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# HARPER LIFE

The Harper Adams Club  
Harper Adams Alumni Association

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# A warm welcome

to the 2025 edition of Harper Life.

We hope that the next few pages of articles and reminiscences spark a memory and bring a smile to your face. Since last year's publication much has happened for both the University and the Club and one to note is that Ros and Simon, our Honorary Presidents, shortlisted and interviewed prospective students for three Harper Adams Club Scholarship awards, but they were so impressed by the standard of the students that resolving a final choice became impossible and so a decision was made to allow six scholarships to be awarded. Clearly the Harper applicants were an absolute credit to themselves, and they will go on to be fantastic ambassadors and advocates for Harper Adams University. Our Scholars have kindly contributed to this magazine so you can read all about them in a few pages time.

Hobgoblins (Harper Old Boys and Girls) took place once again on the 22nd of February 2025 and great sport and rivalry was had between the current and ex-Harper students. Sports played included Men's Football, Women and Men's Rugby, Clay Pigeon Shooting and it's fair to say that results achieved were mixed but spirit and enthusiasm were in abundance and congratulations to the Hobgoblins women Rugby team for their victory.

Hobgoblins 2026 will be on the 20th and 21st February. All alumni are welcome to join in the fun or spectate, the more the merrier to help keep the current students in line. The Barn will be open to celebrate the victories/ drown any sorrows accordingly.

The club lunch was held once again on the first Saturday of July and we had a great turnout, with alumni spanning from 1950's to 2000. Our Vice Chancellor Ken Sloan lent a hand to proceedings, along with several members of university staff who we must humbly thank. We look forward to the forthcoming 125th anniversary celebrations in 2026 which Ken touched upon in his brief after dinner speech. We thank the University for their support and planning of the Club luncheon and for their year-round assistance with enquiries by alumni to the HA Club.

The Club was represented at the class of 2025's graduation ceremony in September. It was a joyous occasion with a sea of happy faces, including staff. We are always very proud of the quality of the graduates who leave Harper and make the world a better, more productive and caring place to be. The club wishes them all the very best of luck in their careers and we would love for them to stay in touch, become active HA Club members and share news of their life experiences and successes. As always, we are inviting all alumni to submit any content of interest/photos, updates of events/matches, hatches and dispatches - it's your club, let's build upon it and create something that everyone would like to be involved in. Please get in touch with us via [harperlife@harperadamsclub.com](mailto:harperlife@harperadamsclub.com) and get sharing!

The Harper Adams  
Club Committee

## The Harper Adams Club Committee 2024 – 2025

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# An update from **Vice Chancellor,** Professor Ken Sloan

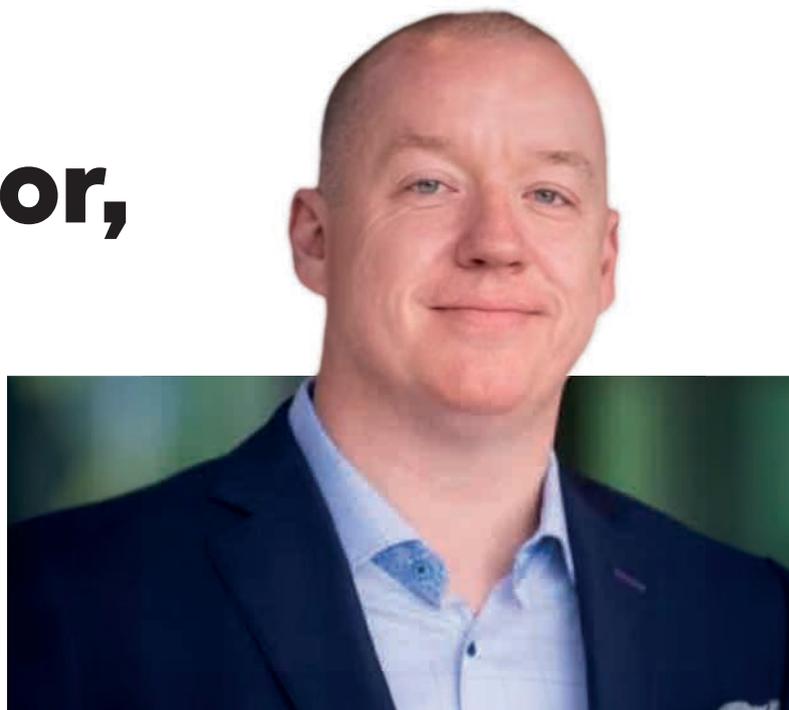
**I am pleased to have another opportunity to update you on the University and its development. This, my fourth year, has been exceptionally busy, full of positive achievements alongside several challenges. I can only cover some highlights, or I would need more pages!**

We continue to hold steady in the major league tables, once again, HAU was voted by students as the Best Institution for Career Prospects in the Whatuni Student Choice Awards. Our graduate employability rate was the highest in country at 99%, further solidifying our position as a national hub for advanced skills and knowledge in support of our partner industries.

The Harper & Keele Vet School (HKVS) graduated its first cohort and successfully achieved its formal accreditation process with the RCVS. Our Future Farm has continued to excel at pace, winning several awards including Pig Herd Productivity of the Year Award, and the Royal Association of British Dairy Farmer Gold Cup. The latter being the first time a university farm had entered the competition as well as being the first university to win. We hosted a phenomenal open day on Future Farm to celebrate this achievement, and it was wonderful to see many people countryside visiting. The numbers far exceeded our expectations and made a positive contribution to the LEAF Open Farm Sunday Programme.

My update is rightly full of positive outcomes, but I must start in recognition of the challenging environment in which the University operates. We continue to secure significant market share nationally in our core specialist subject. The challenge is that the total demand from undergraduates is stable rather than growing. We therefore need to adapt. Our development programme is targeting to increase online, professional, and postgraduate courses both at home and internationally. This will have positive effects in the next and future years.

We launched a new University Strategy in 2023, and I thought it might be helpful to share some updates on progress against it.



## **Excellence with Impact and Enterprise: Education**

As you know, Harper Adams was established to ensure that the agricultural industry and the sectors adjacent to it have access to talent with the skills to enable the sectors to thrive. The University is unashamedly practice-focused, ensuring that students graduate with the confidence and ability to take their knowledge and skills and apply them in practice, hence our good employment outcomes.

In October 2024, the University opened The Quad, a digital skills and enterprise hub, in central Telford. In October 2025 we welcomed our first students on our new courses in Applied Data Science, and Robotics, Automation and Mechatronics. The Quad brings the University together with Telford College and several enterprise-focused organisations including European Innovations and Invest Telford. The Hub was opened by HRH The Princess Royal in November 2024, in her capacity as University Chancellor. An immediate benefit of having a central location adjacent to the main railway station and other public transport has been the ability to offer short courses, conferences and networking opportunities for businesses across Telford, Shropshire and the wider West Midlands. Our new Breakfasts for Better Business Series has been oversubscribed since its launch.

We also launched a new two-year accelerated course in Veterinary Bioscience. Many students follow this course as a route to enter the veterinary profession. By offering a two-year and a four-year course the aim is to increase and accelerate the throughput of qualified professionals for the veterinary industry. It has proven popular.

We have continued to be successful in national specialist industry and agency competitions.

Joseph Compton, Caitlin Townley and Matthew Butterfield were finalists in the RABDF Dairy Student of the Year competition with Matthew going on to win. Zoology student Joe Adams was chosen as a delegate for the United Nations 'Citizen of the Ocean' workshops. Lewis Gibbin was named one of 2025's Nuffield Farming Next-Gen Dairy Scholars. These scholarships are another way in which the University receives support from the Elizabeth Creak Charitable Trust. Jess Dook and Maisie Rogers were awarded Farmers Cub Pinnacle Awards, winning first and third places. These awards are in addition to over £650,000 in scholarships and bursaries that Harper Adams students were awarded by industry partners and donors through the Harper Adams Development Trust, including support from the Harper Adams Club. Finally, all three finalists in the Farmers Weekly Agricultural Student of the Year were from Harper Adams. Geroge Elliott was the winner with Merryn Philp and Matthew Butterfield as Runners Up.

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### **Excellence with Impact and Enterprise: Research**

The University continued the trend of increasing the total value of research income awarded this year. Harper was a partner in a £1million Innovate UK/ DEFRA funding award looking at the conversion of dairy slurry into fertiliser and water. The University was also a partner in the VeGIN - The Vegetable Genetic Improvement Network, which received £3m of funding across Harper Adams, the University of Warwick, and a series of industry partners. New infrastructure was installed to support the University's education and research including a new insect survey tower and new cattle handling facilities. The latter was made possible through a donation from the Kildare Charitable Trust.

The University's increasing reputation for research and impact was reflected in its 99th placing in the QS World University Subject Rankings for Agriculture and Forestry. This reflects an increase of more than 100 places since 2022. In the same rankings, the University was named as the top institution for employer reputation in the UK and 2nd in the world. Major newsworthy research projects included using fungi to revolutionise agricultural pollution control working with the James Hutton Institute and other partners, using wireless efficiency to improve farm productivity and a project through the School of Sustainable Food and Farming to examine nature-based solutions to climate change with the Centre for Food Policy at City St George's University.

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### **Inclusion**

Opening the Quad in Telford is a significant commitment to ensuring that a broader, more diverse population can access a Harper education and expertise. To support, we now have the Vice-Chancellor's Pioneer Scholarships to provide finance support and start-up resources for new students local to Telford. We have also been able to offer an increasing number of scholarships to new and existing students. The 'Entry Scholarships' are especially important for HAU to remain competitive against other institutions in attracting calibre students.

We launched a Telford and Shropshire programme with Future Leaders UK. Year 12 students from schools and colleges across Telford were given a 6-month personal development programme and access to work experience with leading employers.

The University's focus on food inclusion continued with my speaking on a panel as part of the Lord Mayor of London's Colloquy on ways to eliminate hunger. I contributed to a documentary by City Harvest, London on the impact of hunger on communities and how to tackle it. We have had an equally committed focus on mental health. We partnered with Morrisons on its Tractor Tuesdays programme to encourage farmers to go into stores and engage in conversations to tackle isolation and loneliness. Our students also raised over £17,000 as part of RAG Week with charities supporting mental health in farming being beneficiaries. One of our recent alumni, Tom York, has done extensive work on mental health in agriculture which will have a positive effect for years to come.

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### **Community**

The sense of community is what so many alumni speak of when they remember Harper. We continue to hold events throughout the year to continue this with the most special being graduation. I was pleased to welcome many alumni to the Harper Club Lunch in July. Hearing stories about Harper from anything from 5 years ago to 60 years ago was fascinating and, in some cases, jaw dropping. Thank you to those who made the journey.

Our home in the Quad, Telford, has provided a special focus for business and community engagement with events taking place almost weekly since its launch.

The Harper Adams Community Fridge continues to be integral to our commitment to eliminating food waste. Over 20 tonnes of food had been redistributed by the end of the reporting year from the launch in early 2024.

## Globally Connected

The University's international connections continue to deepen and expand. Professor Jim Monaghan represented the UK Agri-tech in Washington DC in a series of collaborative workshops with US academics and industry partners. I visited India to explore new institutional partnerships and to continue collaborative discussions with industry partners including its strategic partner, TAFE.

Farmers and practitioners from Uganda, Nigeria, Tanzania, Ethiopia, Kenya and Zimbabwe came together as part of the Marshal Papworth Fund/Harper Adams University Sustainable Farming Programme. After their ten-week programme, scholars presented their learning and an outline of how they intended to share their knowledge with others in their home nations.

The Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Professor Michael Lee represented the University at COP29 in Azerbaijan. Harper Adams has official Observer status which provides enhanced access to decision-making discussions. He will be returning to COP later this year and has represented Harper in several important international conferences and meetings.

The University hosted the sixth symposium of Potato Cyst Nematode Management which brought together experts from the UK, Kenya, the Netherlands and the United States to explore solutions to managing the effects of this nematode pest, the effects of which are estimated to cost £31m each year to the UK potato industry.

Finally, the University was confirmed as a new member of the UN Food and Agriculture Organisation Livestock and Environmental Assessment and Performance Partnership.

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## Influence

Our people and research outputs continue to influence specialist and sector developments in the UK and internationally.

I was elected Chair of GuildHE, the UK representative body for specialist and distinctive higher education institutions. I was appointed as Chair of the Ironbridge Gorge World Heritage Site Steering Committee, appointed UK-lead for the employee experience on the Board of the Universities and Colleges Employers Association, and a member of the Advisory Board for the Post-18 Project which is focusing on the future of skills and education. I have also taken on the chair of the Advisory Board for the All-Party Parliamentary Group on the West Midlands. The University's research influenced a number of reports including the House of Lord's Environment and Climate Change Committee's report: Nitrogen:

time to reduce, recycle and reuse, the National Sheep Association review: UK sheep farming and the sustainability agenda, and a joint Greenprint report with Tesco and SSFF on the need to provide a clear plan for farmers to transition to net zero.

ABP Professor, Professor Jude Capper, was named as Chair of the Red Tractor Beef and Lamb Technical Advisory Committee. Dr Ben Clunie was featured on BBC Breakfast to explain why ladybirds might have stopped play at Lords. Dr Joseph Mhango was invited to give evidence to the Lords' UK Engagement with Space Committee to explain how space technology is helping to transform farming. Professor Lydia Arnold, Associate Pro-Vice-Chancellor, was invited to give a keynote on AI at Zayed University with delegates coming from Oman, Jordan, and other Gulf States.

Professor Michael Lee represented the University and the School of Sustainable Food and Farming when the new Sustainable Farm Network was championed at an event at the House of Lords hosted by Lord Curry of Kirkhale. Professor Lee also continued to serve as President of the European Federation of Animal Science, member of the World Farmers Organisation Scientific Council, and a Technical Adviser to the FAO of the UN.

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## Sustainability

The School of Sustainable Food and Farming (SSFF) launched a new initiative to bring together the diversity of UK farm networks under a new Sustainable Farm Network. It offers training, support and resources from the SSFF and Harper Adams to individual networks and members.

In our journey to Net Zero on the Future Farm we have focused in the initial three years on efficiency of production where the emphasis is more on emissions intensity rather than gross emissions. This year, we have included net emissions in our reporting, accounting for both greenhouse gases produced, and carbon captured through soil, hedges, and forestry. This provides a more complete picture of the farm's carbon footprint and highlights our efforts to offset emissions. The 2024 figures are preliminary and will be validated before final publication, The focus now shifts to net emissions total across each farming enterprise.

The SSFF and Harper's catering team have recently been shortlisted for Green Gown Awards UK and Ireland. Catering has been recognised for its drive towards sustainable dining and reducing food waste whilst the SSFF has been recognised for its Future Farmer Programme which is sponsored by Tesco. Harper Catering also won the TUCO Sustainability Award.

We have launched a new undergraduate degree in Agriculture with Policy and Environment to support students who want to specialise in public policy and food security, as well as general sustainability. The first students will join the course next year. Why not come back!

The University continued its leading role in exploring the impact and benefits of rewetting peatland and how it can balance greenhouse gas emissions and protect carbon stocks. The University hosted a major knowledge exchange conference to accelerate the progress of this work.

### Looking Back and Looking Forwards

I hope you will agree it has been an active and impactful year, despite the challenging external environment. Next year the Harper Adams will celebrate 125 years as an institution and 13 years as a university. A teenager resting on the shoulders of its grandparents. We will also celebrate the 100th birthday of the National Institute of Poultry Husbandry. We will approach these celebrations mindful of and grateful for our history but firmly focused on the future. The population at large has never been more aware of food security, climate change, and the challenges that both pose for humanity. We will take the opportunity to ensure that audiences beyond our existing connections are aware of the pivotal role that Harper Adams plays in both. There will be plenty of opportunities to engage with YOUR institution over an 18-month period. More information will follow.

I put on record my thanks to all alumni and partners of Harper Adams University as it is through them, alongside our students, staff, and governors that the progress outlined above is possible. So many of you offer placements, careers advice, subject talks and scholarships to support our work for which I am grateful. For everyone who wants to help or get involved, please do email [alumni@harper-adams.ac.uk](mailto:alumni@harper-adams.ac.uk). In 2026 we will launch our 2030 Development Campaign to help provide additional scholarships and investment to extend the reach and impact of the University's work. I look forward to sharing further details with you.

It continues to be my honour to lead this distinctive and significant institution, and I am grateful to the team around me who make that possible. If you have suggestions to support our future or, even better, ways in which you would like to help, do get in touch. I love hearing from alumni with their ideas and how they are doing.

Take care for now.

**Ken Sloan**

# Harper Adams Club Lunch and Open Day 2025

## Milestone Reunions celebrated were:

- **Diamond** Reunion cohorts (60 years)
- **45th** Reunion cohorts (2 groups)
- **40th** Reunion cohorts (2 groups), including the first BSc class

Alumni in attendance spanned the period: 1960 - 2000

Eighty-five lunch places were set for alumni, some with partners. Laughter, warm smiles, and heartfelt reunions set the tone for a memorable afternoon at the annual Harper Club Lunch, held on Saturday, 5th July 2025.

The event was a resounding success with staunch support from alumni across the decades. Guests celebrated a rich tradition of friendship and shared memories, with special recognition given to those marking their 60-, 50-, and 40-year reunions.

**The atmosphere was filled with camaraderie and nostalgia, making it a day to remember for all who attended.**

The next Harper Luncheon is the **4th July 2026** and will be very much part of the university's 125th celebrations.





# Harper Adams Club Scholars



## Amy Barnacle

Starting my journey at Harper Adams in 2020 with a BSc Hons in Environmental Land Management, I knew I wanted to expand and deepen my knowledge of sustainable and regenerative agriculture which led me to apply for an MSc in Agroecology at Harper Adams. The change from undergraduate to postgraduate was drastically different and brought a range of new experiences and challenges. When I was first told of the Harper Adams Club Post Graduate Scholarship, I applied, thinking I would be lucky to get an interview, but I never would have thought I would be fortunate enough to receive the scholarship. The scholarship allowed me to fully commit to my studies and apply myself to being the Taught Postgraduate Student Executive, Agroecology Course Representative and Postgraduate Society Secretary. All of which I would not have been able to pride myself on if it were not for the generosity of the Harper Adams Club. The Scholarship allowed me to extend my Masters Research Project to cover the costs of travel and equipment. This comprised an evaluation of three solar farms that had the dual use of sustainable energy production and livestock grazing.

Since achieving my Masters, I began my career as an Environmental Business Consultant with The Andersons Centre, based in Melton Mowbray. My work involves a range of services helping farmers become more sustainable whilst being economically feasible. These include a range of baseline assessments, including carbon audits assessing GHG emissions and providing cost-effective recommendations. The assessments are partnered with soil sampling to test the farmland for nutrients and organic matter as well as water quality testing to inform runoff rates and pollution.

The Harper Adams Club Scholarship allowed me to achieve my studies and expand my knowledge to assist farmers to become sustainable in food production and ecosystem services whilst creating diverse income streams to improve economic security within agriculture. I am grateful for the support of the Harper Adams Club in assisting me to extend my studies.



# 2025

## Elise Brien

I was truly honored and deeply grateful to receive this scholarship. Veterinary medicine had always been something I loved, and this support made a real difference for me. The financial help eased the strain of all the unpaid EMS placements I needed to complete, and it allowed me to focus more fully on learning and gaining the skills required to become a vet.

My passion for animals started when I was very young. I grew up surrounded by pets—two chickens, pet fish, more than twenty rabbits, two cats, and even a little mouse. Each one relied on me for care, and with that came responsibilities like feeding, cleaning, and watching over their health. Alongside this, my own hearing impairment often made it difficult to communicate with people, and I found comfort in the understanding I shared with animals, who also could not use words to express themselves. That unspoken connection strengthened my bond with them and gave me a deep sense of empathy, inspiring me to become their advocate and to dedicate my life to their well-being.

This scholarship supported me not just financially but also emotionally, because it felt like someone believed in me and my goals.



It reminded me why I was working so hard and gave me the confidence to continue down this path. I was, and still am, incredibly thankful for the generosity behind this award and the doors it opened for me in pursuing a career devoted to caring for and giving a voice to animals who cannot speak for themselves.



### Tom York

Receiving the Harper Adams Club Final Year Scholarship was an incredible honour and a true highlight of my time at Harper. The financial support allowed me to dedicate more time and focus to my final year studies, ultimately achieving a first-class honours degree and delivering an exceptionally successful honours research project.

The award also provided the means to pursue meaningful experiences beyond my studies. I have used part of the scholarship to fund travel to Australia, where I will spend eight weeks exploring agriculture on the other side of the world, gaining valuable life experience before stepping into full time work.

Since being awarded, I have been fortunate to receive several recognitions, including the inaugural RESPECT Award for my contribution to student wellbeing and community engagement, and I have been named a finalist for the Lantra and LBELS Learner of the Year Award.

My dissertation is also being prepared for publication in the Journal of Social Sciences, which is a milestone I am incredibly proud of. Furthermore, my continuous involvement in The Farming Community Network has led to an invitation to speak at the Oxford Farming Conference 2026 on building personal resilience within the agricultural sector, an opportunity that I am very excited to embrace.

Looking ahead, I will be joining Wilson Wraight as a Farm Business Consultant while continuing my advocacy for mental health in farming, with plans for a major challenge in support of the Farming Community Network. I am deeply grateful to the Harper Adams Club for their support and I am committed to carrying the Club's legacy forward as a proud alumnus.

### Rhianna Jones

This year has been full of exciting new beginnings for me. After finishing at Harper and graduating with a BSc (Hons) in veterinary nursing, I was added to the RCVS register and received my vet nurse badge. I was so proud to achieve something that had felt so far away as a first year. I completed my move from Suffolk to Bristol in June, and my new job as a rotating veterinary nurse at Langford Veterinary Hospital is something I'm incredibly proud of. I'm lucky to be part of only the second cohort to allow students from external university courses. I'm currently gaining valuable experience in multiple different areas of the hospital, including wards, anaesthesia, and I am especially enjoying theatre where I can scrub in and assist during surgery. I will also complete a clinical audit, and a second project during the year, as well as working towards a clinical coaching qualification. These are all assets that will set me up for a great career as an RVN. The generosity of the Harper Adams club allowed me to purchase a new laptop, which was necessary for my role, taking a large financial weight off my shoulders.

The rest has been placed in savings to go towards continuing my education in the future as I am hoping to return to Harper Adams to complete postgraduate certificates once settled in my career.

I had to choose my university during covid lockdowns which meant I was unable to travel to any open days. At the time, choosing a uni felt like a stab in the dark as I wasn't able to get much insight into daily life. I had never been to Shropshire before and no one I knew had ever heard of Harper. However after seeing a photo of the uni I got a feeling I couldn't shake and decided to go for it and make Harper my firm choice. The decision I made has allowed me to make lifelong friends, perform with the music society and gain knowledge from experienced and kind lecturers.

I also had the opportunity to be part of the first ever Harper Adams university challenge team, something that has always been a dream of mine as a long-time watcher. Although I was reserve member and did not appear on screen, the studying, pub quizzes with teammates and getting to

the television rounds will always be an unforgettable experience. This wouldn't have been possible without the incredible Harper Adams staff, taking time out of their busy weeks to test us and encouraging us to get as far as possible in the competition.

I would like to thank the Harper Adams Club again for their incredible generosity and I look forward to continuing my career as a Registered Veterinary Nurse.



## Harper Adams Club Scholars 2025



### Zoe Legg

My journey to Harper was not an easy one and was incredibly last minute. Although I grew up on a family farm, it wasn't until my father died suddenly in 2019 that I really got stuck into the Agricultural way of life.

After opening-up about my mental health challenges on social media I became an NFU

Student and Young Farmer Ambassador. It was this passionate group of young farmers who convinced me that Harper was the place for me. The moment I set foot in my first lecture of the Agri-Food Marketing and Business degree I knew it was one of the best decisions I had ever made.

The community Harper offers is so unbelievably unique and something I hugely valued throughout my time of study and latterly the Harper Adams Club scholarship has been such a special award for me.

Like a fine wine and Cheese improving with time, my final year was the best of all because it was the year I became most involved, classic me! True to the Harper style, I worked hard and partied hard, but from within as I became the Student Union social media content creator. In this role I attended the Harper occasions: the balls; the student union nights; the sports matches including the Hobgoblins weekend at which I recorded and filmed all involved. This role suited me well as I was able to combine the Harper social scene with the technicalities of media presentation which I particularly love to do.

My studies and final year dissertation into farm diversification have now seeded my plans to convert the now redundant livestock buildings on our family farm into a wedding venue facility and I am grateful to have received the Harper Adams Club Scholarship which has assisted me to fund my research operations visiting and meeting rural entrepreneurs who have already diversified in similar ways.

I am thrilled to share that I am now engaged to be married and we are planning to use the barn for our wedding. This will be a perfect occasion for testing and evaluation of my plans and establishing what is required in any building conversions, allowing me to finalise my business plan proposal to discuss with my mother. We can then launch the wedding enterprise in the summer of 2027. Clearly, there is much planning and preparation to execute first including full business analysis, planning and the necessary approvals. I would like to thank the Harper Adams Club for the scholarship award which has assisted me to pursue the extra opportunities in my research and studies.



### Emily Boardman

Stepping onto Harper Adams campus nearly 5 years ago as a mature student beginning my second degree, I knew I was embarking on a significant and special journey. Now in my fifth and final year of Veterinary Medicine and Surgery, I'm proud to reflect on the path that has brought me here, of which The Harper Adams Club

Animal & Veterinary Sciences Scholarship will always be a significant part.

Before coming to Harper & Keele I had completed a degree in Applied Medical Sciences at Swansea University and then began working as a nutritional advisor in the pet food industry. I have continued this role remotely throughout my studies, balancing it alongside a demanding academic schedule in order to fund the extra costs of completing a second degree, as well as to enrich my understanding of animal health and to help me to develop practical communication skills that I can carry forward into clinical settings.

I have recently completed a successful exam period and begun final-year rotations across a variety of clinical settings. One of the unexpected joys of this journey has been discovering a passion for mixed veterinary practice – while I initially envisioned a career in small animal medicine, my placements and the culture at Harper Adams have inspired a deep appreciation for the farming community, and I now hope to divide my time between farm and small animal practice.

As a self-funded mature student, final-year and full-time clinical rotations have come with an added financial burden, where part-time work is harder to fit in around a busy schedule, but receiving this scholarship has made a tangible difference and eased the burden immensely. It has allowed me to step into my rotation year with greater focus and less financial stress, so that I can fully engage with the practical learning that will shape me into a successful new graduate vet.

I am incredibly grateful to the Harper Adams club for believing in my potential and investing in my future. I look forward to representing Harper Adams as a proud ambassador and sharing my story with prospective students – especially those who, like me, have taken a less traditional path to university. I hope that I can show that it is never too late to pursue your goals in life, and I'm honoured to be part of a community that supports students from all walks of life. With the support of this scholarship I have been able to build a future I am proud of, so once again, thank you.

# Hobgoblins – 2025

The weekend began with entertainment in The Barn with a professional DJ and it was a great fun filled night. The weather was kind, the sun was shining and the skies were blue with a hint of Spring in the air. The events included Womens Rugby, Mens Ruby, Football and Clay Pigeon Shooting. A great time was had by all and I think it would be fair to say that the results didn't matter – it was the taking part that counted most but congratulations to the Hobgoblins Women's team who won.



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# Hobgoblins – 2026

Calling for support:

**Hobgoblins 2026 at Harper Adams University.** Get ready for one of the biggest alumni events of the year! The Hobgoblins 2026 fixture is fast approaching, and we need your support to make it a huge success. Whether you're an alumna or a current student, this is the perfect opportunity to reunite, make new memories and keep the Harper spirit alive!

## Event Details:

### Dates:

**20th & 21st February 2026**

### Location:

**Harper Adams University**

### Friday Evening (20th

**February):** Kick off the festivities at the Harper Bar! Open to both alumni and current students, this is the ideal way to reconnect with old friends and meet new faces. Don't forget – tickets are required for entry, so be sure to secure yours early.

### Saturday Daytime

**(21st February):** The fun continues with the exciting Alumni vs Current Students sports matches. Whether you're playing or cheering from the sidelines, come support your teams!

### Saturday Evening:

As the sun sets, the celebrations shift back to the Harper Bar for another round of socializing with alumni and students alike. Tickets are required for this exclusive bar night, so gather your friends and enjoy the lively atmosphere.

### Why attend?

The Hobgoblins have a rich history, officially affiliating with the Harper Adams Club back in 2000. The first committee, led by Roger Davies as Chairman, Kevin Guy as Captain, and Ian Robinson as Secretary, laid the groundwork for the strong tradition of sports and camaraderie. Since that time, the Hobgoblins have been more than just a team: they are a symbol of Harper spirit, with regular matches, charitable events and lasting bonds between alumni and current students. Hobgoblins isn't just a sports fixture –

it's an unforgettable chance to strengthen the bond between alumni and current students, celebrate our shared Harper Adams experience and keep our community thriving.

Let's show our support, make this event one for the books and keep the Hobgoblin spirit alive!

### How to get involved:

Mark your calendars, spread the word and secure your tickets for the Friday and Saturday night events. Your participation will make Hobgoblins 2026 an incredible success!

Don't miss out – join us in February 2026 for two days of fun, sports and celebration at Harper Adams University!

20th & 21st February 2026 at Harper Adams University.



There will also be food and entertainment throughout the day to keep the energy

# News from Alumni Members

## An appeal to alumni who graduated in **2000**

**Jennifer Baur, who graduated in 2000**, is appealing to those who graduated in the Year 2000. Has anyone got a college photo of the year group? If you have a spare copy, could make a copy or can put her in touch with the company that produced them, please email Jennifer via [info@harperadamsclub.com](mailto:info@harperadamsclub.com)

### **Congratulations to Matthew Scott**

Matthew studied BSc (Hons) Veterinary Physiotherapy and graduated in 2017. He is currently working as the in house vet physio at the Queen's Veterinary School Hospital (University of Cambridge Vet School) and he has recently been appointed Chair of the National Association of Veterinary Physiotherapists.

### **Barry Holme**

Barry Holme (Alumnus 1965 to 1967) approached the HA club to enquire if there was a way to assist him to trace three of his old Harper friends. Yes, with the help of Harper Adams Development and Alumni team researching their records, Barry enjoyed a reunion day at the Harper Adams Club luncheon with Philip Evans, Rad Thomas and Humphrey Davis.

### **Tony Evans**

(Alumnus 1959 to 1961) has approached the HA club to enquire if there is a way for him to receive contact from fellow alumni from the NDA 1959 to 1961.

Please email your response to [info@harperadamsclub.com](mailto:info@harperadamsclub.com) and we can put you in touch.

### **Anyone for Tennis?**

Earlier on in the year, the Club was contacted by Saffron, a current student at HAU and member of the Harper Adams Tennis Club. Someone had reached out to the Tennis Club at Harper on Instagram, sharing some photos they had found in a box from a charity shop, estimated from the 1960s or 70s... 'with wooden rackets!'

Saffron had helped get the tennis Club back up and running in 2022/23 and was surprised and excited to see that the Tennis Club had existed all those years ago.

Does anyone recognise these women? If so, please get in touch.

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### **Dunnimere Farm owner and manager Edward Calcott has set a new national record with a European Production Efficiency Factor (EPEF) score of 512.**

Edward Calcott, the owner and manager of Dunnimere Farm has scored a European Production Efficiency Factor (EPEF) of 512, setting a new national record for the UK poultry sector. Dunnimere Farm is now the first in the UK to exceed an EPEF of 500. The EPEF score, a calculation based on average daily weight gain, mortality, and feed conversion, is used worldwide by farmers and producers to measure farm performance. With few farms worldwide registering scores above 480.

**“Ed’s result of 512 is a stand-out achievement.”**

Aaron Mckenna, Pilgrim's Europe

## News from Kate Scott, HND in Land & Farm Management 2000-2005

After leaving Harper in 2005, I joined Bakkavor as a graduate trainee on their accelerated management scheme. After two years, I went travelling in Australia and New Zealand before coming home to work for ABN, a pig and poultry feed supplier, as a raw material buyer. I was there for almost five years before going back into the fresh produce world, working for Orchard House Foods in procurement.

I got married in 2013 and James and I have two sons, Digby and Wilbur. I took a career break after Digby was born in February 2014 to raise the boys, but continued to support my parents as our farm secretary and still do this alongside a part-time role at my local National Trust property.

Some of my time at Harper overlapped with my brother, Robert Chapman, who tragically died by suicide in July 2014. Following his death I fundraised for POPYRUS, a charity dedicated to the prevention of suicide in young people. In 2023 I met the brother of one of Robert’s friends, who had also died by suicide in 2019. We decided to co-found a charity in their joint memory and The Rural Communities Mental Health Foundation launched in September 2024.



We provide education, training and support for people living and working in rural communities across Northants, Bucks and Beds, and a slice of West Cambridgeshire. Our vision is to reduce the number of people dying to suicide, instead, showing them that there’s help and hope out there for them.

For More information and future training dates visit - [www.rcmhfoundation.org](http://www.rcmhfoundation.org)

### Top performances

Edward Calcott, who farms near Tamworth, Staffordshire, utilising the Pilgrim’s complete internal supply chain, with chicks from Newark hatchery and feed from Ashbourne, is among other Pilgrim’s Europe farmers who have been applauded for their flock performance results, recognising their husbandry and farming practices.

Other top performing farms include Horsley Brook Farm, with farmers Edward McMahon and Dan Sealey, and the company’s own team at Beech Farm, Ryan Wright and Andrew Wells, both achieving an EPEF of 500.

Since the start of 2025, Pilgrim’s Europe has had more than 20 flocks from 20 individual farms score more than 450 EPEF, qualifying them for the ‘Ross 450 Club’, an initiative by poultry

breeding company Aviagen. Pilgrim’s Europe has said that these achievements form part of the company’s commitment to excellence and innovation in farming practices across its operation.

Aaron McKenna, head of broiler operations UK at Pilgrim’s Europe, said: “Pilgrim’s Europe growers have demonstrated a commitment to world-leading husbandry and farming practices, with a determination to continually improve.

Our farmers and farm managers have a long and successful history of scoring in the top percentile for EPEF, and Ed’s result of 512 is a stand-out achievement.

“Coming off the back of a recent transition into broiler production, the result is a testament to the level of hard work, care, and attention to detail that Ed provides as he develops his flock management skills, alongside the guidance of his area manager Ben Vernon.

## **Ros Barsley (nee Forrester) HND 1970 – 73 & Richard Barsley HND 1971 – 74**

Having met at Harper and now married for 51 years, with 2 daughters and 5 grandchildren, we decided that the time was right for a bit of a lifestyle change! We lived in Newport for over 50 years and last year decided we would sell up our property and go to live in Spain. After a very short house hunt we found a delightful property in the foothills of Sierras Santa Maria, about 30 miles from the southern coast of Spain, just outside a market town of Velez Rubio in Andalucia, with 3 acres of almond and olive trees and stunning mountain views and a swimming pool.



We both retired in 2010, Richard having worked on farms for 27 years after leaving Harper and then at Rea Valley Tractors in Newport for 10 years and I had varied Sales Manager jobs before discovering the 'Public Sector' in 2003 and spent 7 years in Project Management at the University of Wolverhampton. We spent 14 years travelling about Europe in our motorhome and a



bit further afield to New Zealand for 3 months in 2012 and helping out with our young grandchildren. As the grandchildren are all now young adults we decided it was time for a change before we got too much older. We are now learning Spanish and how to 'farm' almonds and olives with help from the locals.

**We are learning to embrace the slower pace of life, siestas in the afternoon, the Spanish mantra of mañana and of course better roads, less traffic and all round cheaper cost of living especially the odd glass of wine and beer!**

## **We'd Love to Hear from You!**

### Living Overseas?

We all have life stories of interest that may influence our HL community in some way. We know our alumni community stretches far and wide, and we would love to hear your news/stories from those living overseas. Please tell us about life overseas, your adventures, and how Harper has shaped your journey.

Your story could be featured in the Harper Life 2026 and/or the Harper Adams University Alumni Newsletter. Drop us an email at [info@harperadamsclub.com](mailto:info@harperadamsclub.com)

We can't wait to hear from you!

## **Bill Young – A Snippet to inspire our career minded Alumni members**

“We hear so much in this day and age about CPD (Continuous Personal Development) and I have always grabbed the opportunity to increase experience and qualifications no matter how mundane or unnecessary they seem at the time.

“However, two in my own life stand out; Firstly my decision in 1979 to apply and then attend Harper the following year in the days of no tuition fees, which made it a no brainer and applying for a Nuffield Farming Scholarship later.

“I don’t know whether I was made for Harper or Harper was made me but either way it was undoubtedly the best three years of my life and the AMBA course was the perfect fit for me, with course head Don Findlay bringing the best out of me.

“I flourished in the commercial areas and started filling the many gaps I had in business administration. It fully justified my decision sacrificing a degree in Agricultural Economics to do the lesser but far more rounded practical HND which undoubtedly prepared me for the hard commercial world.

“As Jon Fitton wisely said the other day “The AMBA course was way ahead of its time”. Now after over 40 years on in the Agribusiness world I have reached the “putting back stage” and have sat on or sit on various committees at both Harper Adams, Nuffield Farming Scholarships Trust and The RFU (team sports still remain my passion) which has opened other exciting doors such as The Farmers Club committee and The Court at The Worshipful Company of Farmers and being Strategic Agricultural Adviser to The Warwickshire College Group.

**I don’t know whether I was made for Harper or Harper was made me but either way it was undoubtedly the best three years of my life**

“Standout pleasures today are still travelling, networking and meeting new people but also watching and helping young people come into this great industry and flourish, indeed the opportunities are as big as ever and there to be grabbed as long as those with entrepreneurial commercial flair, freedom of expression and hard work ethics are not cancelled by those with different aspirations.

“Without Harper and Nuffield I am sure my life would have taken a lesser and more mundane path and I am truly grateful for the opportunities they have given me.”

Bill has worked in farming agri-business for over 40 years. He developed a love of farming working on a variety of local farms as a teenager.

He graduated from Harper Adams university in 1983 after studying Agricultural Marketing and Business Administration and commenced work as a grain buyer and then crops trader before becoming sales manager at the then largest UK agricultural cooperative Midland Shires Farmers.

This led to Bill moving to front farm assurance in the UK for the two biggest certification bodies (NSF and SAI) Global) where over the next 20 years he was responsible for implementing, inspecting and certifying supply chain assurance schemes covering virtually every aspect of production to plate.

In 2018 Bill decided it was time to put back into the industry which had been so good to him and took up position as Chief Executive of a national farming charity the Addington Fund. Bill latterly moved to the Organic Farmers and Growers as CEO and has now established his own consultancy BYAG – Bill Young Agriculture Ltd earlier this year to help clients grow businesses, advise on regenerative farming and sustainability, renewable energy and corporate governance.

[View Bill's LinkedIn](#) [harper.ac.uk/billyoung](https://www.harper.ac.uk/billyoung)

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# A Snippet of History

from **Ian Howie** (Harper Adams Club President 1965)

Having left Harper in the summer of 1948, I joined the Harper Adams Club, which dates back to 1921.

When I joined the club, it held two events a year, a lunch in the autumn at a Birmingham hotel and taking part in the Harper Adams Day in the summer, although one year I recall the autumn lunch being held at the London Farmers Club.

When Mr Bill Price became principal in 1946, he and Mrs Price were keen for the club to prosper, and it was during that time I became a Harper Adams Club committee member and eventually the Club President in 1965.

Great changes were taking place in farming and applied sciences and with encouragement from Mr and Mrs Price, the Harper Adams Club began to expand its activities. As part of those changes, the club held the first of the club weekends when accommodation was available for club members and their families to stay in the college over the weekend.

During those weekends Club members were able to tour the campus and listen to staff updating them on the changes and advances in the farming industry which were taking place at the time or in the pipe-line and the ladies also had the chance to listen to interesting speakers.

Some-times an outside speaker would be invited to speak during the weekend and when Gwillim Williams, a local farmer, spoke to the club members and revealed that The Meat and Livestock Commission (MLC) was about to be launched. After Mr Price retired in 1962, Mr Reg Kenney was appointed principal. He had been principal at

the Dorset Farm Institute, a very different institution to Harper and things between the principal and the club became less amical. But with some careful diplomacy, those matters were resolved, and the good working relationship returned.

After leaving Harper I worked as an assistant to Mr Jim Nott at Tenbury Wells for six years. It was a mixed farm with sheep and cattle, arable, hops and fruit.

I met Bridget at the beginning of my second year at Harper. She was at Harper doing a year of practical before doing dairying husbandry at Studley College and worked with a dairy herd for a year before we were married in 1991.

We have three sons, two of whom are involved with agriculture. David the eldest is a contractor and Neil our middle son is a vet, who now has a consultancy link with the Harper dairy herd.

I moved from Tenbury to Derbyshire to manage a farm for a businessman, before moving back close to the Welsh borders to manage the in-hand farming at Whitfield for the Clive family in 1958

I did that for thirty-three years before retiring and continued to live in the cottage we purchased from the estate in 1976 and rebuilt and where we still live.

I retain an interest in farming and food production and I am on the Herefordshire Climate and Nature Board, where my knowledge of farming plays an important part in the discussions.

## Marriages and Births

### News from Will Underwood. (Alumnus 2015-2019)

'In October, I married Josie Hobbs (REALM 2015-19) after meeting her in our first year at Harper. We've been together ever since and Charles David Underwood arrived on 23rd June. Both mum and son are doing very well and are enjoying each other's company during her maternity leave. Charlie isn't holding back and is certainly engaging at such a young age. He's showing an early interest in our two dogs and four runner ducks!'

### William & Chloe Coldicott

Will (2013–2018, MEng Off Road Vehicle Design) & Chloe Jones (2013–2017, BSc Animal Health & Welfare) married on 9th August 2025, surrounded by friends from their happy years at Harper Adams University.



# University News

**Harper Adams University made history** with its first appearance on TV's toughest quiz team tournament - University Challenge. This was broadcast on the 29th September 2025.



Harper Adams University graduate **George Elliott** has been named as Farmers Weekly Agricultural Student of the Year 2025.

BSc (Hons) Agriculture with Mechanisation student George, from Ashbourne in Derbyshire, was named the winner at the annual Farmers Weekly Awards ceremony in London (October 2025)



Harper Adams has been officially recognised as a world-leading specialist English university in the latest funding announcement from the Office for Students (OfS).



## Harper & Keele Vet School's veterinary degree receives RCVS approval

Harper & Keele Veterinary School has received full accreditation from the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons (RCVS) Council for its Veterinary Medicine and Surgery (BVetMS) degree.

**"We would like to congratulate the staff at Harper & Keele Veterinary School for their hard work".**

**5,364** total students  
2,995 FTE (2020–21)

**600** employees  
1/3 are academics

**TEF Gold** for teaching and learning excellence TEF 2023

**60%** internationally excellent or world-leading research REF 2021

**494** hectares of farm land

**No 1** for graduate employment  
Full-time, first degree  
Graduate Outcomes 2025

**No 1** in the UK for career prospects  
Whatuni Student Choice Awards 2016 to 2025

**Specialist** University of the Year  
The Times Good University Guide 2024

# Obituaries

## A Tribute to Anne Stubbs (Emerson)

Anne Emerson (nee Stubbs) was a 'poult' between 1954 and 1956. A real 'Geordie', she readily made friends and with her two fellow poults, Anne Walker and Maggie Powell played badminton to a high standard, we didn't lose a single match that year!! The three of us took a job in Carlisle (when we left college) at Fairbairn Hatcheries.

Anne (Emerson) had a driving license, and we were allocated a little van in which we used to fly from farm to farm and the furthest one being in south Scotland – Lockerbie (where the plane crash occurred in 1988)!

We all kept in touch after we left, and Anne met up with a childhood friend – John Stubbs (also ex-Harper) they married in 1963. They had 3 daughters, Sally, Helen, and Lucy and became intrepid caravanners.

John's job took him from London to Cambridge and to Slough. Anne always adapted to the changes and made friends, especially through the church.

She was so proud of her family and was 'there for them'. When John retired, they went to live near Helen at New Moor House. Poor John developed P.S.P – a cruel disease. After his death Anne moved to Robert Adams Court. Here she made new friends and was always ready for her nightly glass of red wine!!!

I have been privileged to know Anne all these years!!  
Maggie Teague (Powell).

## In Memory of Mr. Robin Harris who died aged 90 in June 2025

We are saddened to share news of the passing of Mr. Robin Harris, a former member of staff at Harper Adams University.

Mr. Harris joined Harper Adams in 1965, initially in role of Farm Recorder keeping the farm information up to date, producing costings of each enterprise for the Farm Information room, and was secretary to the Farm Committee. During a period of transition following the departure of the then farm manager. He went on to serve as farm manager for a year, providing steady leadership before Scott Kirby's appointment in 1999. Robin then remained in the role for a final 12 months before retiring from the University.

Mr. Harris's contribution to Harper Adams and to the life of the farm is remembered with respect and appreciation by those who worked alongside him. News of Mr. Harris's passing has also been shared with members of the Harper Club, where he is fondly remembered by many former colleagues and friends.

Robin, whose wife predeceased him, had 2 sons and a daughter. We extend our condolences to Mr. Harris's family, friends, and all who knew him.

## A tribute to Roger Sykes Barrett,

Roger, often known as Rog to his friends passed away more than 12 months ago after a long battle with prostate cancer. He was a student on the 1957/9 Agri' course and one of my housemates at Flatt Farm for 2 years. Rog' was Best Man at our wedding in 1966 and we remained firm friends over the years enjoying several Harper reunions together. Best regards,  
Paul Hanlon.

## A tribute to John Aled Griffiths OBE

Tributes have been paid to a Shropshire poultry farmer who has died aged 95.

John Aled Griffiths OBE was a renowned figure during a long career in the poultry industry, during which he built a major business from a base at Oaklands Farm in the county.

The company went on to become one of the largest egg producers in the UK, packing over one billion each year.

An advocate for the education of young farmers, Mr Griffiths went on to be both an honorary fellow and a governor of Harper Adams University.

Born in North Wales, Mr Griffiths is said to have reared his first chicks by his 10th birthday.

He went on to play a leading role in the British Poultry industry and received an OBE for his services to the field in 1993.

Harper Adams University vice-chancellor Prof Ken Sloan, said: "It is almost impossible to find words which are adequate to capture the contribution that Aled made to the poultry industry and the wider agricultural community.

"The numerous awards and honours he received over many years confirms the respect in which he was held and the gratitude that we all have for knowing him and working with him.

"He will be missed by all who had the opportunity to know him and I am grateful for his contribution to and support for Harper Adams."



### **A tribute to Mrs Carey Samuel (nee Sanford Lansley)**

The HA club has received news that Mrs Carey Samuel (nee Sanford Lansley) passed away in November 2025. Carey studied, ND Poultry at Harper between 1956 – 1958. She leaves behind her husband Mr Robin Samuel who undertook a 'special' at Harper between 1956 – 1957.

### **A tribute to John Wynne Davies**

The Harper Adams Club has received tragically sad news of the death of Alumnus and a well-known farmer, auctioneer and "most devoted dad". John Wynne Davies aged 38 ran the family farm and glamping business at Trelan Farm in the foothills of Clwydian Range with his wife Catherine. For a short period Wynne served on the Harper Adams Club committee



### **A tribute to Keith Heywood**

We regret to inform our alumni that staff member Keith Heywood passed away in November 2025. Keith joined Harper Adams on 1st September 1978 and taught across both Farm Management and Land Management, until his retirement in 2017 after an incredible 39 years!



### **A tribute to Councillor William Antrobus**

Harper alum (69-71), Councillor William Antrobus (Fillongley Parish Council, Fillongley, CV7 8DA), passed suddenly on Sunday, 31 August. He and his group of fellow alumni were due for a reunion visit later this month.

### **A tribute to Margaret Elizabeth Law (nee' Evans)**

Sad news from David Law (Poultry student 1954 to 1956) Margaret Elizabeth Law (nee' Evans) who I met in 1954 passed away 30th September. This was just after our 66th wedding anniversary. Margaret was aged 91.

I am still in touch with Brian Stuart and Maggie Teague (nee' Powell) and I would love to hear from others who attended Harper during our time there. Please email [info@harperadamsclub.com](mailto:info@harperadamsclub.com) and we can put you in touch with David

### **A tribute to Cedric Hill**

Cedric Hill, a Harper alumnus, died peacefully in his sleep on 13 November aged 93. Cedric joined Harper Adams as a farm pupil in 1951/52 when he and his family returned from South Africa. He then took an agricultural course at Harper for two years followed by a one-year engineering course. He also served as the Harper Adams Club President in 2002 and 2003.

### **A tribute to John Douglas Poulter 1927 - 2025**

At the age of 97, has ploughed his last furrow and hung up his boots, at home.

John studied agriculture at Harper Adams from 1945 - 47 and was a farmer all his life. He joined the Club on leaving his studies, was Club President in 1973 and one of the Club's most ardent supporters. The son of Leslie Poulter, one of the founding members of the Club, and older brother of Gillian and Gerard. (Leslie Poulter was Club President in 1948 and Gerard in 1979).

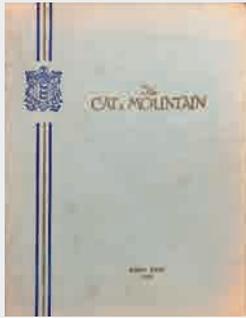
John, a much loved husband to Patricia, father, grandpa, brother and friend, passed away on the 22nd August 2025.



# Historic Harper Life From the Archives

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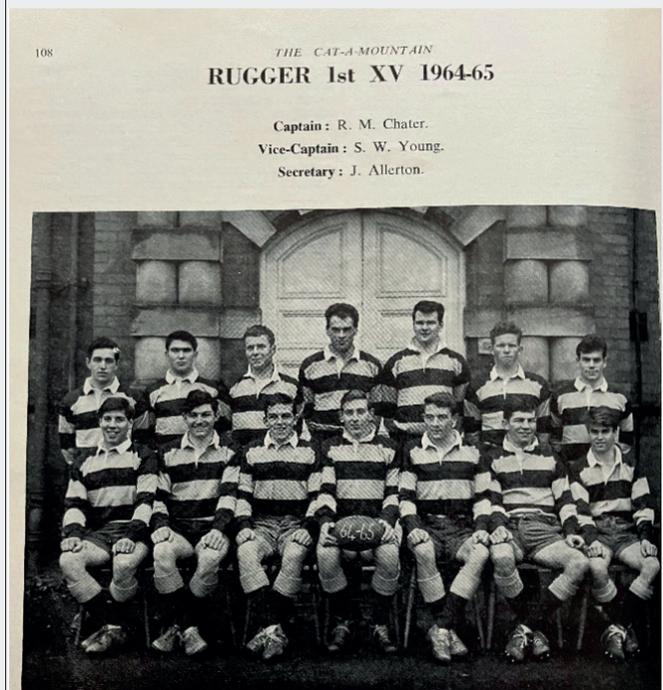
Before the advent of this magazine (Harper Life) the Harper Adams Club created an annual publication alongside the Students Union called Cat-A-Mountain (the name derived from the Cat on top of the Mountain on the Harper Adams Crest). Cat-A-Mountain ran for several decades, finally ending its run at the turn of the Century.



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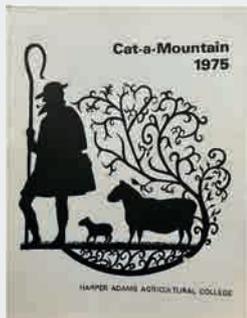


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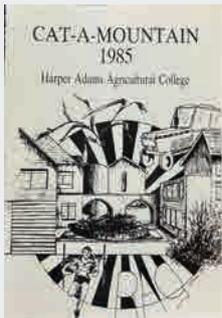


# e Archives

This year we are looking back **30, 40, 50, 60 and 70 years**, enjoy...



1975



1985



1985



LADIES HOCKEY

Back row: Mrs W. Hutchins, Mrs J. Beckett, Mrs M. J. Smith, Mrs R. Roberts, Mrs H. McKelvey, Mrs M. Wright, Mrs C. O'Neill, Mrs J. Wilson, Mrs E. Jones, Mrs C. Lamb, Mrs J. Parnell, Mrs V. Roberts, Mrs G. Jones, Mrs J. Allen, Mrs A. Lamb, Mrs L. Lamb.



BASKETBALL

Back row: J. J. J. Tom Clayton, Andy Fommare, Robert Fommare, Julian Davis, Front row: L. J. J. Neil Bellrose, Mark Fommare, Andy Green.



Men's Hockey Club

Back row (left to right): Neil Wright, Andrew Buchanan, Neil Fennell, Phil Perry, Billy Power, Mark Price, Front row (left to right): Mike Wilson, Andrew Buchanan, Neil Fennell, Neil Gwynne, Steve Lanning, Steven McManis, Quinn Riddell, Sally Tim Stocks the previous Captain failed to produce a Report.



PRE-ENTRY UNIT

Back Row: E. Bennett, J. Smith, C. Butler, J. Harrington, D. Miles, S. Adams, Front Row: T. Colquhoun, Mrs C. O'Neill, M. Williams, J. Dale, D. Cameron, H. Mapp.



SHOOTING

Left to right: Doreen Goldmann, Cheryl Swindeman, Andy Price, Charles Thomas.



Ladies' Rugby Team Report

Back Row (left to right): Sarah Evans, Joanne Thomas, Emily Bond, Jo Deakin, Joanne Hill, Elizabeth, Marie-Madeleine, Front Row (left to right): Sarah Evans, Joanne Thomas, Emily Bond, Joanne Hill, Elizabeth, Marie-Madeleine.



SAILING CLUB

A sailor never is lonely the sea  
With decked by a moment in the  
The sail to the spinnaker  
"I'm not a lonely old man"  
So, what do you think of me?



HOCKEY

Back row: M. J. J. The Division, Andrew Buchanan, Neil Fennell, Phil Perry, Billy Power, Mark Price, Front row: J. J. J. Neil Bellrose, Mark Fommare, Andy Green, Robert Fommare, Julian Davis, Tom Clayton.



Summer Ball 1994

# Harper Adams Club Reunion Ball

By the time Harper Life is published we will have already celebrated yet another successful 'Harper Reunion Ball' hosted very kindly by the Cranwell Bloodhound Hunt.

This is at the Newark Showground, it is held every November and we would love nothing more than for you to join us in the future.

There is plenty of accommodation locally to the showground and it would be fantastic if we could grow support to enable this event to become a stand-alone dinner dance evening.

Please keep an eye on the Harper club website/media for details of next year's autumnal event.  
[www.harperadamsclub.com](http://www.harperadamsclub.com)





## Feature your reunion!

We love to hear of and see pictures from your get-togethers.

If you have held or are planning a reunion, and you would like to have it featured in Harper Life, please send your write-up and images to [info@harperadamsclub.com](mailto:info@harperadamsclub.com)

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**Your gateway to staying connected with the Harper Adams community.**

Whether you left Harper 70 years or 7 weeks ago, the Harper Adams Club offers access to events, support and other opportunities. Reconnect with old friends, expand your network, and stay informed about the latest news and developments from the whole Harper Adams family. After graduating from Harper Adams, you automatically become part of a thriving, engaged community that shares your passion for agriculture, food, animal health, rural industry and the environment.

Register at [harperadamsclub.com](http://harperadamsclub.com) to join now!



The Harper Adams Club  
Harper Adams Alumni Association

## Got some news you want to share with ex-Harper students?

Brilliant! Let us know and the Harper Adams Club will gladly share the news. Email us at: [harperlife@harperadamsclub.com](mailto:harperlife@harperadamsclub.com)



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## Save the date

The Harper Adams Club Annual Lunch will take place at Harper Adams on Saturday 4th July 2026. Further details on how to book will follow in due course. If you have any immediate inquiries, please contact [info@harperadamsclub.com](mailto:info@harperadamsclub.com)

The club looks forward to welcoming as many alumni as possible in this year's 125th Harper Adams anniversary year. Our invitation extends a particular welcome to any groups who would like to celebrate a special anniversary in 2026 (since beginning at Harper) – such as Diamond 60 years (1966) Golden 50 years (1976) Ruby 40 years (1986) and silver 25 years (2001)

## We'd Love to Hear from You!

Living in the UK? Living Overseas?

We all have life stories of interest that may influence our Club in some way. We know our alumni community stretches far and wide, and we'd love to hear your news/stories from within the UK and stories from those living overseas. Please tell us about life overseas, your adventures, and how Harper has shaped your journey.

Your story, be it from home or abroad, could be featured in the Harper Life 2026 and/or the Harper Adams University Alumni Newsletter Drop us an email at [info@harperadamsclub.com](mailto:info@harperadamsclub.com) — we can't wait to hear from you!