



Old King's Club



START OF THE CROSS COUNTRY RACE

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Saturday 1st April 2006 saw two OK clubs playing matches against the School at West Barnes Lane.

(above) A moment from the Hockey match. The full OKC team is featured on the back cover of this Newsletter.

(below) An action shot from the Football match.



FORTHCOMING EVENTS

OLD KING'S CLUB

9th May 2006	Careers Evening
24th June 2006	Commemoration Day – see below
3rd September 2006	OKC v School Boat Race (check date with OKC office)
7th October 2006	Gaudy for 1981-1985 leavers – see below
11th November 2006	Oxbridge dinner – see below
17th November 2006	OKC Annual Dinner at the School - see below
27th January 2007	OKC Annual General Meeting

SCHOOL

Summer term 2006 begins on Thursday 27th April and ends on Wednesday 5th July. Half term is Monday 29th May to Friday 2nd June.

Autumn term 2006 begins on Tuesday 5th September and ends on Friday 15th December. Half term (two weeks) is from Monday 16th to Friday 27th October.

COMMEMORATION DAY 24th JUNE 2006

This is a good day to see the changes to the School since you were here, and see the facts behind the inspection report.

We are targeting leavers of 2001 to make a special effort to come. There will be people there that you know, either staff or former pupils.

We look forward to welcoming all Old Boys to the Old King's Club marquee for a glass of wine.

Tea will be available in the Dining Hall.

GAUDY FOR THE 1981 - 1985 LEAVERS

7th OCTOBER 2006

Old Boys who left King's at any time between 1981 and 1985 (both years inclusive) will soon be receiving an invitation to a Gaudy at the School, to be held on Saturday, 7th October, 2006.

Unfortunately we no longer have the current addresses for a number of OKC members who left during this period; a list of those whose present address is not known to us is given at the end of this edition of the Newsletter.

Please look through this list, and if you know the current address of any of these members, or any other information about them, please write to the Hon Secretary, and let him know.

OKC UNDERGRADUATES DINNER

11th November 2006 at Magdalene College Cambridge

The Head Master and several members of the School staff will attend

Time: 7.30 pm for 8.00 pm *Dress:* Jacket and Tie

Cost: £20 for Undergraduates

All KCS Alumni Undergraduates welcome

Swap university experiences with your contemporaries from School!

Contact:

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joe_howland@yahoo.co.uk

James Cope, Brasenose College, Oxford,

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OLD KING'S CLUB: OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE

PRESIDENT: Sir Robert Andrew KCB

PAST PRESIDENT: R M Reeve

VICE PRESIDENTS:

R B Armitage (1991), L R Barkey (1985), M Barron (1996), D D C Belchamber (1986),
R E Dawson (1979), R F Diacon (1983), P K Gerhold (1984), J D E Hamilton (1983),
A D Hein (1986), J Keeling (1987), R G Mathews (1995), E A Stokes (1996), C Taylor (1973).
Year of election shown in brackets

CHAIRMAN: H M G King

HON SECRETARY: B J Stokes

HON TREASURER: P J Grant FCA

Elected members of committee. Elected: C L Day, R J Hudson, H M G King, D W Parry, S K Tester

Co-opted: D R Bradley, J A Galloway, I D Hay, C A Malmaeus,

Representatives of Accredited Activities:

Cricket: D A P Bowen

Cross Country: J P H Smith

Fencing: D G Tilles

Golf: G C Cox

Hockey: R T H Carter

Rifle Club: R J Hudson

Rugby Club: P A Calaminus

Soccer: J Badgett

Squash:

Swimming: P J de C Newman

Tennis: C G Diacon

KCS Lodge: C A Malmaeus

Social Sub-Committee: R B Armitage, C L Day, H M G King

Trustees of the Old King's Club: R B Armitage, A D Hein, S K Tester

Trustees of the Invested Funds: D W Parry, M A Smith, H F Woolhouse

Hon Auditors: J H Hole, G P N Phillips ACA

Benevolent Fund:

Management Board: L R Barkey (Chairman and Trustee), A C V Evans (Head Master, KCS),

J D E Hamilton (Trustee), A D Hein (co-opted), R Lowndes,

R J Morris (Treasurer and Trustee), D V Smedley, C Taylor (Trustee)

Careers for School Leavers:

Old King's Club Adviser: J G Robson, 27 Westminster Gardens, Marsham Street, Westminster,
London SW1P 4JD (020 7828 9576)

OKC ANNUAL DINNER

Advance notice

This year our Annual Dinner will once again be held in the
School Dining Hall

The date is: **Friday 17th November 2006**

Guest speaker: **John Evans**

Please make a note in your diaries now, to be sure that you do not miss this event.
Full details and an application form will be included in the next Newsletter, which will be sent to you in October 2006.

SECRETARY'S NOTES

CLUB OFFICE

The Old King's Club office is in the Lodge (next to the Sports Hall) and is open on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 10.00 am to 1.00 pm; callers are welcome. Our telephone number is 020 8255 5390. In addition, messages can be left during School hours on any day with the School switchboard operator on 020 8255 5300; you can fax us at any time on 020 8255 5439, or send an e-mail to okc@kcs.org.uk.

SCHOOL SHOP

A wide range of OKC items, as well as leisureware, is available from the School Shop in the Lodge. A list of the OKC items and an order form, together with the opening hours and other information, is given on the last page of this Newsletter.

THE NEWSLETTER

This issue of the Old King's Club Newsletter was edited by B J Stokes. Contributions for future issues are always welcome, and should be sent to The Editor, Old King's Club, King's College School, Wimbledon, London SW19 4TT; or they may be faxed to 020 8255 5439 or sent by e-mail to okc@kcs.org.uk. Material for inclusion in the next issue, to be published in October 2006, must reach the Editor by 1st September.

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THE NEWSLETTER ONLINE

This Newsletter is now available, password protected, on the OKC page on the School website at www.kcs.org.uk. Members may now view it there, and if desired, print their own copies. To find out how to do this, all you need to do is to e-mail the OKC office at okc@kcs.org.uk giving your name and current postal address, and you will receive full instructions.

www.kcs.org.uk

Visit the KCS web site for all the latest information about activities in the School, news of the School and its Old Boys, and many photographs of School scenes. The Old King's Club pages contain information about Club activities, as well access to the Newsletter.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

10th January, 2004

The Annual General Meeting was held at 12.00 noon on the 10th January 2004, in Collyer Hall.

Present:

The President	Sir Robert Andrew
Chairman	H M G King
Hon. Secretary	B J Stokes
Hon. Treasurer	P J Grant

and about 30 members.

Apologies for absence were received from R K B Halsey, J A Hamblin, R M Reeve, and C Taylor.

1. The minutes of the last AGM, held on the 8th January 2005, were circulated in Newsletter No 106, April 2005, on pages 3-7, and copies were available at

the meeting. Michael Barron proposed and Gordon Robson seconded that they be approved. All agreed and they were signed by the President.

2. Hon Secretary's report

The Old King's Club, under the Chairmanship of Micky King, has had another year of positive progress, increasing and developing its services to members, and strengthening its lines of communication.

The Committee has met on five occasions during the year. We have welcomed Paul Calaminus as our new rugby representative, taking the place of Noel Crockford, James Badgett as Football representative, Alex Malmaeus to assist with Careers, and David Bradley to further our already close cooperation with the Development Office. John Galloway has taken the place of Gordon McGinn as a representative of the School Staff.

The **Club membership** now stands at 7,113, up just over 100 from last year. Sadly, I have to report the deaths of 32 members that have been notified during the year, three of whom have been particularly involved in OK affairs. Malcolm Lipscombe, Groundsman at West Barnes Lane, who had worked for the School for over 40 years; Vincent Farley, a Past Master of the KCS Lodge, who had laid the OKC wreath at the School Remembrance service for several years; and Lawry Glover, prominent in the Rugby Club for many years, and a Trustee of the OKC.

The usual two **Newsletters** have been published and sent to all subscribing members, who number about 2,100. All other members for whom we have addresses, about 2,900 in all, as usual received a free Annual Mailing, with notices of meetings and brief reviews of news from the Club and the School. During the year the full Newsletter was made available, password protected, on the OKC section of the School website, as promised at the Annual General Meeting last year. Old Boys can receive the password by sending an e-mail with their name and address to the OKC office.

With the help of our network of OK representatives in the universities there has been a notable increase in the number of **university dinners** for Old Boys. All these events are now supported financially from Club funds, and dinners have been held during the year at Bristol, Imperial College, Nottingham, and Southampton Universities.

The OKC Bursary has been the subject of discussion at the last three Annual General Meetings. It is a pleasure at this meeting to be able to report that the Bursary has now been awarded to a suitable recipient, who is aware

of the source of the financial assistance. Principles for the award of the Bursary have been established, and are that the recipient should not be publicly identified (although he and his family should be aware of the source of the award); that the School should give the OKC Committee a brief report, in general terms, of the recipient's progress; and that the award should be reviewed by the School on an annual basis.

The OKC Annual Dinner was held in the School Dining Hall on Friday 18th November. The very successful practice of targeting particular year groups by letter, sent from the OK office and signed by the Captains of the School of the targeted years, once again resulted in an excellent attendance. In total, 128 Old Boys and members of the School Staff were present this year. An excellent meal was provided by Janet Belcher and her staff, and members of the Lodge manned a pay bar. The Head Master delighted those present with a witty speech reviewing the School's progress during the year, and we were very pleased to welcome our Past President, Robin Reeve, as Guest Speaker.

Once again the OKC and the School have worked together on three major functions, the Careers Evening, the Leavers' Lunch, and the Gaudy.

The highly successful **Careers Evening** took place on 10th May, when 85 volunteer careers advisors, consisting of 72 OKs, 7 parents, and 6 others, and representing 40 different careers areas, gave advice to 153 members of the Lower Sixth form on a one-to-one basis. Gordon Robson, our Careers Advisor, is greatly to be congratulated and thanked for the remarkable way in which he is able to organize such a multiplicity of talent from amongst the membership of the OKC.

The Leavers' Lunch takes place on the last day of the Summer Term. The Lunch provides an opportunity for the School Staff to say goodbye to Upper Sixth form leavers, and for the OKC to welcome over 100 new members. Each new member is given an information pack on the Club and its activities, and those leavers who have not joined are encouraged to do so.

The Gaudy, held on Saturday 1st October, was for Old Boys who left the School between 1975 and 1980 inclusive. 82 Old Boys attended this event, including one from Baltimore, USA, and one from Hong Kong, both of whom had flown in especially. The Gaudies are always very well supported by both past and present members of the School Staff, and are obviously enjoyed by all those who take part. Bringing people together in this way without doubt generates a great deal of goodwill towards the School and the OKC.

Turning now to our sporting activities, I am pleased to report that the Club has continued to increase the number of opportunities for its members to participate in sporting activities after leaving School. This depends, of course, on the initiative of individual members, but the Club is ready to help, both financially and administratively.

A particular success in this direction has been the formation of an **Old King's Club Football Team** at the initiative of James Badgett. The team has been competing in the London FA Affiliated South West Senior Division, with the intention of stepping up to an Old Boys League. We are grateful to the School for allowing the use of West Barnes Lane for home games on a Sunday morning, when there is plenty of activity at the Club ground, and the Club has been pleased to offer some financial assistance.

The OK Tennis Team have had another very successful season, culminating in the winning of the prestigious d' Abernon Cup. The competition finals were played on Sunday, 11th September, on the clay courts at the All-England Club at Wimbledon, in overcast weather. It is remarkable that the finals have featured the same two opponents, the Old Paulines and the Old King's, for the last five years. The Old Paulines won in 2001, 2002, and 2004, and the Old King's in 2003 and 2005. Our congratulations go to the Old King's team.

The third annual **Boat Race** between the Old Boys and the School took place on Sunday 18th September on a course from Wandsworth Bridge to Putney. Originally planned as two races to take place between First and Second eights from both sides, on the day the Old Boys were unable to raise two teams. Consequently a single three-boat race took place between the Old Boys crew, the School First eight, and the School Second eight. The result was that the School First eight came in first, the Old Boys were second, and the School Second eight were third, with about a length between each boat. Sir Robert Andrew presented the Reed-Boswell Cup to the Captain of the School First eight.

This year saw a revival of the **Cross Country** race on Wimbledon Common between the Old Boys and the School. The race was run on Saturday 10th December, and on this occasion it was a triangular competition between the School Staff, the School pupils, and the Old Boys. The result was a win for the School boys, second place for the OKC, and third place for the School Staff.

The Old Boys Golf Club have had their usual round of events, including a Spring Meeting, a match against the School, and participation in both the Surrey Schools Old Boys and the Grafton Morrish competitions.

Unfortunately they were not able to repeat their success of last year, when they won the latter event, but they enjoyed their golf.

The OK Rifle Club is another of our activities which offers a full programme of events throughout the year. The Club receives a modest degree of financial support in order to meet the costs of the younger participants in this sport.

Of course, by far the biggest OK sporting activity is the **Old Boys Rugby Football Club**, and to give a full account of their activities would require an AGM of its own (as indeed it has). I will now just mention a few points that I feel are of general interest.

The Club now regularly fields four fifteens, and the Minis section has some three hundred registered and active members. The First fifteen (which this year includes its first member who has been with the Club right up from the Minis) is currently in third position in the London 4 South West League. With the new match-quality floodlights the Club now has one of the finest rugby facilities in Surrey, and is moving forward to a celebration of its Centenary in the season 2006-2007.

Full reports of all Club activities are normally given in the twice-yearly Newsletters, together with the names and addresses of who to contact in order to take part in these various sports.

On **Commemoration Day** there were Cricket and fencing matches against the School, and the Rifle Club had a very popular programme of shooting in the school range, so as to allow boys in the school, and their siblings and parents, to get an exposure to shooting.

This year the OKC tent was placed in a commanding position opposite the Great Hall, instead of the usual rather remote site on the lawn behind the Lodge. The intention is to mount displays by the various Club activities, as well as to provide a meeting point for Old Boys. A start was made this year with displays by the Rugby Club and the Lodge, and it is hoped that these will be extended to include more of our activities in future years.

In my report last year I said that the main purpose of the Old King's Club is to provide a service for its members. To achieve this purpose I mentioned the need for the office to keep an accurate, comprehensive, and up-to-date database. I am delighted to say that we have recently been joined in the office by Joan Burgess, a long-standing Honorary member with an unparalleled knowledge of the School.

Joan will be working primarily in maintaining our database, and we welcome her most warmly.

I also mentioned the need for the Club to provide its members with opportunities to meet, both socially and to further their sporting and other interests, and to communicate news of the School and of Club members as widely as possible. I hope that what I have already said in this report has shown that the Club is making every effort to address these objectives. In addition, starting this coming year, we are proposing to offer some modest grants to OK members leaving School who are taking a gap year before starting their university course. To be successful in gaining one of these grants an applicant would have to demonstrate that their activity was likely to be of material benefit to a charity, the community, the School, or the OKC.

I must end on a personal note by thanking Tony Stokes for his help on so many things in the OKC office, and to our Chairman, Micky King, and our President, Sir Robert Andrew, for all their support over yet another year.

Mr President, that concludes my report for the year 2005.

3. Hon Treasurer's report

The Treasurer presented the Accounts for the year ended 31st August 2005, copies of which were available to those attending the meeting. Referring to the Balance Sheet he noted the rise in the value of the investments; a further £7,000 had been added to the valuation since the accounting period had ended. There was nothing contentious about the Receipts and Payments account.

The president then asked that the accounts be adopted; this was proposed by Len Barkey, seconded by Micky King, and approved by the meeting.

Note: If any member of the OKC would like to have a copy of the audited accounts of the Old King's Club he or she should apply to the Hon Secretary.

4. Elections

(i) The Chairman, Micky King, proposed that Sir Robert Andrew KCB, be re-elected President, and that the Hon Secretary, Bryan Stokes and the Hon Treasurer, Peter Grant also be re-elected. The proposal was seconded by Desmond Lush and approved unanimously.

(ii) The President, Sir Robert Andrew, then introduced the following elections:

(a) **Trustees.** The present trustees of the invested funds, David Parry, Mark Smith, and Hugh

Woolhouse, and the trustees of the Old King's Club, Richard Armitage, Tony Hein, and Stephen Tester were standing for re-election. Their re-election was proposed by Gordon Robson and seconded by Michael Barron, and all agreed.

(b) **Committee members.** One member was retiring on completion of a three-year term of office, namely Richard Hudson, and he offered himself for re-election; no other nominations had been received. His election was proposed by the President and seconded by Chris Day, and all agreed.

(c) **Honorary Life Members.** The Committee recommended that James Basden and Martin Fidler, both Honorary Members, be elected Honorary Life Members, following their retirement after many years of service in the School teaching staff. This was proposed by Micky King and seconded by Roger Mathews, and all agreed

(d) **Honorary Members.** The Committee recommended that the circulated list of Honorary Members be re-elected, and in addition D R Bradley, D J Grossel, T P Howland, A R J Swigg, C J Thomas, and Miss D Langenberg, all of whom have been members of the School teaching staff for more than five years. Len Barkey proposed, and Pat Reed-Boswell seconded this election, and all agreed.

5. Election of Honorary auditors

The Committee recommended that the present auditors, G P N Phillips and J H Hole be re-elected. This was proposed by Peter Grant and seconded by Michael Barron, and all agreed.

6. Benevolent Fund

Len Barkey, the Chairman of the Management Board of the Benevolent Fund, presented his report on the activities of the Fund during the past year. In presenting the accounts of the Benevolent Fund for the year ended 5th April 2005 he noted that no boys had been supported during the year, but in the current year two boys were receiving partial support, one for two terms and one for two years, involving a total of £4000 per annum.

Adoption of the report was proposed by J R M Wilton and seconded by Micky King, and unanimously approved.

Note: If any member of the OKC would like to have a copy of the audited accounts of the Benevolent Fund he or she should apply to the Hon Secretary.

7. Election of Trustees, Officers, and Members of the Management Board of the Benevolent Fund

The Committee recommended the re-election of the present Management Board, consisting of Len Barkey (Chairman and trustee), John Hamilton (member and trustee), Tony Hein (member), Robert Lowndes (member), Richard Morris (Treasurer and trustee), David Smedley (member), and Cavan Taylor (member and trustee). The Head Master and the Treasurer of the OKC are *ex officio* members of the Board.

Approval was proposed by Micky King and seconded by Michael Barron, and all agreed.

8. Any other resolution submitted within the rules

The President announced that no such resolution had been received

9. Subscription rates

The President announced that there were no changes to the subscription rates proposed at this time.

11. Any other business

The President announced that the next Annual General Meeting would be held on 27th January 2007, and he thanked the Chairman, Hon Secretary, and Hon Treasurer for their efforts on behalf of the Club. In the absence of any other business he then declared the meeting closed, and invited all present to drinks in the Cotman Gallery.

CHAIRMAN'S LETTER

We are pleased to welcome several new members to the Old King's Club committee: James Badgett (Football), David Bradley (Development Office), John Galloway (Senior School Staff), David Grossell (Second Master), Ian Hay (Social), and Alex Malmaeus (Careers and Lodge Representative). We are grateful to them all for giving their time to the affairs of the Old King's Club and hope that they will enjoy their time with us.

We welcome Joan Burgess to the Club office. Joan retired as secretary to the Bursar some years ago and has undertaken a number of important tasks in the School since that time. I am sure that Joan will be a great help to Bryan Stokes in his administrative duties.

I am pleased to see that there have been two more very successful dinners at Universities for KCS Alumni, one at Nottingham and a first one at Bristol. Those who participate seem to have a very good time. Elsewhere you will see that there is to be an Undergraduates dinner at Magdalene College, Cambridge, on 11th November.

The Old King's Club is keen to promote such dinners at other Universities, and I would be happy to hear from anyone who would like to organise a KCS alumni get together. Perhaps it needs saying that the OK Club office would be very happy to help any KCS alumni who would like to organise perhaps a regional get together. It may be that it could include undergraduates at Universities local to the venue, as well as "your standard Old Boy". There have been popular West Country lunches, and Ian Price has organised very successful lunches in Canada.

We are looking forward to some interesting applications for our "gap year awards". Several former pupils undertake adventurous and exciting projects such as Nick Root describes elsewhere. We felt that to gain an award the project should, as well as benefiting the individual, benefit others. I guess that the criteria will tend to attract the best candidates, whom I believe bring credit to the school for their generosity of spirit. I am glad that the OK Club can be associated with their efforts.

The KCSOB RFC have had another successful season. A lot of good things happen at the Rugby Club both on and off the field. Up to four teams take the field at the weekend. The mini section has been very active for many years, and this activity is now coming through to the youth section. This year, for the first time, a former mini player is now playing for the 1st XV. There are also the Past Players' and VP lunches which are very good Old King's events. The Rugby Club management committee is to be congratulated, and of course Paddy Ralston has contributed an enormous amount to the development and current success.

The Old King's Club soccer team have, from a standing start, also had a very successful season, finishing half way in their League. It would be ill mannered to appear triumphalist but they also had two very good wins against potential opposition from members of the Arthurian League in which they hope to be playing next season. The Arthurian League is composed of the Old Boys of the soccer-playing independent schools. There is also as far as I know a "first" of a soccer match against the School on 1st April. Many thanks to Liam Kane at the School for enabling this match to be arranged. Also many thanks are due to James Badgett for his initiative and hard work in getting the soccer underway.

It was a great pleasure for me to be at West Barnes Lane on Saturday 1st April when on adjacent pitches were Old Boys v School fixtures in Hockey and Football. Hopefully there are short reports of both elsewhere. Both the matches seemed to be very much enjoyed by all of the participants. We are very grateful to Richard Lee for

organising the Hockey team and James Badgett for organising the soccer team, also to Liam Kane and David Horgan, masters in charge of the sports, for enabling the fixtures to take place.

The preliminary feedback on the School Inspection that took place during the week ending the 18th November is very good. The report will be published on the Internet. The Head Master and all of the staff, both teaching and non-teaching, are to be congratulated on an excellent report. The report goes to prove that King's is a very good school, but then we all knew that.

With best wishes to you all.

Micky King, Chairman OKC

EXTRACTS FROM THE HEAD MASTER'S NEWSLETTER

Inspection (Independent Schools' Inspectorate)

In the week of 14th November both KCS and KCJS were inspected separately by two teams totalling 23 inspectors. The inspection itself was preceded by a parental consultation by the Reporting (Lead) Inspector to which a substantial number of parents replied confidentially. The inspection itself (from the Monday to Friday) concentrated on very wide classroom observation of all departments, pastoral care, management and governance, and a number of other aspects, amongst which were extra-curricular provision, spiritual and moral education, communications, resources and premises, and health and safety.

Both for KCS and KCJS the overall findings, conveyed to the Governors and senior staff on the 18th November, were most favourable at the oral reporting stage. In both schools there was high praise for progress made since 1999 and for the standard of teaching and learning, pastoral care and extra-curricular provision amongst other qualities. The full reports will be made available on request to KCS and KCJS parents in 2006 and on the KCS website.

Music

The summer months saw the Big Band busy with making a CD and performing in the finals of the Music for Youth competition in Birmingham. Four new members of staff joined in September – Peter Hatch (Assistant Director of Music), Leandro Silvera (Head of Strings), David

Brodowski (violin teacher) and Shelly Organ (bassoon teacher).

This Autumn Term has had a full and varied music programme. The Chamber Choir has sung at two Choral Evensongs locally as well as one in Guildford Cathedral. The second half of term saw them give a Christmas Concert in St Stephen's, Walbrook, and no fewer than three carol services in the last week of term. Open Day provided an opportunity for the Big Band to perform in addition to many of our new 4th form scholars and exhibitioners. They have made a particularly strong start with performances in Scholars' Concerts and as members of ensembles and choirs. The Big Band also made their annual appearance at KCS Fireworks, together with a number of smaller bands run by pupils.

The Orchestral Concert was a great success and featured our four main ensembles – Symphony Orchestra, Chamber Orchestra, Wind Orchestra, and Big Band in a demanding programme. King's Kapella also put on an evening in Great Hall which was very enthusiastically received, followed by an appearance at the School Service the week after.

A new venture in the Autumn term was a Discovery Concert given to a packed Great Hall with a considerable number of KCS pupils present. Organised by Mark Nixon, this concert was introduced by the BBC's inimitable Roderick Swanston and involved both staff and some of our most talented boys.

Drama

The Autumn term saw the first term of GCSE Drama lessons. The only play to have taken place during the term was *Twelve Angry Men* by Reginald Rose, which had to take place in Studio Q2 as the Collyer Hall Theatre was being used for KCJS assembly during the inspection. (In the event we would not have been allowed to perform it in the theatre as there is a professional production waiting to open in the West End and performance rights were granted on the condition that it was a studio performance). Studio Q2 lent itself to the play very well with the audience actually in the jury room. The performances were of high quality. It would be invidious to mention any one actor as the play worked as an ensemble piece but Mr Swan mentions the remarkable performance of Julius Colwyn-Foulkes as the only Lower Fifth boy in a cast of Sixth Formers: he joined the cast late yet gave a fine and precise account of his rôle as Juror Number 4. The special effects - real water running down real windows and real doors opening into as real a washroom as could be constructed - achieved by George Foster, the new Theatre Manager, were extraordinary and will remain in the memories of those who saw the play.

The Bernard Noble Library

Mrs Amy Noble, the widow of Bernard Noble (OK 1946), has made a gift to the Music School of the vast majority of her late husband's collection of classical CD recordings (over 1200 in total). They have been securely housed in a purpose built and secure space in the main corridor of the Music School.

The Collyer Hall Theatre: seating donors

When the Collyer Hall Theatre seating was put in place in 1988, a number of donors paid for seats, and small aluminium plaques were screwed onto the seats to record their generosity. When the seats were replaced a few years ago, the plaques were retained and a record of them has now been produced by a calligrapher and artist. This attractive piece has been framed and will shortly hang in the Collyer Hall Theatre.

ITN Gaby Rado Award

This is the first year of the ITN Gaby Rado Award, a two-week work placement at ITN for an aspiring King's news journalist. It has been given to the school by ITN in memory of Gaby Rado, King's Old Boy (OK 1972) and foreign affairs reporter, who died in Iraq in 2003. Gaby Rado felt strongly about the quality of foreign news reporting and the role of the press in informing public opinion and the actions of policy-makers. It is with this thought in mind that the placement has been established. There were six entries, each requiring a high quality submission article on an area of independent research, on topics ranging from charity wristbands to Norwegian attitudes to the EU. Each candidate was interviewed by Miss Quaradeghini and Mr Sprague about their research, about their thoughts on news reporting and journalism, and about what they would hope to bring to the work experience. The Award was given to Nicholas Evans, whose submission article discussed violent events in Uzbekistan in May. It reflected his own existing interest in, and knowledge of, the region and demonstrated his ability to adapt his research to current events as they arose. A copy of the article is included in the School Magazine. The first week of the work experience placement took place in the Autumn Half Term, during which Nicholas was asked to write a feature on his experiences in the ITN internal newsletter.

The Friends of KCS

Once again we offer our warmest thanks to Peter Levelle and **The Friends of KCS** for the extremely hard work they devote to their social calendar of events, which does so much to bring the parent body of KCS together. It is from these events, such as the Fireworks Evening and

the Christmas Fair, that The Friends also generate considerable sums of money which they then donate to the School. As a result we are able to acquire both large and small items which the School would not otherwise be able to purchase, given the strict budgetary controls which we exercise.

This year, amongst other gifts, we have been donated by The Friends:

A new Dictionary of National Biography for the Cavan Taylor Library;

10 x Blades for the Boat Club following the KC.Supporters' Association purchase of 2 x 8s;

Seating for KCJS boys in the Millennium Arch garden;

12 cups in the name of the Friends to reward achievement by Upper Fifth pupils whose effort and commitment are worthy of recognition and encouragement;

Framed decorative biographies, all marked with The Friends' logo;

A full-sized model skeleton for the Reeve School of Art; and Framed photographs of boys representing achievement in Music in School for the Music School corridor.

FROM THE ARCHIVES



Joseph Edwards

The Archive continues to receive a steady stream of enquiries from people who have ancestors that they believe may have been connected with the School. One of the more interesting of the recent enquiries came from

a lady living in New Malden, asking for any details about the life of her great great great grandfather Joseph Edwards. Knowing that he had been ordained she looked him up in Crockfords, and found that he had been Second Master at King's College School from 1829 until 1857.

Joseph Edwards was Priest in Charge of a parish in Suffolk when he applied for, and was appointed, Second Master. He was the first person to hold this office, serving under the first Head Master, Dr John Major, for a total of 28 years. The Archive holds no photographs of Joseph, but we do have two sketches of him, drawn by pupils, which are reproduced above. On leaving King's, Joseph returned to the ministry, as Vicar of another parish in Suffolk.

Joseph and his wife Elizabeth had a number of children, and one of their sons, Roland, was a pupil at the School 1838-1847. Our correspondent was descended from another of Joseph's sons, William Walter.

Roland became a Naval Chaplain, and had four sons. None of these came to King's, but one, Reginald, became a Professor of Mathematics at King's College London. Reginald also had four sons, the younger three of whom were educated at King's, the youngest being Jimmy Edwards, the well-known comedian.

After several exchanges of letters and e-mails, the Archive was able to supply quite a lot of information to our correspondent, and received much in return. We have now increased our knowledge of a person of great importance in the early history of the School, and our correspondent has gained more knowledge of her own family tree.

Martin Irving

Another recent enquiry came from the University of Melbourne and concerned the early life of Martin Irving, who attended King's from 1842 to 1849. Irving was appointed the first Professor of Classics at the newly-founded University of Melbourne in 1856, a post which he held until 1871, when he was appointed Headmaster of Wesley College Melbourne. He returned to the University as Vice Chancellor for the period 1887-1889, and eventually retired back to England in 1900.

Martin had a brilliant academic career at King's, rewarded by a number of scholarships and prizes in Classics, Mathematics, French, and German. He went on to Balliol College Oxford, where he gained a first-class degree in Classics and a second in Mathematics. He was a skilled rower, and won sculls for both his College and the University.

Martin was the son of Revd E Irving, one of the founders of the Catholic Apostolic Church, and the young Martin was profoundly influenced by this Church. On reaching Australia he immediately made contact with the Catholic Apostolic congregation, and within ten years he was instrumental in its move to an impressive newly-constructed building near the University. He became noted for marching his family (four sons and five daughters) to church every Sunday.

The Archive holds photocopies of two handwritten letters sent by Irving to his school friend Frederick Harrison in April 1907. The originals are held with Harrison's papers in the State University of California at Fullerton, CA. In them, he mentions a number of their other friends from their school years. These included Sir William Treloar, who was Lord Mayor of London in 1907, James Heath, who distinguished himself at the University of London, Frank Bacon, who was also at Balliol with Irving and was called to the Bar, subsequently becoming a County Courts Judge, and Henry Liddon, who had a distinguished career in the Church of England, including spells as Vice Principal of Coddlesdon Theological College, and of St Edmunds Hall, Oxford. It is remarkable that all these school friends kept up with one another over so many years, at a time when communications were primitive by today's standards, and in spite of major theological differences. Liddon was strict Church of England; Harrison was a leading light in the Positivist Movement (extensively researched in the University of California); and Irving himself was a major force in the Catholic Apostolic Church.

The Archive receives frequent enquiries about Old Boys who are the subject of scholarly research in overseas Universities. Indeed this is by no means the first time that such research has been mentioned in these brief accounts.

Photographs

Finally, a plea for team photographs. The Archive has an impressive collection of team photographs from Victorian times up to around 1950. Unfortunately, archiving of team photographs then ceased until 1984, from which time copies of most teams are available.

To help us maintain School records, and to meet the not infrequent requests for copies from this missing period, we need help from our readership. If you have any team photographs taken during the period 1950 – 1984 please consider (a) giving them to the Archive, or (b) lending them for a few days so that they can be scanned and returned, or (c) scan them yourself and send them as an e-mail attachment to b.stokes@kcs.org.uk

B.J.S.

OLD KING'S CLUB GAP YEAR AWARDS

Some pupils on leaving School take a gap year before University, and during that time a number undertake some very interesting and worthwhile tasks. The OKC Committee feel that gap years can be of considerable benefit to those who undertake them in terms of broadening experience and developing personal qualities, and they can also be of benefit to the community. The Club has therefore decided to offer gap year awards to those undertaking the most interesting and worthwhile projects.

To be successful the applicant must demonstrate a material benefit to a charity, the community, the School or the Old King's Club. Successful applicants would be required to make a short written report to the OKC at the end of their gap year, for inclusion in the Newsletter, and be prepared to return to the School to talk to the Sixth form about their experiences.

We look forward with interest to receiving applications, which should be sent to the Hon. Secretary, Old King's Club, King's College School, Wimbledon SW19 4TT. An account of one such award now follows.

NICK ROOT IN TANZANIA

In April 2005 Nick Root (2000) travelled to Moshi, Tanzania to spend four months teaching English at the Shilela Academy Primary School. The Old King's Club awarded him £150 towards the cost of his placement, which was arranged through World Challenge Exhibitions. He has sent us this account of his work there.

Shilela Academy was set up eight years ago by its director, Mrs Vicky Ulicky ('Mama Amanda') because there was no school in the village for her daughter, Amanda, to attend. Such initiative and ambition are rare qualities in a country where most people don't have the time to think about the future because they are too busy working themselves into the ground simply to provide food for their families each day. Mama Amanda, however, is determined to cultivate in her pupils the drive and ambition to make sure that they do not struggle as their parents have.

When I arrived at Shilela for the first time I think I was shocked to find (fairly) sturdy-looking concrete buildings – albeit with corrugated tin roofing. Don't get me wrong, any school in the Developed World that looked like that would have been demolished decades

ago. But I was almost disappointed – where were my mud huts? The truth, however, is that Mama Amanda's vision for her children has created a truly remarkable environment, and I felt honoured to be involved in a school so determined to provide its children with every possible opportunity to succeed in later life.

I spent the entire four months answering questions from the local teachers about how things were done differently in English schools, and whether I thought they could do things differently to achieve better results. Having visited several other local schools I was struck by the distinct approach Mama Amanda requires her teachers to take – encouraging the children to work in groups, not just dictating to classes, but asking them to display their work in poster-form to display in classrooms – activities that I would expect in primary school at home but which are almost unheard of in most Tanzanian schools.

In my last week at Shilela I organised a sports day in which both pupils and staff could compete. Organised sport at school was non-existent. I think this is because it is felt that there is no time for fun at school – children should either be studying, or at home helping their parents. But the teachers were impressed by how excited the whole school had become during the week leading up to the event and by how much the children enjoyed competing. They saw that these sorts of activities in fact stimulate children in the classroom and now intend to hold a similar event every year.

My experience at Shilela was genuinely inspiring. My first impression was almost one of disappointment – that I had travelled so far only to find myself in a school which didn't appear to need my help as desperately as other schools in the area. In fact, the opposite was true. My contribution was far more valuable at a school so eager to learn how it could provide a rounded education for its children, and lay the foundations for them to achieve more than the struggle often perceived to be the only future on offer to many Africans. I thank the OKC hugely for its contribution and hope that it will consider offering support to other OKs who hope to undertake similar projects in future.

Nick Root (2000)

THE OLYMPIC GAMES

We must by now all be aware of the fact that London is to be the host city for the Olympic Games in 2012. However, relatively few readers of the Newsletter will remember the last occasion when London played this role, which was in 1948.

London was selected to host the games in 1944, but the war made this impossible and the games were postponed for another four years. However, even in 1948, conditions in post-war Britain were Spartan in the extreme when compared with the standards expected by Olympic athletes today. The track events took place on a temporary track constructed at Wembley, and the athletes were housed in an army camp in Richmond Park.

Dennis Newton was 13 in 1948, just moving on from the Junior to the Senior School, when he volunteered to serve as a messenger boy in the army camp. After the Games Dennis remained at King's until 1953, becoming a House Prefect in East House and Captain of the School Rowing VIII, and gaining A-levels in the Sciences.

A researcher in Oxford has been commissioned to write a book about the 1948 Olympic Games, and has contacted the School to ask if any other of our pupils might have been involved in the 1948 Games. If any OKs took part in any capacity, I would be very pleased if they would contact me. Furthermore, if anyone knows the current whereabouts of Dennis Newton, who has been a 'lost address' for many years, please do get in touch. Any information, please, to Bryan Stokes at the OKC office.

THE LEGACY GROUP

Education of the quality provided at King's is a costly business. To recruit and retain first-class staff in the London area in sufficient numbers to permit the favourable teaching ratios which are a key feature of independent schools is expensive. So is the provision of modern buildings, equipment for libraries, science laboratories, and information technology, and facilities for sport, music, and drama.

The School does not have extensive endowments and depends almost entirely on fee income, supplemented by occasional appeals. One way in which Old Boys who have benefited from an education at King's can help future generations to do the same, while keeping fees at an affordable level, is to leave a bequest to the School in their wills. A Legacy Group was established a few years ago under the Chairmanship of Sir Robert Andrew, who has written to some 1,700 OKs urging them to do this. The response has been encouraging; but more is needed. Money can be left for the general purposes of the School, or for some particular interest of the donor, such as books or bursaries. If you would like more information on how best to leave a legacy to King's, please contact the Director of Development at the School on 020 8255 5427.

CAREERS HELP FOR THE SCHOOL

The Annual School Careers evening will be held this year on Tuesday 9th May, commencing with a buffet supper at about 6.45 pm, followed by two interviews with the boys, either singly or in pairs, at about 8.00 pm. Although most speakers will already have been approached by the time this reaches you, volunteers would be welcome, either for this year (there are always a few last-minute cancellations) or for future years. Anyone who left the School in the late 80s or the 90s would be especially welcome. We are particularly in need of scientists, engineers, journalists, diplomats, product/industrial designers, psychologists and, although we have a number of finance and legal volunteers, the demand for these fields is always high.

We have again organised an Engineering session during the School day to give the Lower Sixth form boys an idea of what engineering is all about, covering Civil, Mechanical, and Chemical Engineering, and what the longer-term prospects are in these fields. The session was given by a mixture of Old Boys and parents. We have thoughts of similar talks on finance, journalism, etc. It is getting increasingly difficult to fit this into the normal School day, and a late afternoon session might prove more practical.

If anyone is interested in helping any of these activities, please contact the organisers, Gordon Robson (tel 020 7828 9576) or Alex Malmaeus (e-mail alex@amvisualisation.com).

OLD KING'S CLUB NEWS OKC ANNUAL DINNER 18th November 2005

By a happy coincidence, last year's dinner took place in the recently refurbished School Dining Hall on the day when the periodic inspection of the School had been completed and the inspectors had delivered an extremely favourable report to Governors and staff. Nobody who knew the School well was surprised at this, but everyone was delighted and it added to the festive atmosphere of the evening.

The dinner was preceded by conducted tours of new buildings at the School, and many Old Boys who had not visited the School in recent years expressed surprise and delight at their excellence and versatility.

133 people sat down to dinner comprising principally Old Boys but also including a number of members of staff, the Captain of School, David Lock, and Vice-Captains, Amer Iqbal and Matthew Horrocks. A particular effort had been made to encourage attendance by Old Boys who had left the School in 1985 1990, and 1995. Sir Robert Andrew, President of the Club, was in the Chair. The reverend Ernest Forward (OK, 1945) said grace.

The dinner itself, prepared and swerved by Janet Belcher (surely the Delia of SW19) and her always cheerful, efficient, and helpful staff, was of its usual high quality. This never fails to surprise those Old Boys with memories of school lunches in earlier decades.

We were extremely fortunate in having, as speakers, two men who have made outstanding contributions to the School – Robin Reeve who was Head Master from 1980 to 1997, and his successor, Tony Evans. Robin proposed the toast of the School with the eloquence, style, and insight which brought back fond memories for many of those present. Tony proposed the toast of the Old King's Club in a speech which was that happy combination of serious comment and great good humour. Both speeches were extremely well received.

Finally the Chairman expressed the thanks of those present to Janet and her staff, and also to Tony Stokes for his immaculate organisation of the evening.

Cavan Taylor

OLD BOYS CROSS COUNTRY

On Saturday 10th December the Old Boys Cross Country Club took part in a three-way event on Wimbledon Common. A team of Old Boys competed against a team of current pupils, and a School staff team (see photograph on the front cover of this Newsletter). In all, sixteen runners participated in the event.

The results were that the Pupils team came first, the Old Boys were second, and the School staff were third. Remarkably, the runners included three fathers and sons. First home was Gervase King.

Refreshments were available in the Dining Hall afterwards. When the results were announced, Peter Kirman and Kevin Hawney both threatened to take part next year, to stiffen up the Staff team!

B.J.S.

OLD BOYS FOOTBALL

It has been enjoyable debut season for the OKC football, which has seen the first steps towards establishing a successful new branch of the Old King's Club. The season saw us join a Sunday league, in which we came up against some very talented but rather brutish London sides. Despite a difficult start to the season the team soon found its feet, and discovered a rich vein of form after strengthening the squad in the transfer window. The board had to let some of the dead wood go, but was delighted to announce the high profile signings of the combative midfield pairing of the Archer brothers. Mark 'the wall' Hopkins was also brought in to sure things up at the back. The management wanted two quality players in every position and with a squad of 36 King's Boys from 6 different leavers years, a rotation system was needed to keep Camplin, Evans, Page, and some of the other high profile players happy. The season drew to an end with us loitering in a respectable mid-table position, just missing out on a late push for a European spot.

This season has been a transitional period for a new team looking to join the top flight of Public School Old Boys football. The Arthurian League is rumoured to be the oldest league in the world, with several FA cup winning teams in its ranks. Our opening game was against Old Radleians, who couldn't cope with our flowing style of football, as we knocked up a comfortable 4-0 win. The enigmatic Tim Barger was recruited as our new keeper and managed to get us our first clean sheet of the season with a heroic display in between the sticks. This was followed by another rousing 7-3 victory against Westminster Old Boys, maintaining our 100% record in the competition.

April 1st this year saw the Old Boys v The School fixture reinstated after a few years of absence from the calendar. The current Old Boys side was filled out with a few of last year's School 1st XI, including Tom Rocher, Jamie Sargee, and Imran Saloojee.

The game was nearly a no-go after heavy rain the night before, but fortunately as it was the last game of the season it went ahead. However the boggy conditions underfoot made it difficult for both sides and the Old Boys struggled to play their normal fluid passing game. Despite this, it was the Old Boys who scored first. A sublime piece of skill by Patrick Nathanson on the wing topped off with a neat volley by Tom Evans put the Old Boys up 1-0.

The School 1st XI continued to probe and found an equaliser towards the end of the first half. With the team level at the break, and a strong wind blowing, the

OLD BOYS HOCKEY

Old Boys hoped to make their physical advantage tell in the second half. The wind died down and the School were awarded a series of free kicks against the Old Boys, until finally one was bent in to the corner of the net to put the School 1st XI 2-1 up. Despite going three at the back and pushing hard for the equaliser the Old Boys couldn't find their way back in to the game.

Nonetheless it was a great day as the post mortem continued all afternoon in the pub. Many thanks to all the parents and Old Boys for their support, and to Alan Thomas for refereeing the match. Next year we plan to add a 2nd XI fixture, and beat the little blighters!

We all look forward to what promises to be an exciting season next year. Please get in contact if you are interested in being involved. All age groups more than welcome, as we are keen to add some young blood to an ageing side. Many thanks to all involved this season, and bring on the new campaign.

James Badgett
jamesbadgett@gmail.com

OLD BOYS GOLF

We have the following events planned:

The Spring Meeting will be on Friday 19th May at Royal Wimbledon Golf Club, teeing off between 2.30 and 3.00 pm, with sandwiches afterwards.

The Old Boys match against the School will be on Friday 23rd June, also at Royal Wimbledon G C, teeing off at 3.30 pm. We shall be fielding a team of 8 Old boys against the finest that the School can muster.

The Surrey Schools Old Boys Golf competition will be on Friday 7th July at Clandon Regis Golf Club (near to Guildford) teeing off from 12.30 pm, with dinner and prize giving afterwards. We shall be fielding a team of 6 with the best 5 stableford scores counting. This event is not particularly aimed at low handicaps but golfers who can play to their handicap and get points – the more the better.

Anyone wishing to play in any of the events should contact the Secretary, Graham Cox, at grahamcox@ntlworld.com or ring 0161 427 5930.

Graham Cox

An Old Boys v School match took place on Saturday 1st April (see photograph on the back cover of this Newsletter). A rotund Old Boys XI thoroughly enjoyed the run around on a bright, fresh day at West Barnes Lane. Richard Lee did a terrific job in organising a side at short notice – what a marvellous contraption the mobile telephone is! Old Boys 1st XV players, combined with some fine hockey players and a few old lags who barely remembered which end of the stick to hold, ensured that an open and generous game was played! A 1 – 3 loss was a tad against the run of play, but a good lunch and an ale or two brought back memories and stories of years gone by.

What great occasions these matches are.

Gordon McGinn

OLD BOYS RIFLE CLUB

The Rifle Club has moved into 2006 in a strong position with sound finances and well-attended shoots and social events.

Mike Hook-Sinclair, a senior Club member, has resigned from the Club due to ill health, but was offered, and has accepted, an Honorary Life Membership.

The first shoot of the season was the Gallery Shoot on 14th January, and the outright winner was David Cross with a score of 366 out of 400, followed by Warren Rushton on 361.

The Club will be manning the School rifle range again this year on Commemoration Day, 24th June. The Wappenshaw shoot is on 23rd September, and the Christmas shoot and lunch is on 2nd December.

Richard Hudson

OLD BOYS RUGBY

Those who recall my last report will remember that our 1st XV's season seemed to be evenly poised in the very competitive London South West 4 division. I am pleased to report that, at the time of writing, the team has rebounded from an indifferent first half to achieve an undefeated record for 2006, which we have so far sustained into the middle of March. It is worth putting the league victories on record: Old Amplefordians 15-3, Old Paulines 36-7, Trojans 15-7, Petersfield 52-10, Cobham 20-10, London Cornish 24-13 and Alton 15-13. The win over Paulines reversed a decisive defeat in

the Thames Valley wilderness earlier in the season. We now have an outside opportunity for promotion to RFU level 7; this will depend on our results in our very demanding fixtures against Dorking and then Old Wellingtonians; details, results and match reports will be posted, as usual, on our website, www.kings.org.uk (webmaster Trevor Wingate).

The key to the team's success has been a marked increase in confidence in one another, coupled with improved attention to the subtle promptings of our coach, the legendary Silver Fox, Julian Lamb. Paul Calaminus and Mark Prior have matured into formidable prop forwards, and we have been blessed with the services of two equally gifted but stylistically contrasting fly halves, Danny Bowen and Mike Jones. Jonno Venter has defended soundly from full back, and has scored some dramatic tries, often with incisive runs at creative and effective angles. The rugby has been occasionally spectacular, and almost always entertaining for our supporters, who have travelled in increasing numbers.

Meanwhile, the second and third XVs have continued to prosper, the 2s holding their own at the highest level in the Surrey Premiership, and the 3s combining a typically social season with the continued development of many School leavers, and a satisfactory third place finish in the Surrey Combination C Merit Table. The Mini and Junior sections thrive, offering King's rugby from Under Six to the threshold of adulthood, with the committed coaching and administrative infrastructure that is so essential today at all levels of rugby.

The plans for our 100th season in 2006-07 are taking shape. The School have been typically generous in their support, granting us facilities for both the Centenary Dinner and the Ball. The Centenary Committee is presently occupied with finalising the plans, but the current plans for 2006-07 include:

Centenary Dinner for Players and Former Players - Friday 13th October, in the School Dining Hall. This event will echo the glory days (well, evenings) in the Chatham Restaurant at Victoria, and will feature a celebrity speaker and perhaps even an appearance (and the purchase of a round or two of Krug) by Jerry Keeling.

Centenary Match versus a Surrey President's XV – a Sunday afternoon in late March or April, depending on other fixtures. The opposition, it is hoped, will include representatives of our oldest Surrey rivals. We plan to organise an above-average buffet before the game. Clive Barnett has promised not to sing 'The Road to Mandalay,' at least until later.

Centenary Ball – in a marquee at School. Provisional date: 19th May 2007. There will be more details soon.

Centenary Tour: to the Durban region, in early June 2007. It is hoped that many former players will be able to attend.

The President's and Former Players' luncheons will be held as usual during the season, and the Mini and Junior Sections will organise additional celebratory events. We hope to attract the usual suspects (including Wrecker) and to encourage many more who played rugby at School, and perhaps also for the Old Boys, to take part in the celebrations.

Kelvin Walton, President
Kelvin.walton@btinternet.com

For more information about playing, please contact Club Manager Paddy Ralston at paddy@kings.org.uk; and to join or rejoin, please contact Club Secretary Paul Calaminus at Paul.Calaminus@slam.nhs.uk. Playing and non-playing Old Boys and their guests will be made very welcome at the club at any time.

OLD BOYS TENNIS

We have entered a team for this year's d'Abernon Cup competition, the final of which will be played at the All England Club on Sunday 10th September. As holders we have a bye through the first two rounds so will probably play our first match some time in June.

Chris Diacon

KING'S COLLEGE SCHOOL LODGE NO 4257

Since the formation of the Kings College School Lodge in May 1921, the members have been meeting four times a year at school. Every April, we hold our Installation Meeting, when a new Master is appointed for the ensuing year. This ceremony is conducted in the Great Hall, which lends itself as a perfect setting for a Masonic Temple. After each meeting a sumptuous dinner is provided by the school caterers, where delicious English fare is consumed with substantial quantities of excellent wine. Within the Province of Surrey, our Festive Board has become a legend amongst our guests and an occasion not to be missed.

The Lodge is open to all old boys, fathers/sons of old boys, masters, governors and anyone who has an interest in the school. We invite new applicants to join the Lodge and enjoy the friendship and convivial atmosphere at our meetings and dinners.

All enquiries should be directed to the Secretary – Peter Methley at Longreach, Pannells Ash, Ifold, West Sussex, RH14 0UF (Tel No: 01403 753036; email: pcmethley@btinternet.com)

Peter Methley

UNIVERSITY NEWS

Bristol and Bath undergraduates

On Monday 7th November 2005, 25 Old Boys met for the first official OKC Dinner for Bristol and Bath Universities. The 'loud shirt' night was a tremendous success as we filled Las Iguanas restaurant on Whiteladies with a range of shirts that wouldn't look out of place on a Hawaiian beach. We were treated to fantastic South American delicacies and their infamous happy hour priced cocktails. We completed the night by partying till the early hours at the nightclub 'Panache'. The night was a brilliant opportunity for boys from different years to meet up and reminisce about the golden years at King's, and exchange tales about university.

Notable achievements from boys at Bristol recently include Simon Bianco's appearances for the Bristol University 1st XV Rugby team and Kumaran Surenthirathas becoming Club Captain of Football at Bristol University. We are very much looking forward to another successful OKC dinner night in the summer, when Dan Zell takes over the role of acting secretary.

Huw Raikes (2002)

Nottingham undergraduates

On Thursday 2nd March The OKC Nottingham university division once again set out for its now well-established annual meeting. The turnout of 28 was very good, and although not all present were Nottingham students in the strict sense, certain colleagues travelling from as far as St Andrew's, everyone was eager to reacquaint themselves with friends from all year groups.

After an early start in the Union bar, taxis were eventually summoned to ferry us to our destination just yards from Nottingham Castle. Having ransacked the restaurant's steak and pate reserves, the following hour or two was spent appreciating the wine available to us and reminiscing over the hallowed turf of the KCS 1st XV rugby pitch. Having been among the last diners to arrive, we soon ensured that we were the very last group to leave. For those willing to continue, and after stopping for a picture at our favourite chippy, the festivities then continued into the small hours in Nottingham's Lace

Market, where our ties and jackets ensured a welcome reception.

Ultimately an excellent time was had by all, as ensured by the central organisation of the Old King's Club. Myself and all present would like to extend our thanks both to this organisation and the School itself, and I am certain the Nottingham Branch will continue the annual tradition for many years to come.

James Berry (2003)

NEWS OF OLD BOYS

Letters containing your news for inclusion in this section are always welcome, and should be sent to the Hon Secretary.

Brigadier SIMON CARAFFI (1975) late Royal Tank Regiment, has taken up his post as Director, Intermediate Command and Staff Course (Land), based at Shrivenham, Wiltshire.

OLIVER GLASGOW (1990) is a barrister with a prodigious practice who regularly appears in major and high profile trials involving serious crime. His areas of specialisation in general crime include human trafficking, murder, firearms, and armed robbery, and in serious and complex fraud cases. He writes that he is unable to take part in this year's Careers Evening as he will be in Iraq, in the middle of a murder trial involving the deaths of Iraqi civilians in custody in Basra.

ROBIN HAMILTON HARDING (1957) has been an accountant all his working life. He emigrated to Canada in 1969 and worked for Bell Canada from 1972 until his retirement, from the post of Group Vice-President (Strategic issues), in 1996. He hopes to be visiting the UK this summer, and will include a visit to King's on Commemoration Day.

JUSSI PYLKKANEN (1980) joined the staff at Christie's as a modern print specialist soon after graduating in English Literature at Lady Margaret Hall, Oxford. He has reached the highest levels of auctioneering in record time, and is currently President of Christie's Europe. He was recently the subject of a lengthy article in the Business section of the *Sunday Telegraph*.

DAVID SIMONSON (2004), who is reading Biochemistry at Oxford University, was runner-up in this year's Oxford Entrepreneur's competition, against stiff competition. He made it to the final eight with his 1000-word executive summary for a proposal to set up

a business outsourcing all blood-processing to a single facility. The final consisted of a two-minute speech followed by 15 minutes of questioning from a panel of five leading business heads, from which he emerged in second place.

DEATHS

J L CALLWAY (1939) 29th November 2005
 M F CRUSH (1962) 2005
 J A DALLY (1938) 15th September 2005
 T E EDWARD (1929) 2005
 D D V FENTON 15th December 2005
 L E GLOVER (1957) 27th September 2005
 J L HAMERTON (1946) 2006
 J N HARDING (1933) 14th May 2005
 F W LANG (1928) 13th September 2003
 M O LONDON (1935) 29th March 2005
 J M MEADE (1934) 2005
 L D PETERS (1931) 30th January 2006
 J A SHEPHERD (1949) 11th January 2006
 G W THIRTLE (1925) December 2004
 D TRAVIS (1944) 31st March 2005

OBITUARIES

HERBERT 'JOHN' LECOMBER



John Lecomber, an Honorary Life Member, and the oldest member of the OKC, died on the morning of Wednesday 8th February 2006 aged 101.

John was educated at Manchester Grammar School and Hertford College Oxford, graduating BA in Mathematics in 1926. After 2 years of teaching experience he joined the KCS Senior Common Room as a mathematics teacher in September 1928. In due course he became

Head of the Mathematics Department, a post from which he retired in 1965. He then continued as a part-time teacher until the summer of 1974, completing 46 consecutive years of teaching at King's, a record unlikely ever to be surpassed.

A gifted teacher, his time at King's was characterised by a remarkable succession of Oxbridge scholarship and entrance successes, and he laid the foundations for the continued success in the subject which has been maintained to this day.

John married Mildred Lawrence, sister of the three Lawrence boys, Edward (1918), Anthony (1930) and Stephen (1932). Their son Richard was born in 1937, and later spent one year in the Junior School, before going on to Bryanston. Sadly, Richard died in 1984 and Mildred in 1991.

John is survived by his two grandsons, two granddaughters, and eight great-grandchildren. He will be remembered by generations of former pupils and colleagues for his incisive mind and dry sense of humour.

DAVID FENTON

David Fenton, who died in Bishop's Castle Hospital in December, aged 84, was a master in the Junior School from 1967 to 1986.

David was educated at St Paul's School and later, when his family moved to Shropshire, at Ludlow Grammar School.

He served in the Royal Corps of Signals during the second World War, service which included landing in Normandy on D-day, an account of which he gave for this Newsletter on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the landing (see Newsletter 85, October 1994).

After war service, he went up to Queens' College Cambridge, and then taught at Barnard Castle before coming to King's. He was a sympathetic Mathematics teacher and a loyal if idiosyncratic colleague. He was a good organiser who gave support in numerous ways but in particular to the Music Department. He will also be remembered by the hundreds of boys whom he introduced to walking and climbing in Snowdonia. Many of them, I suspect, enjoyed roughing it in the hut at Helyg as much as actually climbing, but a number took up the sport seriously.

David retired to his cottage in Shropshire, close to the mountains. We remember an entertaining and decent man.

David Jones

The following extracts are taken from a letter to the Headmaster of the Junior School from The Reverend Christopher Fenton, David's youngest (and sole surviving) brother.

David taught Geography officially, though his heart was in Mathematics – and music. He had taught himself to play the clarinet after leaving his own school just before the war, and also took to playing the oboe, as well as recorders of various tone. He also sang in the School Choir. Music was very important to him.

He was, I guess, somewhat an idiosyncratic teacher, perhaps bordering on the eccentric. Sometimes, when asked what subject he taught, he would simply reply “boys”! He was or became responsible for taking parties of KCS Junior School boys on climbing expeditions to Snowdonia. He was himself no mean mountaineer, and his membership of the national Climbers’ Club brought with it access to the Club’s premises in Snowdonia. And, for many years after he had retired from King’s, he would join the parties as a helper.

In all this, David and I had quite a bit in common; I had the experience of being a Preparatory School Chaplain for eight or nine years in the north of England. I think that schoolmastering is still one of the most rewarding, and demanding professions a person may be called to.

I plan to mark his gravestone with an outline of hills and woods, and have written on it: “I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help”. And then, simply, “Remember David Fenton, who loved this place”. I think he loved being at KCS Junior, too.

JOHN CALLWAY (1939) died on 29th November 2005, aged 83. On leaving School John went into advertising in London until 1942. He was then enlisted into the army, and sent to India for four and a half years as an Officer with the Indian Army. After the war he returned to advertising with *Country Life*.

He was a very keen sportsman and played tennis, cricket, and rugby at Club levels, and also enjoyed sea fishing and amateur dramatics. In 1969 he decided to leave advertising to start a cottage industry, Poolclean, which operated very successfully in Cobham for many years, being sold in 1983 to Garsons Farm, where it still flourishes. John and his wife Stella owned the shop, West End Galleries, which was started for local artists. This was also a great success, but closed when unfortunately John was not well. Although he was in his wheelchair for some time, he always enjoyed chatting to people who passed when he sat in the front garden.

John was a devoted and wonderful husband for 56 years, father and very proud grandfather. In short, he was a gentleman, and his very cheerful character will be missed enormously by so many friends and family who knew and loved him.

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An obituary for JAMES SHEPHERD (1949) will appear in our next issue.

1981 - 1985 LEAVERS LOST ADDRESSES

The OKC office does not have current addresses for the following OKC members who left between 1981 and 1985, and to whom we would like to send invitations to the next Gaudy. If any reader knows the present address of any of the following, or has news of them, please write to the Hon. Secretary, OKC, at the School and let him know.

Ackland	T A	1982	De Souza	J	1984	Hussey	N S	1985	Oliver	S A	1981
Ahmed	S	1982	Dean	R W	1981	Isett	S H	1983	Olver	W J	1985
Ahmet	D S	1985	Dixon	N T V	1983	Ivey	G R	1985	Outhwaite	R A	1981
Alikhan	R	1982	Douglas	S	1984	Jeffrey	M J	1984	Paddon	J M	1985
Alikhan	R	1981	Drake	H	1981	Jeffrey	R G	1983	Parker	J M	1985
Amersey	R A	1985	Draper	P F	1983	Jeffries	N T	1985	Parker	M A	1984
Anderson	T W D	1981	El-Masry	K M	1985	Johnston	G J	1983	Parker	G F	1983
Anson	M A W	1981	Endean	P R	1985	Jones	C L	1985	Pattinson	K T S	1985
Armitt	A L	1981	Essex	D V	1982	Kalaidjian	V B	1985	Perrin	A T	1981
Barker	G G	1984	Evans	W J F	1984	Kalaidjian	S	1984	Philbrick	L B	1983
Barker	A N	1982	Feltham	J P	1985	Kamerling	P	1984	Phillips	P R	1984
Barkey	C J B	1984	Finch	S J	1983	Keenan	S J	1984	Planche	T D	1984
Barratt-			Fox	B P	1985	Killick	M C	1981	Pomfret	D K	1984
Johnson	M F	1982	Fox	J C	1985	Knight	T K	1982	Potter	A G R	1983
Basu	A	1983	Furby	J M R	1985	Knight-			Price	K J	1983
Bennett	J P S	1982	Gauge	S H	1984	Smith	J M	1985	Priddle	D J	1985
Bennett	J N J	1985	Gerrand	F D	1982	Lamah	M	1981	Ramsay	N C	1981
Beresford-			Gerrand	C H	1983	Langley	M R	1981	Richards	S D	1981
Peirse	J D	1983	Gibbins	M J	1981	Lee	B C	1981	Riley	M J	1985
Berger	A F D	1983	Gibson-			Levison	S D	1985	Robbie	N S	1982
Blitz	A I	1984	Horrocks	J G	1981	Lewisohn	R M	1982	Robertson	M C D	1981
Blitz	B E	1984	Glucklich	P G	1981	Lord	A D	1982	Rogers	M J	1982
Bloom	M A	1983	Glynn-			Lowe	S L	1981	Ronaldson	A C	1981
Bond	N F	1985	Thomas	P	1985	Lowe	W S	1984	Roots	I S	1981
Bowes	M C	1982	Go	K K	1982	Lugg	J C	1982	Russell	A J	1985
Braine-			Goharian	B	1981	Mackay	A G	1984	Sallner	P J	1984
Hartnell	N J	1983	Graham	P J	1984	Maclennan	D G	1981	Sawyer	M A	1983
Brand	V P	1982	Gray	A S	1985	Madill	S H	1981	Sawyer	C L	1983
Brown	D R	1984	Grigson	R S G	1983	Madill	S J	1982	Schuller	D W J	1981
Bullough	N A	1985	Hains	D R G	1984	Mann	D J	1985	Sethi	J K	1983
Catchpole	P J	1983	Hall	D W T	1985	Marlow	S C	1983	Shamji	R A	1982
Centis	I S	1983	Hall	A J	1983	Mason	E C	1985	Shinn	W H S	1983
Child	J E	1984	Hamilton	D J	1985	Mattingley	R C	1981	Shoab	S A	1983
Cloake	J R	1982	Harries	C I	1985	McDougall	R A	1981	Silvester	R D	1983
Condry	M P	1981	Harris	P J	1981	Mellinger	S D M	1982	Simmons	S A T	1983
Cooper	J C P	1984	Hay	N H M	1981	Melrose	S R C	1983	Sloggett	A M	1985
Cooper	A S	1982	Heal	A N	1981	Meyers	F H	1981	Small	M E	1985
Copping	J C G	1982	Hedayati	B	1985	Michie	J H	1982	Smith	C V	1982
Corbet	J L G S	1984	Hillbery	S L	1984	Mills	C J	1983	Smith	A H	1985
Court	R M	1985	Hillier	M A	1981	Mills	N E	1983	Smyrk	T C	1983
Crowther	G C	1981	Hipps	C E H	1983	Mills	J P	1981	Stephens	A G	1982
Cull	C J S	1984	Hissink	E A	1983	Morawicz	N G	1981	Stocker-		
Cunningham	D E	1984	Hissink	H H	1982	Morgan	J E F	1984	Harris	M J	1983
Cunningham	K J	1984	Ho	A	1981	Morgan	J J	1983	Stokes	S R	1982
D'Antall	S N	1981	Hodson	D E	1985	Morrison	J J M	1982	Strang	C J F	1984
Dakin	C J	1983	Holloway	A G	1984	Morse	P J	1982	Sutcliffe	N	1985
Davenport	G P	1983	Holloway	A P W	1983	Mossop	A	1984	Sykes	T R M	1984
Davies	T J	1983	Hooper	A A	1984	Napier	R D	1982	Taheri	S	1984
Day	G J	1982	Huh	K	1985	Nelson-Jones	M P	1985	Tarrant	S C	1983

Taylor	D F	1982	Walter	P	1981	Westbrook	I	1983	Wong	P J	1985
Teague	J E	1982	Walter	D T	1981	Westbrook	S V	1983	Woo	C W K	1984
Temple	M H	1984	Warwick	S D	1985	White	L S	1983	Wood	G J	1982
Thompson	D G	1981	Watkins	J J	1985	Whiting	G A	1982	Woods	S N M	1981
Thurston	P A	1985	Watkins	P J	1981	Wilkinson	R A	1983	Woolrych	S J	1985
Tuvey	P R	1985	Watkins	H C J	1985	Wilkinson	D C	1981	Wyatt	J C	1983
Tzamouranis	G	1982	Welch	S D	1981	Willes	A B	1984	Zavos	J N	1981
Usman	A	1983	Welch	J D	1981	Williams	I R	1982	Zinovieff	K	1982
Walker	I M	1984	Wells	J J	1982	Williamson	B J	1985	Zoric	S I	1982
Walker	D J	1984	West	N P B	1981	Wilson	C S S	1984			

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Scenes from the School Remembrance Day ceremony, which took place on Friday 11th November 2000.

(above) The three wreath layers from the School CCF.

(left) Major Michael Gibson-Horrocks MBE (left), who said the Binyon words, and Revd. Lyndsey Collins, the School Chaplain, who conducted the service.

Facing page: *(Upper picture)* the wreath-laying party

(lower left) Lt Cdr R J Mitchell, Officer Commanding CCF, with some members of the Corps.

(lower right) H M G King, Chairman of the OKC, having laid a wreath on behalf of the Club.



The OKC hockey team, April 1st, 2006