Treena, Charles became *paterfamilias*. Charles loved his brothers and their families, his nephews and his nieces, their spouses and partners. So far as Charles would allow, they looked after him as his health failed.

Charles's other great passion was the school of which he was an old boy, Sherborne. There can never have been a time when Sherborne was not in Charles's life. Charles's grandfather Percy went there in 1895. Indeed Percy appears in the 1st XI photograph of 1897 with a cousin of ours, Charles Warnford Watney.

Charles's father (Dick) and uncle (Bob) were the next generation to go to Sherborne, in the 1920s. They in turn sent their sons Charles, Walter and Michael; and Peter. Of the next generation, only Walter's son, Robert, made it to Sherborne. The others somehow got away with it.

Charles arrived in Lyon House in 1951. His housemaster was Hughie Holmes, with whom he formed a close friendship as he did with Hughie's successors. He played in the 1st XI in 1955 and 1956, when he was captain, as had been both his father and his great-uncle before him, who both incidentally played in their 1st XIs for four consecutive years each! Charles played 1st XI hockey 1955, 2nd XV rugby, 1955 and 1956, and he was a PT Instructor with badge and a corporal in the RAF section of the CCF.

Rachel Hassall, the School archivist, discovered an interesting note. "1st XI Characters 1956: C.R.J. Eglinton, Captain. A player with many good strokes, although a defensive weakness on the front foot often led to trouble at the start of an innings. He has a thoughtful and sensible approach to the game and made a very good captain."

On the academic side, Charles was a member of the Upper VI, the Wildman Society and the Green Ribbon Society. John Weston, later Chairman of Governors, was Hon Sec of the Wildman Society. He appears to have been a bit exasperated, as he wrote in the *Shirburnian* of that term, that the

Society's future was doubtful, following deplorable debate on the motion: "This house considers the intellectual to be a menace". I wonder on which side Charles argued!

On leaving in 1956, Charles was elected a member of the Sherborne Pilgrims, whom he served as a Trustee from 1967-2018, Hon Sec 1972-1988 and again in 2000-2007, and as President from 1988 to 1991. Charles produced this annual booklet, arranged the dinners and generally kept the show on the road. He arranged matches and as captain, led tours, arranging accommodation and boundless hospitality, looking after the newcomers and old hands alike.

Before his infamous red MGB, Charles careered around in a pre-war Bentley ... some style! The style of which I speak was underscored as he made his commute from Basingstoke to the City, frequently taking a cooked breakfast on the train!

As his extraordinary skills and experience became recognised, Charles was invited on to the Board of Governors, and quickly on to every other board in the complex and extraordinarily successful old boy network, to which it is the Shirburnian's privilege to belong.

He served as a Governor 1979-2008, in particular on the Finance & General Purposes Sub-Committee. He was a member of the OS Society, Charles serving as Trustee 1982-2008 and as President from 1993 to 1994.

He is rightly credited in John Harden's excellent appreciation of Charles's life on the OS Website with "having been the key factor in ensuring that the Society was regenerated in the late 1990s and transformed into today's operation that embraces Old Shirburnians right across the globe. It is no exaggeration to say that this would never have happened without Charles's driving presence."

Charles was a member of the Old Shirburnian Golf Society, which he had served as Trustee since 1967, and as President 1988-1991. Charles organised matches, and in particular the autumn meeting at Rye, with great aplomb and good humour. Nothing ever went wrong.

On Peter Currie's retirement in 2009, he took on the role as archivist, getting all the Society records up to date. Inevitably he found gaps in the record, most of which he filled after hours of research, hunched over his computer. He was joint editor with John Harden of the eighth edition of the Sherborne Register, again checking and rechecking thousands of entries. A monumental task.

Charles assisted Patrick Francis in his wonderful work *Vivat Shirburnia*, providing details of the 220 old boys killed in action in the Great War.

Charles played a key role in the Sherborne Foundation, particularly in the funding for the new laboratories in Acreman Street, the Hughie Holmes Astroturf and later the new Music School.

Charles was well equipped to lead a most successful and indeed, illustrious career in the City of London, where as a partner of Akroyd and Smithers (subsequently acquired by Warburgs), he became deputy chairman of the Stock Exchange, an architect of Big Bang and ultimately vice-chairman of SG Warburg Securities 1990-1995, retiring in 1995.

Charles's career at Sherborne as a boy, and thereafter, was developed upon his extraordinary prowess on the games field, his clear leadership skills, his complete honesty and his appetite for hard work, added to his natural business acumen tempered with a gentle kindness.

Charles was inordinately generous, both in terms of his time and his money. He was greatly respected by young and old alike, he made friends across the generations. He was kind and empathetic, he understood people and their needs. If he could help, he did.

We should ask why did Charles insist on perfection. That records should be kept correctly and properly preserved. His life was in order, his family well provided for, his friends and guests happy. Why was he so concerned that Sherborne and all things Shirburnian should be moving ahead in the right direction in safe, sound hands. Why? Simply put, he cared. We will miss him. Thank God for Charles.

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## CRICKET 2017

Played 13; Won 5; Lost 8; Drawn 0.

### **Sunday May 7 v Old Wellingtonians at Wellington**

Old Wellingtonians 194; Pilgrims 195-6 (H H O Cheal 79). Won by 4 wickets

Blessed by some beautiful weather and decent cricket, this was a thoroughly enjoyable victory. In traditional fashion, skipper Taylor lost the toss and, on what looked like a very good batting deck and quick outfield, the Old Wellingtonians elected to bat. We started off well enough with ball in hand, courtesy of some tight bowling from Rob Rydon (one for 47 off nine) and James Caldwell (two for 21 off eight), keeping the run rate down but without an early wicket.

The breakthrough came in the ninth over with a fine delivery from Caldwell and superb take from keeper Will Smibert. As had been suspected, the wicket was very flat and any balls that even slightly missed their mark were struck to the boundary.

Although the flow of runs could not be meaningfully abated, as a result of some probing bowling and supportive fielding the Pilgrims continued to take wickets, bowling the Old Wellingtonians out for 194. This was obviously a very “gettable” total but, especially given it was our first match and the Pilgrims’ propensity for early-season collapses, it was by no means game over.

Our chase got off to a mixed start losing two early wickets. Fergus Taylor, opening the batting, hit a quickfire 37 from 18 before being dismissed in the fifth over. At 65 for four the chase was in the balance. Fortunately, however, the ship was steadied by a decent partnership from Henry Cheal and Archie Isles, the former’s 79 runs anchoring the innings and ultimately guiding the Pilgrims home to the required total. A great game of cricket enjoyed by all.

### **Saturday May 13 v The School at Sherborne**

The School 221; Pilgrims 161. Lost by 60 runs

This was an all-too-familiar tale. Having won the toss and put the School in we bowled and fielded excellently and had the opposition on the rack at 164 for nine. However, a splendid fightback involving a 50-run last-wicket partnership saw the School recover to 221 all out. James Vitali and Tom Keane bowled particularly well, the latter getting a well-deserved four wicket haul.

221 was well below par on a flat deck, but tight bowling and poor batting saw us slip to 80 for eight. A ninth-wicket stand of 80 runs from Vitali and Keane saw us up to 161 but, in the end, it was a frustrating defeat in a game that we could have won.

### **Sunday May 28 v Radley Rangers at Radley**

Radley 219-9 dec; Pilgrims 160 (H H O Cheal 61). Lost by 59 runs

The Pilgrims travelled to Radley for their annual Cricketer Cup warm-up fixture and having lost the toss, took to the field heartened by the crowd that appeared to be developing for the fixture. These early delusions of grandeur were quickly dispersed by the damning reality that people across the country had travelled to Oxfordshire for a MG owners meet (niche), rather than the fiery encounter that was unfolding on the cricket field. The Dorset side were impressive for 80 per cent of the first innings, taking wickets regularly and generally fielding well. James Francis was the pick of the bowlers with figures of four for 60. However, after reducing Radley to 171 for seven, dropped catches and missed chances allowed the opposition to climb to 219 for nine.

In response, Sherborne looked rusty, with batsmen getting themselves out, rather than being undone by good bowling. The notable exception to this was Henry Cheal’s 61, which demonstrated the application required to build an innings batting second. In the end, the Pilgrims fell short, ending on 160 all out having decided to go for the win rather than block out for the draw.

### **Sunday June 11 v Haileybury Hermits, Cricketer Cup first round**

Pilgrims 275-9 (H H O Cheal 81, F E Taylor 60\*); Haileybury Hermits 267-8 (J Satt 111, T Billings 73). Won by 8 runs

James Vitali, the new Cricketer Cup captain, celebrated his appointment by winning the toss and electing to bat in bright, breezy conditions. Rain the previous day may have been responsible for the first hour proving to be the hardest time to bat, with seam movement from both Boothby and Woodburn testing the defences of Charlie Esson and Theo Cooke.

Esson was bowled by Boothby and replaced by Tom Atkins, who was caught as soon as Higgs came on from the Pavilion End in the eleventh over; 28 for two. Cooke and Henry Cheal proceeded carefully, while taking advantage of the odd bad ball, and it came as a surprise when Cooke was out in the 25<sup>th</sup> over with the score on 89. A good total still seemed far away at this halfway point but Haileybury lacked a genuine fifth bowler. This was ruthlessly exploited with Cheal acting as the initial executioner, assisted by Will Smibert and Fergus Hughes-Onslow.

Cheal went on to make a fine run-a-ball 81. His departure brought Fergus Taylor to the crease who continued to exploit the breach in opposition defences with a belligerent, undefeated 60 off just 37 balls enabling the Pilgrims to post a 50-over total of 275 for nine.

Once such a total on The Upper would have been regarded as easily defendable, but no more. John Atkins's hard and skilled work has improved the pitches immeasurably and for much of the Haileybury reply, the Pilgrims total looked as though it could be 30 runs short. After Rob Rydon had bowled Brooking in the tenth over with the score on 35, Billings joined Satt in a stand that progressively looked likely to swing the odds decisively in the visiting team's favour.

It was a period where the pendulum of luck that oscillated throughout this match favoured Haileybury. On the few occasions that false strokes were made, the ball either found gaps in the field or offered the hardest of chances, the most notable of which was a fine diving effort by Taylor in the leg-side ring to a hard-hit pull from the left-handed Billings. However, this was a measured partnership that passed 150 in the 35<sup>th</sup> over, leaving just 90 runs required at a run-a-ball off the last 15 overs with nine wickets in hand. Then Billings called Satt through for a tight and (with hindsight, unnecessary) second run and Vitali's flat, rapier-like left arm throw left him short of his ground.

One of cricket's great beauties is in how such episodes can change matches and the Pilgrims were visibly re-energised. While Haileybury remained firmly in the driving seat, the seamers kept tight lines with Satt importantly losing the bulk of the strike. The left-handed Osman struck a full length ball from Andy Nurton straight back into the sightscreen for six to cheers from the opposition benches but Nurton is a wily fox in these tight situations. Pulling his length back just a fraction, the identical shot resulted in the rattle of a different kind of timber.

Now the Pilgrims really sensed their chance. Brown was sharply stumped by Smibert standing up to Nurton and a suppliant Rydon had his beseeching appeal for leg-before against Rogers answered in the affirmative. Satt, having compiled a fine century, was now alone in his gallant quest to get Haileybury over the line but a wild swing at Cheal resulted in him ending up literally down and out as Smibert removed the bails. 252 for seven with 24 runs required off the remaining 19 balls. Overs 48 and 49 left Vitali commencing the final over with ten runs needed. He kept them down to a meagre single – the Pilgrims had won.

Key to this was the Haileybury attack. While the four main Hermits bowlers got through 40 overs for 166 runs, their other ten overs cost 105 runs. The Pilgrims were also fortunate to be gifted 27 runs in wides and no balls (one of these a wicket-taker except for the bowler dislodging the bails in his delivery stride) with the resultant extra balls. On another day their own 13 wides and five-run penalty for hitting the helmet would have been decisive.

This is definitely an improving side. The batting is no longer quite so dependent on Esson's contribution, while Cheal and Taylor played really well. However, more starts of 20-plus need to be converted to bigger scores if the side is to progress deeper in the competition. The seam bowling was tight from all four especially in the critical latter stages. Vitali was especially impressive with his last five overs at a crucial time costing a mere 16 runs.

The spinners Cooke and Taylor kept calm under pressure from the Satt / Billings axis with both managing to extract some turn from an unhelpful pitch. Enthusiasm in the field was never lacking with the ring diving and saving many a run. Mention must be made of the boundary riders who moved swiftly to everything, Cooke, Atkins and the remarkable Rydon prime among them. Esson's calming influence and advice to the young captain when the battle raged highest did not go unnoticed.

### **Sunday June 25 v Old Eastbournians at Eastbourne**

Old Eastbournians 263-6 (A Stewart 61). Pilgrims 192 (C A R Esson 71). Lost by 71 runs

The town of Eastbourne is liberally endowed with cricket history. It was here on The Saffrons that the venerable Archie MacLaren hand-picked and captained the only side to beat the mighty 1921 Australians and the Pilgrims travelled to the south coast with cautious optimism that they could progress through this second-round match. They will have returned home with the belief that they certainly could, and maybe should, have won in this match that was moved to Eastbourne because the School were playing on the Upper.

James Vitali called correctly and invited the home side to bat on a fine but extremely breezy morning. Rob Rydon made the early breakthrough and the second-wicket partnership of Robinson and Oliver Smith was unable to pierce the tight ring with the result that when 50 came up in the eighteenth over, only 32 runs had been scored off the bat. However, a plethora of wides had eased what would have been real pressure on the batting side.

With the score on 65, Vitali in his third over struck twice: Cheal taking a good swirling catch at long leg to end Robinson's uncomfortable vigil and then beating Smith all ends up in front. The new batsmen, Stewart and Finzel, began cautiously and it was not until the 31st over that 100 came up. Limiting Eastbourne to a total of around 200 seemed a real possibility. This was a true surface, though, and the fourth-wicket pair accelerated quickly so that by the time that Finzel was run out in the 41st over, the home side were 178 for four with Brad Evans, a junior Zimbabwe international and Sussex second XI player, joining the now fluent Stewart at the crease. Evans hit a quickfire 49, including three consecutive sixes in the 48th over, as Eastbourne enjoyed a profitable last ten overs to close on 263 for six.

General consensus held that this was no more than a par score for the conditions and a good collective batting performance could get Sherborne up near the target. Fergus Taylor was promoted to open alongside Ollie Calcott with obvious licence to play his natural game. He began brightly with an array of powerful shots before getting a shade early on to a short ball and pulling in the air to mid-on. Simon Walsh soon departed mistiming a pull off Ripley which, as with Taylor, had the misfortune to pick out Evans, their best fielder, who took his second good catch. Calcott had played himself in carefully and looked to be finding good touch before adjudged LBW to Chisholm and the Pilgrims were in trouble at 37 for three.

Charlie Esson's arrival steadied Sherborne nerves as firstly with Henry Cheal and then with Tom Atkins the Pilgrims started to accumulate runs at a better rate than Eastbourne managed at a comparable stage. However, both departed just when they were getting to grips with the task and Esson was left with the lower order to accompany him. With wickets falling steadily at the other end, his fine innings ended when, having to resort to the aerial route, he fell to a well-judged catch by Robinson at deep mid-wicket.

The Pilgrims had lost by 71 runs. Scoreboard pressure is a widely used commentators' cliché in these days of much limited-overs cricket. It can be applied by tight bowling or brilliant fielding making the batting side feel the need to take risks to keep up a respectable run-rate. Conversely, it can be eased by the gift of easy runs and the Pilgrims were guilty of giving away far too many extras and thus missing the opportunity of applying real pressure to the Eastbourne batting. Wides are an especially irritating source of easy runs as not only do the extras accumulate but the ball has to be bowled again and this resulted in the Pilgrims having to bowl the equivalent of six extra overs!

There is every reason to have confidence in the future of this mainly very young side. Their team spirit and commitment to each other is first class. Like nearly every side in the competition, they would like a genuine strike bowler and maybe a top specialist spinner and if either of these could be found, there is no reason why they cannot challenge the very best. Esson leads what could become a potent batting line-up that needs to find consistency, the fielding remains as characteristically keen and sharp as ever and the current bowling is adequate when at full strength (Nurton's absence was keenly felt in this game) and getting the vital basic of line right. They have a young and enthusiastic captain who hopefully will continue to encourage the best Pilgrims cricketers to play in this competition.

### **Saturday July 1 v The School at Sherborne**

Pilgrims 114-6 (J H K Adams 58\*); The School 115-7. Lost by 3 wickets

On a gloriously sunny Commem day the teams bedecked in coloured clothing did battle for the first time in a Twenty20 format starting in the afternoon. Ferg Taylor lost the toss (there is now an increasing history of this misfortune) and we were put in to bat. At 25 for five on a good wicket we needed a saviour and it came in the form of Jimmy Adams who, in a welcome return to the Upper, gave a splendid demonstration by way of deft placement and the taking of quick singles, of how to keep the scoreboard moving and then accelerated in the final overs. The School, it must be said, bowled and fielded very well to limit us to 114. However, we had a very competent attack led by James Vitali, whose left arm swing bowling always posed problems but in the end we were 20 or 30 runs short of what we needed and the School coasted home with ten balls to spare. A thoroughly good game and the Twenty20 format is certainly worthy of repetition. With several of the School's bowlers returning next year the Pilgrims will need to be on their mettle to make a game of it.

### **Sunday July 9 - Twenty20 Tournament at Bryanston**

It was a fine, sunny day with an opportunity for the Pilgrims to get off to winning ways for The Week 2017. Nine Pilgrims, one honorary Pilgrim and one very late Pilgrim were pleased to find out they would be playing Bryanston first which meant a chance to play on what appeared to be the better of the two pitches, leaving Canford to play Clayesmore on a pitch no bigger than a 50 pence piece. Unfortunately we lost the toss but to our surprise, were inserted by Bryanston which suited us nicely while waiting on one of our strike bowlers. However, the batting didn't start well and we

found ourselves 12 for three after five overs. At this point debutant Franke and veteran Gibbs (T) settled in and began accumulating runs at a steady rate, scoring 36 and 31 respectively before falling. In the end, we crawled to 120 for eight.

On a now a drying, speedy outfield our task seemed very steep and was made more difficult when Bryanston started quickly and found themselves at 77 for two off 10. At this point Gibbs (H) finally arrived having decided to bike there and was straight on to bowl with a wicket in his first over. The momentum began to turn with C, F and E Taylor all taking catches. We found ourselves entering the final over with Bryanston needing six to win and then two off the final two balls. The game was certainly on a knife edge but unfortunately five wides through second slip was a demoralising way to finish. With Bryanston's joint top scorer being extras, on 24, we trudged up to the small postage stamp of a pitch rueing a missed opportunity.

Canford had beaten Clayesmore in the other semi-final, leaving us to fight it out with Clayesmore for the wooden spoon. This time we fielded first and the standards were high from the start where we left off in the last match. Although it's difficult to say what good bowling figures would be on this pitch, with top edges flying for six every few balls and their opening batsman scoring 138 not out, credit must go to all the bowlers for sticking at it and keeping Clayesmore down to 184. Wickets were shared around with F Taylor, H Gibbs and Franke picking up two each.

With an extensive total for us to chase, Taylor set about slapping the bowling to all parts of the ground in his conventionally ox-like fashion making a rapid 96 not out. He was accompanied by Franke, who scored 47 and between them propelled us to 186 for two off 15.4 overs. Clayesmore were left looking very defeated having played on the small pitch twice and conceded nearly 400 runs in 35 overs. On the whole, we played well with one bad innings in four but unfortunately this proved crucial and was the difference between first and third.

### **Monday July 10 v Sherborne Town CC at Sherborne**

Pilgrims 255 (F E Taylor 76, C A R Esson 50); Sherborne CC 147 (A D Nurton 4-20, F E Taylor 4-35). Won by 108 runs

After last year's extremely close drawn match on the Terraces the Pilgrims were determined to get their first win in three years against Sherborne Cricket Club. Fergus Taylor duly won the toss and opted to bat on a flat-looking pitch, with little in the way of helpful overhead conditions.

Despite this ideal set of circumstances the Pilgrims top order failed to make a decent start finding themselves 13 for two and then 35 for three as Whiting, Cunliffe and Smibert all departed quickly. It was left to the middle order to get things back on track and Walsh did this admirably with a nicely made 49, while he found a perfect ally in Esson who can always adapt his game to the situation and compiled a neat half-century. Unfortunately just as he was looking to crank things up he was stumped down the leg side and this meant that Fergus Taylor was left to try and hoist the Pilgrims over the 200 mark. This he did wonderfully well, striking the ball to all parts of the ground in making a swash-buckling 76. His brother, Charlie, struck an entertaining 18 at the end of the innings and the home side finished on a well above par score of 255 all out in exactly 40 overs.

It was always going to be a tall order for the Sherborne CC side and when Nurton struck in each of his first three overs from the Pavilion End they were well and truly floundering at 10 for three. The first two wickets were neatly taken by Esson at first slip on the back of well-pitched up away

swingers and for the third wicket Nurton did his best Jimmy Anderson impression (albeit at 25mph slower) by defeating the outside edge with the first two balls of the over. This caused the batsman to shoulder arms at the third only to find it was the in-swing which proceeded to clatter into the top of off stump. Nurton finished with four for 20 and although there was some resistance from Kennedy and Guppy in the middle order Taylor completed a fine all-round performance by picking up four wickets of his own, while Robins mopped things up at the other end.

It was an excellent performance from the Pilgrims and they deserved the 108-run margin of victory (despite some comedic catching attempts from Whiting and C Taylor). As always, the Pilgrims are extremely grateful to Sherborne CC for not only putting out a side on a Monday afternoon but also for allowing us to use their club house for the thoroughly enjoyable evening's festivities.

### **Tuesday July 11 v MCC at Sherborne**

Match cancelled due to weather conditions

### **Wednesday July 12 v Bryanston Butterflies at Bryanston**

Bryanston Butterflies 265-5 dec (F E Taylor 4-109); Pilgrims 118 (F E Taylor 56). Lost by 147 runs

Following the disappointment of the cancellation, we travelled to Bryanston eager to be playing cricket. However, the square was too sodden for play to commence on time and so lunch was taken early and the start time pushed back. Because of the then damp square and outfield, skipper Fergus Taylor, having won the toss, decided to insert the opposition hoping that conditions throughout the day would become progressively better for batting, with sun forecast in the afternoon. This was a reasonable plan, and indeed it manifested exactly so, but the Pilgrims were unable to capitalise on the favourable conditions with ball and then bat by firstly bowling so waywardly and then batting so poorly. Bryanston acquired a respectable total of 265 off just over 50 overs, albeit with some particularly memorable slices of luck. This, of course, was a very much attainable total, but the Pilgrims simply did not apply themselves well enough to their chase with resistance only coming from Taylor (56) and Simon Walsh (31) in the middle order.

### **Thursday July 13 v Clayesmore Cormorants at Sherborne**

Clayesmore Cormorants 220; Pilgrims 224-1 (F E Taylor 130\*, J I McKillop 60\*). Won by 9 wickets

Having played so poorly against the Butterflies the previous day, we arrived at the Upper on a lovely summer's day with a determination to perform well and win. We lost the toss and the opposition, sensibly on what looked to be a true road, elected to bat. Both the intensity in the field and the accuracy of our bowling was outstanding from the off. Andrew Nurton bowled with great control and consistency and he was well supported by Charlie Carr-Smith (three for 30) who bowled with real pace and aggression. The openers were well supported by some tight overs in the middle of the innings from Fergus Taylor (one for 27) and Will Smibert, who picked up two wickets, his first for the Pilgrims. Clayesmore had some decent batsmen and they clearly fought very hard but, such was the quality of our bowling and fielding that we managed to restrict them to a below par total of 220 all out.

We transferred the high standards we set in the field to our batting performance, executing a particularly clinical chase. Following the early departure of Elliot Whiting, Fergus Taylor played very aggressively, smashing 130 not out from 65 balls and was well supported by a watchful 60 not

out from Jimmy McKillop. Chasing their total in 24.4 overs with the loss of one wicket represented what was an excellent performance and victory for us, especially in the context of the previous day's abject display.

### **Friday July 14 v Canford Cygnets at Canford**

Canford Cygnets 227 (W M Smibert 5-36); Pilgrims 230-9 (P F C Langly-Smith 78, W M Smibert 59 not out). Won by 1 wicket

The last night of the Week often makes Pilgrims the most bleary-eyed, and so it was with much difficulty that the team made their way over to Canford for the final fixture of the Week. Despairingly, skipper Fergus Taylor lost the toss and so it was, under clear blue skies, that we very gingerly took to the field. As is always the case at the end of a long week of cricket, the team lacked depth in the bowling department and so it was to our credit that we managed to bowl Canford out for 227, certainly a below par score on a very good wicket. The pick of the bowlers was Will Smibert, who having taken his first wicket for the Pilgrims the previous day, displayed great control and skill in taking five for 36 in 7.4 overs.

We began our chase very positively, with Pete Langly-Smith smashing the ball to all parts of the ground in a quickfire 78. Yet, this strong position was soon threatened by the fall of a number of quick wickets, the worst of which being the dismissal of Taylor: having scored 400 runs in his previous five innings it was amazing to see his demise at the hands of the infamous Mark Mitchener (whose notorious hand-grenades reach an altitude of a Boeing 747 and travel at the velocity of a slow-moving glacier). Will Smibert put his hand up as the hero of the hour, guiding us home with a wonderful 59 not out to add to his five-wicket haul. We certainly made it hard for ourselves but we got there in the end, capping off an excellent week in which we won four matches and lost two.

### **Sunday August 6 v Hampshire Hogs**

Hampshire Hogs 231 (J R E Irving 5-21); Pilgrims 179 (E J Whiting 84). Lost by 52 runs

After a challenging few weeks before the Hogs match with players unavailable for various reasons, captain Irving had to take part in some crucial negotiations for two extra players and two substitutes. Hogs skipper Oliver Kelly won the toss and chose to bat on a slightly soft wicket. With limited bowling options available Irving elected to go for the athletic Charlie Taylor down the hill and himself up the hill. Optimism was not high but morale was good and this led to Irving taking a spree of leg-befores up the hill and Taylor bowling a royal mixture of leg spin and seam up. At lunch, we felt very much in the game with the score at 150 for six.

To stem the flow of runs, Elliott Whiting was deemed our best bet. Despite saying he couldn't bowl, he ended up taking the crucial wicket. With some tidy wicket-to-wicket bowling Irving claimed a five-wicket haul, leaving the Hogs with a very gettable total of 231 with time on our side.

Whiting (84) applied himself superbly and after 20 overs we had accumulated 55 before the loss of our first wicket. Whiting alongside Will Fortescue then shepherded us to tea with some sturdy defence and elegant back-foot shots. Unfortunately some errant shot selection led to a collapse. Fortescue fell and then some tempting off spin led to the demise of Charlie Taylor and Henry Comlyn, leaving the skipper stranded at the other end.

This was a game in which an unlikely victory was a genuine possibility, but we let it slip through our hands. Nevertheless, credit must go to the Hogs skipper for making a great game of cricket possible. Let's hope for one better next year!

### **Sunday August 13 v Marlborough Blues at Marlborough**

Pilgrims 245 (S J Lamb 87, G H Atkins 56); Marlborough Blues 247-6 (E Kilby 95). Lost by 4 wickets

We won the toss and in easy batting conditions set about our task. Simon Lamb, whose batting continues to improve, compiled an elegant 87 and George Atkins played robustly for his 56. In truth our total was probably a little below par for the conditions. Our limited bowling attack toiled manfully and we fielded well, with Rose and Leach being outstanding, but Marlborough reached their target without ever being under too much pressure.

### **Sunday September 3 v Eton Ramblers at Eton**

Pilgrims 125; Eton Ramblers 127-6. Lost by 4 wickets

The clash against Eton is always a fantastic way to end the season, and it was a shame that this time the game had to be reduced to a Twenty20 clash. With the heavens always threatening, it was planned to hold two 20-over matches, but the rain started to come down after the third ball of the day, and through true British grit, one game was played.

We won the toss and after the early dismissal of Will Smibert, Tom Gibbs and Charlie Leach looked to lay a platform. With one generous close boundary, runs were not too difficult to come by in the early stages, but as the rain came down, the wicket became skiddier and skiddier, and the outfield thicker and thicker. One slipped under the bat of Gibbs, and castled him, but Humphrey Rose steadied things nicely as he and Leach took the game to the bowlers.

Just as they looked comfortable, a run out would cost the Pilgrims, as a typical collapse took place. Only one of the remaining batsmen went on to double figures. The Pilgrims eventually limped to 127 all out, with six batsmen bowled. On this sticky wicket, however, the total was defensible.

Off spinner Dom Bell was entrusted with sharing the new ball, and skipper Alex Pusinelli's call was rewarded with an early breakthrough; Bell skidding one through to bowl his man. Those types of dismissal were becoming all too familiar, especially so when Alastair Pusinelli came into the attack. The younger of the two brothers struck with a brilliant yorker with just his second delivery, and removed another batsman in similar fashion in his next over. With the Ramblers now 40-odd for three, the Pilgrims smelt blood.

Alastair Pusinelli was in on the act once again, this time finding some rare bounce in the wicket and the batsman's attempted pull shot falling straight to Bell on the leg side. However, this dismissal brought a big hitter to the crease, and the game started to sway back in the Ramblers' favour.

The bowlers began to slip on the crease, controlling the ball was difficult, and the boundaries started to come. An over from Ben Lyons cost 14 and put the Ramblers in the ascendancy, with a stray throw from Archie Isles owing to a sopping ball hitting the wicketkeeper's helmet to award our opponents five penalty runs. Tom Gibbs gave Sherborne a late lifeline with two wickets in as many

overs, but two successive fours followed by a six finished the game in style for the Ramblers, who were deserved winners.

## **RUGBY 2017-18**

This year it seemed particularly difficult for the Pilgrims to find games, with several of our usual opposition having either changed management or collapsed between the seasons. Having said that, the matches and related social events were, as usual, highly enjoyable and resounding successes. Aside from games up in London against the Merlins, a team primarily made up of Cambridge alumni, and London Business School, the Pilgrims also returned to the Upper to play the second Tom Nelson Memorial game against Bryanston, which included a fine dinner in the Old School Room, and embark on the fourth annual tour, this time heading off to Madrid.

### **Saturday October 14, v Merlins RFC at Richmond**

Lost 28-12

The first game of the season was always going to be a tough one, coming out of a summer of not enough exercise and too much food and drink (for the author at least). This was made particularly tough as the opposition seemed to have a very good summer for recruitment, turning up with a large squad. As we started to throw a ball around to warm up, the Merlins were already running drills. However, the general consensus was that they would just tire themselves out before the game even started, and that we would be able to run riot with our usual champagne rugby. It did not quite turn out that way. It was clear from the outset that the Merlins had a very well drilled back line, and while our forwards held their own in the set plays, as soon as the ball got to the Merlins backs, it was quickly passed out wide to a pair of particularly quick wings, who just managed to get round the outside of our back line. It was rare for the Merlins to break through the middle of the Pilgrims defence, testament to the ferocity and stubbornness of our efforts.

Twice we managed to get over the whitewash, and with London Scottish playing the Dragons Premier Select in the background, it felt like we had a great crowd cheering us on. Special mention should go to the defensive efforts of Ben Lyons and Phil “fourth gear” Anscombe for consistently stopping the Merlins from breaking through.

### **Saturday October 28 v Old Bryanstonians at Sherborne**

Won (sevens competition).

Having lost to a strong Bryanston team away last season in the first annual game in memory of Tom Nelson, an old boy of Sherborne Prep who went on to Bryanston, we were looking forward to the return leg on the Upper. Unfortunately, Bryanston could not gather enough players for a full fixture, and turned up with enough for a game of sevens. Over the course of the afternoon, three games were played, with both sides taking it in turns to provide a referee.

The first two games were played as sevens, and the final game was played as tens, with a couple of Pilgrims playing for the opposition to make sure everyone had plenty of game time. When everyone had had enough of running around, it was decided that we had won 2 games to 1, and had therefore

won the trophy. Despite the lack of numbers, it was unanimously agreed that the rugby had been played in good spirit, and it was a good day out.

Following the games, a dinner was held in the OSR for players and supporters of both sides, at which the Tom Nelson Cup was presented to the Pilgrims. Following the dinner, both teams went on to enjoy what the various pubs in Sherborne had to offer on the Hallowe'en weekend! Discussions are already in place for the fixture next season, with some of the Bryanston team taking on responsibility to get a side together. Hopefully a full fixture will take place on the Upper.

### **Saturday November 18 v London Business School**

Won 22-14

The London Business School side seem to have a trend of turning up and having a strong first half, but tail off in the second half. This game was no different, with the first half ending with the sides neck and neck, in a physical encounter. It was clear that LBS had a simple well-defined game plan to keep it in their strong pack to draw in players before passing out to their powerful centre to break through our defence. We learned to read this, however, and in the second half, the opposition began to tire, and we managed to break through their line to get ahead. As the game drew to a close, we managed to hold on for a hard-fought win.

With the game being played in the morning, this left time for both sides to head to the Windsor Castle pub for sustenance and to watch England overwhelm Australia 30-6.

### **Saturday March 17 v Madrid Lions RFC at Madrid**

Won 27-19 (tour match)

The excitement was palpable as our squad began to converge on Gatwick south to head over to Madrid for the fourth annual tour. Following the tours to Jersey, Dublin, and Edinburgh, this was our most ambitious tour yet, and the first to a non-English speaking country. No one was concerned as with Ed Bonnell as tour manager and James Trotman acting as interpreter, we were in safe hands. On the Friday evening, so as to see as much of Madrid as possible, we firstly visited a number of bars. This was followed by a tapas meal in a private room at the rear of a typical Spanish restaurant. The tourists regaled each other with stories from their time at school, and deep discussions about favourite Coldplay songs. One tourist of doubtful stamina tended to sleep between courses. Following the dinner, we descended on the town centre for a nightcap, and to integrate ourselves into local society.

The next morning, it was a quick turnaround to get to the ground to play the Madrid Lions in a morning fixture. The ground turned out to be a somewhat waterlogged artificial pitch, which promised to produce a fast and slippery game. Once we had got used to the conditions and the French referee, it was back to business as usual. The lack of contested scrums made for a fast-flowing game, with our backs enjoying the space of the wide pitch. The forwards however, particularly Snudden and W Day-Robinson, did not quite feel this sort of rugby suited them, and were often seen one or two phases behind play. Despite the good-spirited nature of the game, it was not without its casualties. Seb "glass knee" Jaques tried an outrageous step, which his leg was clearly not used to, and tore ligaments in his knee and Phil Anscombe dislocated a finger in an attempt to tackle one of their players. Luckily for Anscombe, a Spanish groundsman offered to put

his finger back in place. Fortunately, James Kinnersley, having come along to support, found himself playing instead.

Post-match, both sides headed to Madrid's Irish pub to watch the last games of the Six Nations. It seemed the majority of the opposition were Irish, who very much enjoyed watching Ireland put England to the sword. This did little to dampen our enthusiasm, and we headed back to the hostel to prepare for our court. Judge Smibert seemed particularly excited for this, and looked resplendent in his judge's gowns. Justice having been served, the tour then moved on to sample the Madrid nightlife.

Once again, the tour will go down in the memories of those lucky enough to go on it as an outstanding, hilarious weekend. Special mention should go to Ed Bonnell, who put the whole thing together and marshalled the group all while having to work over the weekend. Onwards to next season's tour!

While the matches were not as numerous as in previous years, the occasions on which the Pilgrims did convene were as memorable and enjoyable as usual. As was mentioned at the start of this report, several of our usual opposition went through a change in management. It is time that Pilgrims rugby did the same, and after four years in charge, the author is stepping down as club captain, with Charlie Leach (b 11) and James Capel (b 11) taking over the reins. It's been a hell of a four years, with tours, dinners, drinks and some rugby; long may it continue!

*Jamie Snudden*

## **HOCKEY 2017-18**

### **Sunday October 2, Haileybury sixes annual tournament**

A stronger squad than usual but with no reserves, four games on a warm October day proved tiring on the legs! We were graced with the league presence of Will Selfe who made quite an impact in all four games. With a draw to Tonbridge, but losses to Aldenham, St Edward's and Framlingham, it sadly meant we were not to be playing any hockey after the lunch break. Once again a very enjoyable day, with the side still feeling positive.

### **Friday January 12 v St Edward's Oxford at Oxford**

Lost 3-1

Continuing the success of our London game against Teddies last year, we decided to take them on at their home turf in Oxford. A really super game on a Friday evening, but yet again no reserves didn't help us. A 3-1 loss, but considering the situation it wasn't a bad effort at all! The opposition were also graced with a Wales international who recently scored against India in the Commonwealth Games although our defence invariably had the measure of him.

### **Sunday March 18 v The School, at Sherborne**

Match cancelled owing to weather

### **Saturday April 28 v Tonbridge at Battersea Park**

Drawn 5-5

This was a much anticipated fixture and the game didn't disappoint. From being 5-4 down we equalised in the last play of the game to clinch the draw. A great fixture played in fine spirit.

*Will Smibert*

## **FOOTBALL 2017-18**

Played 17; Won 9; Lost 7; Drawn 1

With effect from September 2017 we have been in the Arthurian League Division 5 South (the Arthurian League has seven divisions made up from various independent schools old boys' teams), which is comprised of eight teams. We have had a highly successful debut season playing 16 games and finishing second in our division.

With a rising number of Pilgrims footballers, and the news of the 1st XI now having two terms of football, it was only a matter of time before the Pilgrims football team looked to move things forward. This progression has come in the form of entering the Arthurian League. The main objective was to encourage the large number of Pilgrims in London and the surrounding area to continue playing competitive football and to recreate sporting success against old rivals. An additional benefit is that there is particular emphasis on the social side of the game.

When we were accepted into the league and the first weekend arrived, there was a large amount of nervous excitement. It was hard to know how we would perform against seasoned outfits, particularly having been defeated in our pre-season game against a well-oiled Division 2 Radley side. We needn't have worried, however, as we got our campaign off to a flying start with a convincing 4-1 victory against King's, Wimbledon. It was pleasing to note that the side was made up of seven different year groups, a key ingredient in any old boys side, many of whom had not known or played together before.

The following two fixtures saw the Pilgrims come plunging back to earth with a defeat and draw. These results were a steep learning curve that showed the management that we could not rely on having the same XI every Saturday. As such it became necessary to be flexible with our tactics to accommodate the players that were available each week. This early dip cost us important points which would have been invaluable towards the end of the season when we were chasing promotion.

During the final third of the season our form picked up with a regular group of players turning out every week which unsurprisingly made a notable difference to our consistency. This allowed us to make up some lost ground on our rivals and finish second. In the event we qualified for the play-offs, in which we sadly lost to St Columban's College in extra time.

A special mention should go to Christian Maclaren, not only being a mainstay in midfield and playing in every fixture this season but also for his assistance and support. Another irreplaceable performer has been Luke Skipsey who was the main contributor to our remarkable goals scored tally (37 per cent of our total goals).

Nothing illustrates the success of the team more than our invitation to take part in the Arthur Dunn Cup, the world's second oldest cup competition after the FA Cup. The cup is an invitation only competition reserved for old-boy teams from the Premier Division to Division 5. Fixtures are

encouraged to be played at the hosts' school which adds to the allure of the cup. We are looking forward to the draw and hopefully hosting someone down in the West Country!

Finally, I would like to thank everyone that has been involved both on and off the pitch for buying into the Pilgrims ethos and making the football team work. Whilst we have done fantastically well in terms of results this season, we must build on this success if we are to grow football within the Pilgrims umbrella. We are looking forward to welcoming the latest crop of young footballers and hopefully moving further up the leagues.

## **Results**

**September 3 2017 v Radley** Lost 4-1 (Maclaren)  
**September 9 2017 v King's, Wimbledon** Won 4-1 (Nott, Maclaren, Jacobsen 2)  
**September 23 2017 v Old Harrovians** Lost 3-0  
**September 30 2017 v Old King's Scholars** Drawn 2-2 (Jacobsen, Allen)  
**October 7 2017 v King's, Wimbledon** Won 7-1 (Maclaren, Jacobsen 2, Skipsey 3, Zimmer)  
**October 14 2017 v Old Malvernians** Won 7-0 (Skipsey 4, Head, Reynolds 2)  
**October 21 2017 v Old Epsomians** Lost 3-0  
**October 28 2017 v Harrow** Lost 3-1 (Skipsey)  
**November 4 2017 v Old Rugbeians** Lost 1-0 (Junior League Cup)  
**November 11 2017 v Old Epsomians** Won 7-1 (Nott 3, Maclaren 2, Skipsey, Carline)  
**November 18 2017 v Old Amplefordians** Won 6-2 (Mills, Maclaren 2, Allen 2, Skipsey)  
**December 16 2017 v Old Westminster's** Won 5-2 (Skipsey 3, Capel 2)  
**January 13 2018 v Old Malvernians** Won 5-0 (walk over victory)  
**January 20 2018 v Old Westminster's** Won 4-2 (Zimmer, Skipsey, Cattle, Maclaren)  
**January 27 2018 v Old Alleynians** Lost 3-4 (Woolcot Trophy) (Maclaren, Hooper, Jacobsen)  
**February 24 2018 v Old Amplefordians** Won 1-0 (Whiteaway)  
**March 10 2018 v Old Kings Scholars** Lost 1-4 (Skipsey)  
**March 18 2018 v The School** Cancelled owing to snow  
**April 21 v St Columban's College** Lost 0-3 (after extra time)

*George Atkins*

## **FIVES 2017-18**

### **Saturday February 3 2018 v The School**

Won 271-224

This was the biggest Pilgrims match for many years with ten Pilgrims from a number of different eras of the school descending on the School Fives courts, including some who were national champions in their day. The school fielded a mixed pupil/staff team with Harry Harvey and Benedict Mercer making up the first pair, both still in the fifth form. Every pair played seven or eight games of doubles, working their way through the opposition pairings.

For the Pilgrims Nick MacIver and Alastair Findlay were the most successful pair, gaining 85 points to the School's 51. For the School, Harry and Benedict managed to win some of their games and scored well in those they lost. The Pilgrims were most impressed by their skill, especially as they will be on court in future years for the school. After three hours of continuous fives for almost every player, the final result was a victory for the Pilgrims.

*Nick Scorer*

## **SQUASH 2017-18**

I have taken over from Nick Lamb as manager. We entered the 2017-18 Londonderry Cup and beat Old Salopians in the first round 4-1 but lost 0-5 to Millfield in the second round on February 25. On March 17 we beat the School 3-0.

*Will Pope*

## **TENNIS 2017-18**

It was with a sense of trepidation that Toby MacKean and James Sewry travelled to St George's College, Weybridge, on Saturday April 7 for the first qualifying round of the D'Abernon Cup. An annual competition run by the Public Schools Old Boys' Lawn Tennis Association, the D'Abernon Cup consistently boasts a high standard of tennis, and, perhaps, even keener rivalries.

Up against Sherborne were familiar names: Lancing, Shrewsbury, St Paul's, Wellington and St George's. The format consisted of a round-robin event, whereby teams followed the slightly unconventional practice of playing seven games including a seven-point tiebreak counting as an "extra" game played at the end of the sixth.

After a brief warm-up, we were off, playing against Wellington. Probably the best team on the day, we were unused to the sheer pace and power of this Rusedski-esque pair. A much closer tie with Shrewsbury followed; this was more like it, we thought, eventually narrowly losing on the deciding tiebreak. Our last two matches saw convincing wins against Lancing and St George's, reflecting our growing confidence throughout the morning.

Overall, matches were contested in great spirit, with some excellent shot-making from all teams. Sherborne produced some fabulous down-the-line backhand winners as well as athleticism at the net. We were let down by initial nerves, and poor serving on big points. Sherborne finished in fifth place, which unfortunately did not reflect our considerable improvement.

Nonetheless, while it will often be a tall order to qualify to the knockout stages of the Cup, it should not be seen as beyond our reach, and it is with such a mindset that we ought to prepare for future editions of this competition.

*James Sewry*

## **CROSS COUNTRY 2017-18**

On Saturday December 16 we participated in another Alumni race on Wimbledon Common and secured another Pilgrims win (for the fourth time in five years). As we gathered on the start line in our strips – our largest ever team (24 runners) – printed copies of the *Carmen* appeared as if by magic. A rousing rendition of the first verse ensued, to the envy of the other teams. What a way to build spirit and get us ready as the gun fired!

Having now won four out of the past five seasons we are starting to build the strength in depth that is needed. We now have about 100 runners with whom we are in contact including our Facebook group “Old Shirburnian Pilgrims Cross Country” and our Strava club “OS Pilgrims”. However, we cannot afford complacency as the other teams are doing the same – the field has grown from 104 in 2010 to 271 in 2017 and this year the race featured 22 women. Furthermore we came second in the V40s competition and were within a whisker of winning that trophy back. We just needed one more club-running V40 to pull our strong score a little higher!

Heavy rain over the preceding weeks meant that conditions were perfect for cross country, with ankle-deep mud through the butts, narrow tracks with brambles to catch the unwary, lethally slippery descents, steep scrambles to climb, logs to hurdle and branches to duck! As always, the pace was brutal all round – there was no pausing to catch breath at the top of the hills, knowing that every place counted even for the non-scoring four, in pushing other teams’ scores higher.

And then, mercifully, came the long descent to the playing fields at the finish; and trying to sprint across the horribly sodden and soggy grass, elbows out and pulse maxed to collapse gasping across the line. The race was followed, of course, by a few post-race debriefing beers in the Rose & Crown in Wimbledon Village. Every year we have an internal trophy – the Chataway Cup – for the most improved runner. As the course was longer this year the times were all down. However, our clear and worthy winner was Tom Hole (2012), whose time was only down by 0:22, representing a massive improvement over the year.

Sadly the Hyde Park Relays due to take place on Saturday March 3 were cancelled owing to adverse weather conditions. If you want to be part of something special, join the social media groups or contact Lloyd Collier at [lloyd.collier@bnymellon.com](mailto:lloyd.collier@bnymellon.com) or Harry Reynolds and make yourself available for one muddy and fun Saturday afternoon in December each year on Wimbledon Common.

*Harry Reynolds*

## **OLD SHIRBURNIAN GOLFING SOCIETY 2017-18**

### **Alba Trophy 2017**

The 2017 Alba saw Stuart Gillett and Toby Couzens attempt to defend the title they won in 2016. However, it was not to be: scores of 82 in the morning and afternoon rounds saw them finish mid-table. It was good to see the Old Shirburnian name in gold leaf on the honours board at Woking Golf Club following the 2016 triumph, the first in OS history and something to be proud of.

### **Mellin Salver 2017**

Once again we were treated to beautiful summer weather and the golf course at West Hill was in its usual excellent condition. On the first day the qualifying scores in the Bunny Millard Salver for over-75s were exceptionally good and our two pairs – Simon Brown/Patrick Farmer and Mike Jerrom/John Irving – were not able to qualify for the matchplay stage.

In the Peter Burles Salver for over-65s, our team had a familiar look, comprising David Dinkeldein /Alan Gale as the top pair and Nick Chamberlin/Mark Gidney as the second. We played Oundle in the first round and, while our top pair were rather overwhelmed by very strong opposition (having an aggregate handicap of 11), our second pair managed to win on the 18th and were chosen for the sudden death play-off against the Oundle top pair. After a poor drive by Gidney

and a recovery from heather by Chamberlin, Gidney hit a masterly iron shot to a few feet from the hole and the Oundle pair proceeded to make a complete mess of the hole and conceded the match.

In the second round against Cheltenham, the pattern of the morning was almost repeated. The score was one match all and our second pair was again involved in a sudden death play-off, this time at the 18th, a long and testing par-four. Cheltenham made a good par which we were narrowly unable to equal and sadly we were out of the tournament.

So to the Mellin Salver itself (over-55s). For the second round against Oundle the team was slightly adjusted and the three pairs were Chris Nevill/Nigel Whalley, Rhys Francis/John Youngman and Michael Farley/Andrew Rose. Our top pair won their match and the bottom pair lost to near-par golf by an experienced Oundle pair. Thus the second match proved to be the decider. Francis and Youngman had lost the first three holes but recovered to be two up on the 15th tee, then lost the 15th and 16th to be all square on the 18th tee. After a good drive by Youngman, Francis struck a magnificent three-wood to the green and Oundle narrowly failed to equal our par four.

In the second round against Loretto, our top pair again won convincingly but the second pair let themselves down with some poor putting and lost. However, the third pair came to the rescue winning on the 16th and thus getting us into the semi-final for the second successive year.

Chris Nevill was not available for the semi-final against Forest and Nick Chamberlin came in, playing as second pair with Whalley while Francis/Youngman took over at the top. Although Chamberlin performed creditably, the balance of the team was disrupted. Francis/Youngman were again let down by their putting and lost 3 and 2 while the second pair also succumbed. As the whole match was already lost, our third pair conceded a half although they were in a winning position.

So no trophies this time but it was very satisfying to defeat Oundle (who have been regular winners in recent times) in the first round of both the Burles and the Mellin and to avenge our defeat at their hands in last year's Mellin semi-final.

*John Youngman*

### **Halford Hewitt 2018**

We headed for Deal convinced that it would rain all week and that with cancelled trials, injuries, weddings and skiing holidays we were not to be at full strength. Down to a squad of eleven we welcomed back Philip Brown and Gordon Curtis and looked forward to our early starts at Deal. After good practice rounds three settled pairs presented themselves in Francis and Kelly, Couzens and Gillett, Brown and Curtis with the balance to be filled by Pralle (one round only), Hyde (one round only), Whalley, Aubin, Irving and Elliot-Square. For Hyde to play we had to reach Saturday.

The first round was against Gresham's. First off at 7.45am. With the wind unusually into our faces on the front nine it was extremely cold. Francis/Kelly like to play quickly and with an open course they soon set about their opponents winning 6 and 5. Gillett and Couzens also played very well winning quickly 8 and 7. Then as always the golfing gods of matchplay turned and despite attempted fightbacks we lost the second and third games through poor putting.

This left the match 2-2 with Brown and Curtis one up on the 17th tee and with Gresham's coming back at them. Downwind Curtis selected a three-wood but hit a poor shot into the rough in front of the tee. All square and on to the 18th. Again, a half. Curtis struck a long drive down the middle of the fairway at the 19th. The opposition followed just behind in the light rough. Playing first the

Gresham's player thinned his shot into the burn in front of the 1st green. Following this Brown very sensibly played long to 25 feet, but Gresham's touched the hole with their chip shot to finish stone dead and down in five. Curtis again to putt and under continuous pressure stroked the putt stone dead. Sherborne win. It was a perfect way for Gordon Curtis to be awarded his colours.

Friday morning was to be Mill Hill at 8.55am. Another windy day. Pralle had now left for Spain and Nigel Whalley stepped in to play with Robin Irving. Looking for their captain we moved Couzens and Gillett to third pair. As always a tense game ensued. Francis and Kelly were not on form and finished 6 and 5 to lose one down having rallied from four down. Aubin and Elliot-Square then played their best golf winning 6 and 5 to square the match. Immaculate golf came again from Couzens and Gillett and against a strong pair they won 2 and 1. So again down to the tail who both headed down the 19th again following another eight-foot clutch putt from Curtis. Whalley and Irving halved the 19th and waited on the 20th tee as the course was stacking up. The Mill Hill fifth pair having finished 3, 4 to everybody's surprise hit their 19th tee shot out of bounds. Brown, playing from the middle of the fairway, went long to make sure he cleared the burn and another Sherborne win ensued with Whalley and Irving taking a half. A quick lunch followed and we were shocked to find that in the battle between Watson's and Glenalmond, the latter had prevailed.

A few years ago Glenalmond had beaten us at Sandwich by concentrating their order in the middle. To avoid this I moved Aubin/Elliot-Square up top and Francis/Kelly to third pair and Couzens/Gillett to two. The top pair struggled in the afternoon and lost 6 and 5, never really getting going. The switch to two and three worked a treat and we won both matches with solid par golf. Whalley and Irving turned their match around battling strongly to try to win Irving his colours. We were willing them on when Brown and Curtis came over the hill with a 3 and 2 win and the fourth pair took a half. Another win 3½-1½ against a very good side. So on to the quarter-final for only the fifth time in Sherborne's history. This was our best tournament since 2005 and 2006 and has been a long time coming.

Our opponents Winchester beat us last year and were further strengthened by the return of Hawkins and the Varkey brothers, all scratch golfers. I therefore asked Nick Hyde to answer the call and he arrived early on Saturday to practise as promised. As the wind was again strong I selected Hyde with Elliot-Square to play up top and asked Nick Aubin to stand down. Winchester always look at the form of the opposition and move their strongest pairs to play the opposition's best. So in this game of double bluff I moved Whalley/Irving to fifth pair thinking they would go looking for Brown/Curtis, which they did, so our strongest three pairs were stacked in the middle and we had a chance. Up in the top match Hyde and Elliot-Square were three-putting and against such good golfers lost by 8 and 7 very early on. We then drew level with Francis/Kelly returning to form and winning 4 and 3. Couzens and Kelly were two down at the halfway hut and Whalley/Irving three up against Winchester's strongest pair of Varkey and Consul. Brown and Curtis were also trailing.

Into a strong wind on the back nine winning holes was difficult for us. Couzens and Gillett who were the Rose/Stenson partnership for Sherborne ran out of steam and lost 3 and 2 to good opponents. Consul/Varkey for Winchester had turned the fifth pair from 3 down to 2 up and looked very strong. Brown and Curtis also stood two down on the 17th tee. They shook hands on the 17th green. Whalley/Irving took a well-deserved half and we had lost 3½-1½. The Sherborne campaign had thus come to an end and we can console ourselves that this strong Winchester side went on to win their first Halford Hewitt, beating Ampleforth in the final. I watched some very good golf from my team this week and with returning golfers next year I hope that we can continue to improve.

### **Brent Knoll 2018**

The sun was shining on Friday afternoon for the practice round. Despite being under snow the previous weekend, the course was in remarkable condition with dry fairways and a fast smooth putting surface that most of us had not seen for many months. At the Friday evening draw we were picked to play a team from Burnham Golf Club, who had replaced Marlborough at the last minute. No one was quite sure who would be playing for Burnham but they produced a team of steady golfers with plenty of local knowledge and the result was a very close match.

In the top match Whalley and Gillett were playing quite well but struggling to hole any putts. In the end a great second shot to the middle of the 18th green from Gillett produced a four to win the match 1 up. Aubin and Elliot-Square also won their match 1 up on the final hole. In the third match Kelly and Irving were two down with five to play but recovered to all square on the 18th with the opposition in trouble on the left. Another unbeaten result for the Kelly/Irving pair.

Against Taunton we put Kelly and Irving out top to set them a challenge. They took to it with both guns blazing and hit every green in regulation and finished the match level par on the 15th hole. Fricker had still not got his game back to previous form and despite the coaching from Gillett could not quite bring in a result and they lost 2 and 1. Whalley and Elliot-Square started well but the captain put his second shot in the water at the 7th and followed on with a drive into the stream on the 8th. However, a recovery and then a wonderful short pitch from the right of the 8th green went straight into the hole for a five and brought hope back. It was short-lived as Taunton then holed from 30 feet for a birdie four and carried on putting us off the course to lose 3 and 2.

*Nigel Whalley*

### **SCHOOL CRICKET 2017**

Played 14, Won 7, Lost 7.

**April 22** King's, Taunton 128; Sherborne 124. Lost by 4 runs.

**April 23** Sherborne 128; Free Foresters 127. Won by 1 run.

**April 27** Sherborne 83; South Darlington College 81. Won by 2 runs (T20).

**April 29** Marlborough 401; Sherborne 201. Lost by 200 runs.

**May 6** Sherborne 186 (H S Fisher 53); Cheltenham 142 (J A M Pyman 4-21). Won by 44 runs.

**May 11** Sherborne 149-6; Millfield 150-7. Lost by 3 wickets(T20).

**May 13** Sherborne 219; Sherborne Pilgrims 160. Won by 59 runs.

**May 20** Sherborne 122; Taunton 121. Won by 1 run.

**May 23** King's, Taunton 240; Sherborne 107. Lost by 133 runs.

**May 25** Bryanston 119; Sherborne 117. Lost by 2 runs.

**June 10** Sherborne 140 (P J R Reynolds 62); Clifton 138. Won by 2 runs.

**June 17** Canford 64; Sherborne 63. Lost by 1 run.

**June 24** Sherborne 107; Blundells 105 (C G B Fish 4-24). Won by 2 runs.

**June 25** St Andrew's College 238 (B E G J Heber 4-48); Sherborne 140. Lost by 98 runs.

After a successful cricket/hockey tour to Barbados in December 2016, many boys put in a good deal of effort in preparation for the 2017 Sherborne cricket season and for the most part their efforts paid off. The 1st XI recorded noteworthy victories over Cheltenham and Clifton, both away from home, thanks in the main to some excellent bowling and this was very much the trend for the season as the side struggled to post imposing totals. The highlight for the XI was a nail-biting defeat to Millfield Meyers XI on the Upper in the national T20 competition as the visitors managed to get over the line with just one ball to spare despite a fantastic all-round performance by the School. We hosted St Andrew's College from South Africa in the last week of term and this was a great opportunity to blood one or two from lower down the School who had shown promise throughout the term.

### **SCHOOL CRICKET FIXTURES 2018**

Sat Apr 21	King's, Taunton (a)	Sat May 19	Taunton
Sun Apr 22	Free Foresters	Sat June 9	Clifton
Sat Apr 28	Marlborough	Sat June 16	Canford (a)
Thur May 3	Millfield (a)	Fri June 22	MCC
Wed May 9	King's, Taunton	Sat June 23	Blundells (a)
Sat May 12	Sherborne Pilgrims	Sat June 30	Sherborne Pilgrims
Thur May 17	Bryanston		

### **SCHOOL RUGBY 2017-18**

Played 11; Won 5; Lost 5; Drawn 1

Before the 2017 season, 46 senior boys travelled to Hong Kong and New Zealand on a very successful rugby tour. Sherborne played a total of 10 games, winning 8 and narrowly losing 2. They enjoyed the final British and Irish Lions Test, along with a number of other exciting excursions including jet boating, glacier walking and gondola rides. After a restful summer break, more than 120 boys arrived back in school to participate in a pre-season rugby camp where they were put through their paces, both physically and in terms of skills.

In the junior section of the School, we have a number of boys representing the school at different levels. In the Under-14s, we have three players already involved in the Bath Developing Player Programme. The Under-15s now have five players involved in the full Bath Academy and another boy playing regularly for Exeter Academy. We currently have eight Colts players involved in the Bath Academy and also representing their county. This level of skill, dedication and enthusiasm for the sport shows that the future of Sherborne rugby is looking extremely bright.

After their successful tour to New Zealand, the 1st XV had a fantastic season. Priding ourselves on producing entertaining rugby, it is pleasing to see that we averaged three tries a game, against strong opposition. We have enjoyed good wins versus Bishop Wordsworth's, Kirkham GS, Marlborough, Abingdon, Bryanston and Radley, and a draw versus Hampton. Although clocking up a number of wins, it was in defeat that the XV produced their finest display of rugby, against a strong Wellington College.

We have had three Under-16 boys represent the XV this term with Sam Reynolds, Nathaneal Fagerson and Tom Carr-Smith gaining valuable experience. Tom has been a mainstay in the first team this year and shone with a number of high quality displays. Congratulations go to Will Morris, Henry McCosker and Joe Atkins for their involvement in Dorset and Wilts Under-18s. Max Ayling has represented Welsh Exiles and has also been given the opportunity to play professionally with the Dragons, alongside his studies at Cardiff Met University.

Having taken over charge of rugby at Sherborne this year, after six years at the school, I, along with Tim Bennett, have thoroughly enjoyed implementing our own ideas and philosophies on how to take rugby to the next level of performance. One such initiative was to introduce the ACTIVATE warm-up before each training session and match. Proven to reduce the risk of injury through play by 72 per cent and concussive injury by 52 per cent, this is something that will really benefit our boys' playing future.

*Chris Smith*

### **SCHOOL 1st XV RUGBY FIXTURES 2018**

Sat Sept 16 v Radley (a)  
Thurs Sept 27 v Downside (h)  
Sat Oct 6 v Abingdon (h)  
Sat Oct 13 v Millfield (h)  
Thurs Oct 18 v Bryanston (a)  
Sat Nov 10 v Canford (h)  
Sat Nov 17 v Clifton (a)  
Sat Dec 1 v Cheltenham (a)  
Sat Dec 8 v Marlborough (h)

### **SCHOOL HOCKEY 2018**

With no time for pre-season, Sherborne was thrown in the deep end with the first block fixture against Bristol Grammar School on January 6. Despite the Lent term starting so early the boys acquitted themselves very well and played some remarkable hockey, despite the lack of preparation. The 1<sup>st</sup> XI lost narrowly (3-4), conceding a penalty stroke with seconds left on the clock.

Despite the frantic start to the season, things started to settle and the newly formed squads soon found their way. The 1<sup>st</sup> XI have had another remarkable season and special thanks go to Barney Humphrey (m) and Tom Perkins (a) who have captained and vice-captained the side with maturity beyond their years. They produced excellent results against Taunton (4-2), Clayesmore (8-2), King's, Taunton (5-2) and a very impressive draw against King Edward's, Southampton (2-2). Canford again proved to be one of the best sides in the South West and although the 1<sup>st</sup> XI lost (0-3) the scoreline flattered the opposition, with the Sherborne team only being thwarted by a lack of finishing in front of goal.

In the Cup Sherborne 1<sup>st</sup> XI beat Clayesmore (3-1) only to lose in the second round to Taunton School (3-4), meaning that the 1<sup>st</sup> XI dropped into the third round of the National Plate Competition. The team travelled to Bloxham, a mere 270-mile round trip, and secured a superb victory (6-2), followed by a very competitive game against Dauntsey's, with the 1<sup>st</sup> XI coming out

on top (4-3). The fourth round meant a short journey to Wellington School. This was a tricky encounter and the 1st XI found themselves behind by two goals within the first fifteen minutes. However, a superb second half performance produced some at times wonderful flowing hockey, and we secured a well-deserved victory (3-2).

The other senior sides have had a very competitive season and still enjoy a thorough block fixture list against familiar schools. It is worth noting that many schools do not field a Colts team any more, so a number of fifth form boys are already playing for the senior sides. This is disappointing, but at the same time great experience for those boys.

I have resigned from my post as director of hockey. The past five seasons have been a wonderful time and I have the utmost respect for the hockey Shirburnian, who competes, never gives up, plays with sportsmanship and is able to be humble in defeat. Sherborne hockey is moving in the right direction but the School needs to ensure they have the right number of dedicated and passionate coaches in place to ensure the boys fully maximise their potential in a very competitive region.

*Chris Roberts*

### **SCHOOL FOOTBALL 2017-18**

This was a great year for Sherborne football. As you may recall, the ex-professional Chris Giles joined the coaching team last year. This year we added the coaching expertise of Chris Weale, the former Leicester City goalkeeper, to provide specific goalkeeper training for all teams.

Our participation in a competitive football programme for a development team in Michaelmas 2016, the Wessex Independent Schools League for Football, continued this year. Moreover, I am happy to report that we were triumphant and crowned 2017 league champions. Indeed, word has subsequently spread about the league and it will grow next season to include Millfield, Wells Cathedral School and Clayesmore.

Before the Lent term and the commencement of the main footballing term, two squads comprising 30 boys enjoyed a hugely productive pre-season tour to Valencia. They received coaching sessions from Valencia, experienced a La Liga match at the Mestalla Stadium between Valencia and Celta Vigo and enjoyed competitive fixtures against local opposition. It was a memorable experience.

Once again, football proved a very popular choice amongst the boys in the Lent term, with more than 250 opting for the sport. We therefore had 14 teams representing Sherborne in 122 competitive scheduled fixtures throughout the term. The five senior teams performed very well. The 1st XI built on the success they had in the Michaelmas term, remaining unbeaten at home on The Upper. Arguably a slow start to the season left us three games without a win, after drawing three in a row. Beating Downside put Sherborne back on track, as the 1st team's talisman, Harry Fisher (m), picked up a hat-trick to ensure the first victory of the season. Incredibly, Fisher finished the season having scored 29 goals in all competitive games – a remarkable achievement.

After losing to a strong Millfield team, Sherborne returned to The Upper with a defence wanting to prove a point. This was achieved with a strong winning performance against Malvern. The long trip to The Oratory proved worthwhile too, with the team notching up another tally in the win column.

Unfortunately the eagerly awaited 1<sup>st</sup> XI match against the Pilgrims team had to be cancelled this year due to the thick layer of snow which adorned The Upper.

*J-P Manning*

## SHERBORNE PILGRIMS CLUB

### INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 31 2018

General Fund	2018		2017	
	£	£	£	£
Income:				
Subscriptions	5250		5,948	
Donations	1538		1,806	
Interest income	418		2,028	
		7,206		9,782
Expenditure:				
Audit	-		-	
Booklet and website	852		890	
Corporation tax	406		-	
Cricket	2,385		2,251	
Cross country	60		514	
Fives	33		19	
Hockey	1,155		276	
Rugby	3,165		3,850	
Soccer	95		1,457	
Squash	210		-	
Tennis	30		-	
		(8,391)		(9,257)
(Deficit) / Surplus for the year		(1,185)		525
General Fund at April 1		44,505		43,980
(Deficit) / Surplus for the year		(1,185)		525
General Fund at March 31		43,320		44,505

#### BALANCE SHEET AT MARCH 31 2018

	2018	2017
	£	£
Cash at bank	*43,726	44,505
Corporation tax payable	(406)	-
	43,320	44,505
Represented by:		
General Fund	43,320	44,505

\*£38,446 was invested in a Nationwide Bond in April 2017 with a maturity of one year.

*J D V Wheatley*

**THE SHERBORNE PILGRIMS COMMITTEE 2018**

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1958-61	D C D Ryder
1961-64	M E K Westlake
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1970-73	J D Watney
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1979-80	R H Whiteway
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1988-91	C R J Eglington
1991-94	J A Watney
1994-97	P R D Gould
1997-2000	J P Hargrove
2000-03	G P Gent
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2007-17	E P J F Lyons
2017-	J J Powe

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2009-15	E D Fursdon

## **RULES**

1. The Club shall be called “The Sherborne Pilgrims”.
2. All OS who are members of the OS Society shall be entitled to apply for membership. Members of staff who are members of the OS Society may be invited to become an honorary member.
3. With the exception of honorary members, who shall pay no subscription, all new members shall pay a life subscription, which shall be determined by the Committee.
4. The Objectives of the Club are to promote and encourage all forms of OS sport, and to keep members in touch with one another and with the School. It is the responsibility of any person playing for the Club in any sport to have in place adequate public liability insurance cover.
5. The Officers of the Club shall be the President, who shall hold the office for three years, two Vice-Presidents, the immediate Past President, three Trustees, the Honorary Treasurer and an Honorary Secretary, if appointed.
6. The Committee shall be the Officers of the Club; two representatives from the School staff, up to 18 ordinary members, and such others as may be co-opted. A co-opted member shall be subject to annual reappointment.
7. Ordinary members of the Committee shall retire after three years’ service, but are eligible for re-election.
8. The Club bank shall be the Sherborne branch of the NatWest Bank.
9. All investments shall be held in the name of a regulated nominee company, or in the name of the Trustees.
10. The financial year end shall be March 31. An income and expenditure account, together with a balance sheet, shall be produced for approval at the AGM.
11. A Committee meeting shall be properly convened on two weeks’ notice and be quorate with five or more members present.
12. In exceptional circumstances the Committee shall have the right to refuse an application for membership.

