

OLD HELEANS' SOCIETY

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Dear Old Helean,

Where Does the Time Go?

As one of my favourite songs by Fairport Convention asks, Where does the time go? Another year nearly over, my final year of the three year term as your Chairman. At the AGM in April I hand over to Barry White. It has been an honour and I look forward to carrying on, serving the committee as secretary.

Its now some 33-34 years since Hele's and Bishop Blackall became St. Peter's in 1983 on the site at Southam that we called the New Building. I remember Mr Harrison proudly showing my class, IC, the gym as we sat on the varnished floor in crisp white shorts at the beginning of our first P.E. lesson. I also remember having to change into "indoor shoes" before walking the corridors and classrooms of the New Building. Where does the time go? Kevin White our magazine editor will always welcome contributions long or short with any of your memories... It's all social history.

It is partly because time is marching on that membership of the society is shrinking. Some of the more senior members are now finding it difficult to get to events, like the annual dinner. I wonder if, in time, we could encourage some of our younger former pupils to become members or to join us at the annual dinner.

I also wonder if, in time, a society of former pupils of St. Peter's School will be formed. Perhaps, in time, a link with Old Heleans will be established before we become extinct! Schools can benefit in several ways from their alumni e.g. we hope to sponsor an annual mathematics prize and the endowment fund continues to support 2-3 pupils. In addition to financial advantages, former pupils can inspire current pupils and offer career advice.

Old Heleans are certainly not extinct yet, many former pupils have been in touch with each other on facebook. This group has been formed almost by chance. The partner of a former pupil posted something and interest "snow balled" from that. As I've previously stated, it is not the official voice from the Old Heleans' Society, but the committee are pleased to hear of the interest it is generating.

For official notices from the Old Heleans' Society, please refer to our Website. It is perhaps not so interesting or vibrant as facebook, which brings me to an appeal. The committee are still looking for someone to co-ordinate the content of the website, ensuring it is up to date and as interesting as possible for readers. Please contact me if you would consider helping.

Please put these dates in your diary:

Saturday March 24th Cliff Run V. Old Exonians (11am)

Friday April 20th AGM (6pm) / Annual Dinner (7pm) **N.B. Earlier Start**

Best wishes to you all for a happy Christmas and good New Year.

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CHAIRMAN/SECRETARY

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Friday April 20th 2018
Devon Hotel, Matford
(Speaker: T.B.A.)

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| NAME: | YEARS AT HELE'S: | IF POSSIBLE, WOULD LIKE TO SIT WITH: |
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Please tick choice for each course.

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| Leek and Potato Soup | |
| Chicken Liver Parfait with a Warm Brioche | |
| Platter of Prawns on salad leaves with a Marie Rose Sauce | |
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| Roast Beef with selection of vegetables and potatoes | |
| Poached fillet of Salmon with a Vermouth Sauce | |
| Vegetarian Dish – Stuffed Peppers | |
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| Honeycomb and Caramel Cheesecake | |
| Brandy Snap Basket filled with Exotic Fruits and Crème Fraiche | |
| Cheese and Biscuits | |
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| Followed by Coffee and Mints | |

Dress Code: Lounge Suits

Cheques: £28.00 payable to Old Helean Society

Please send booking form with cheques by Friday 13th April to:

N.B. CHANGE OF ADDRESS

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Any news of Old Heleans? (use space overleaf if required)