



# Old King's Club



SQ. LDR. ARTHUR SCARF VC

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## KCS Golf Society Spring meeting at the Royal Wimbledon Golf Club



Michael Choong receiving his prize from Graham Cox for the Scratch Trophy



Graham Cox presenting Ralph Cake with the Handicap Cup



Nigel Gibson-Horrocks and Gordon McGinn



Byron Theo, Nigel Gibson-Horrocks, and John Coleman at the end of their round

*Front cover: Sq. Ldr. Arthur Scarf VC, one of the six OK holders of the Victoria Cross (see article in this Newsletter).*

# FORTHCOMING EVENTS

## OLD KING'S CLUB

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
15th May 2007	Careers evening

## THE FRIENDS

4th November 2006	Friends Firework Display, from 6.00 pm
25th November 2006	Friends Christmas Fair, 12.00 – 4.00 pm
9th and 10th December 2006	Friends Christmas Tree Sale, 10.00 am to 3.00 pm

## SCHOOL

**Autumn term 2006** ends on Friday 15th December. Half term (two weeks) is from Monday 16th to Friday 27th October.

**Spring term 2007** begins on Monday 8th January and ends on Wednesday 4th April. Half term is from Monday 19th to Friday 23rd February.

### 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!

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### OKC ANNUAL DINNER

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**

Cash bar from 7.00 pm Dinner 7.30 pm

**Tickets: £32.50 including wine Dress: Dinner jacket or dark suit**

An application form, with full booking details, is included in the centre section of  
this Newsletter.

Early application is advised for this popular event!

# 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

**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:** M Z Choong

**Hockey:** R T H Carter

**Rifle Club:** R J Hudson

**Rugby Club:** P A Calaminus

**Soccer:** J W L 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  
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## SECRETARY'S NOTES

name and current postal address, and you will receive full instructions.

### 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](mailto:okc@kcs.org.uk).

### THE SCHOOL WEB SITE

Visit the KCS web site at [www.kcs.org.uk](http://www.kcs.org.uk) 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.

### 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 in the centre section of this Newsletter.

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**27th January, 2007**

All members are invited to the Annual General Meeting of the Old King's Club, to be held in Collyer Hall on Saturday, 27th January 2007 at 11.30 am.

### 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](mailto:okc@kcs.org.uk). Material for inclusion in the next issue, to be published in April 2007, must reach the Editor by 1st March 2007.

### AGENDA

The Old King's Club is not responsible for individual opinions expressed in the OKC Newsletter. Editorials and other contributions do not necessarily represent the views or policies of the Club, the Club Committee, or the Editor, except where explicitly identified as such.

1. Minutes of the AGM held on 28th January 2006 (circulated, see Newsletter No. 108, April 2006, pages 3 - 7) and matters arising therefrom.
2. To receive the Honorary Secretary's Report.
3. To receive and approve the Club's accounts to 31st August 2006 - copies will be distributed at the meeting.
4. To elect: Officers; Trustees of the Invested Funds; Committee Members; Honorary Members.
5. To elect the Honorary Auditors.
6. To receive the report of the Benevolent Fund, including Accounts for the year ended 5th April 2006 - copies will be distributed at the meeting.
7. To elect the Trustees of the Benevolent Fund, and approve the Officers and Members of the Management Board of the Fund.
8. To consider any other resolution submitted within the rules.
9. Subscription rates.
10. Any other business, notice of which shall have been submitted to the Chairman prior to the meeting.

### THE NEWSLETTER ONLINE

This Newsletter is now available, password protected, on the OKC page on the School website at [www.kcs.org.uk](http://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](mailto:okc@kcs.org.uk) giving your

*Bryan Stokes*  
*Honorary Secretary*

Nominations for Officers and Committee Members should reach the Honorary Secretary by 31st December 2006, duly proposed and seconded in writing, together with the written consent of the nominee. Resolutions for submission under item 8 of the Agenda should also be given to the Honorary Secretary, in writing, by 31st December 2006.

## CHAIRMAN'S LETTER

I am very happy to be able to repeat the first sentence of my letter of a year ago and express many congratulations to the tennis team on winning the prestigious D'Abernon Cup. It is a very satisfying occasion for a team to win a competition two years running.

This is a time of change in the School with John Evans retiring as Junior School Headmaster. John Evans has served the School with distinction for 36 years, first in the Senior School rising to senior positions and for the last eight years as Headmaster of the Junior School. He is very well respected; I know that June and I were very pleased when our sons were in John's tutor group. We alumni may feel that we embody the spirit of King's but in fact it is John and his colleagues on the staff who are the true guardians of the ethos of the School. John has agreed to propose the toast to the School at the OKC dinner on the 17th November and I know that those who come and hear him, will enjoy what he has to say.

We welcome Dr Gerard Silverlock as Headmaster of the Junior School, and we wish him a long and happy stay with us.

I am pleased to welcome Michael Choong to the OKC Committee as the golf section representative on the Committee. Michael is assistant secretary of the golf section and I am sure that he will be a great help to Graham Cox who has done such sterling work as secretary of the golf section for many years. On the golf front I saw that Rupert Rea for RWGC is the joint holder of the London Foursomes scratch knockout trophy.

We have had a number of interesting applications for gap year awards and have made five awards. We look forward to reading the reports of their time abroad from the recipients. After an enquiry from an Old Boy we decided that gap year could include the first year after University. In these first few months we have accepted applications on an ad hoc basis but we are now applying a time table to the applications. Applications need to be received by 15th May and awards will be notified by the 31st May, We feel that this should fit into most applicant's timing.

At our last committee meeting we discussed further funding of the OKC Bursary. It is our desire to continue to fund an OKC Bursary, and the feeling was that this year we should put £3,000 toward a future Bursary. This is a sum to be awarded, rather than to be considered as a capital to provide interest for a Bursary. There are one or two details that we first wish to discuss with the School but hopefully at our next Committee meeting we will make a decision to pass this sum to the School for future use.

The School Act of Remembrance is to be held at 8.40 am on Friday 10th November. All Old Boys are welcome to attend the Act of Remembrance. Traditionally an Old Boy says the Binyon words, and lays wreaths on behalf of the OKC at the First and the Second World War Memorials. I feel that it is most appropriate that these tasks are carried out by someone who has served in the armed forces, and I would be pleased to hear from any of you who would like to attend and take part in the ceremony.

The Old Boys v School v Staff cross country race takes place on the 9th December, (details from Julian Smith). I do urge all those who feel capable of running about 3 miles to come along and take part. You don't have to be a running star, it is simply a very pleasant run on the Common, (which must be some of the best running country around), followed by tea in the dining hall at School.

I do hope that I shall meet you at one of our events, the Dinner, the Gaudy, the cross country run, golf, football, rugby, but whatever best wishes to you all.

*Micky King  
Chairman OKC*

## THE HEAD MASTER

Tony Evans, the Head Master, will be retiring in December 2007, after ten years of outstanding service to the School. The Governing Body has announced the appointment of Andrew Halls, the Master of Magdalen College School, Oxford, as Head Master of KCS from 1st January 2008.

Mr Halls, aged 47, was educated at Shenley Court School, Birmingham, and took a double first in English from Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge. Posts held before he became head of Magdalen College School in 1998 include Deputy Headmaster, Trinity School, Croydon (1995-1998), Head of English and Drama, Bristol Grammar School (1989-1995), and assistant English Master at Whitgift School and at Chigwell School. He is a member of the joint HMC/GSA Academic and Education Policy Committee, a Governor of University College School, Hampstead, and an ISI Inspector. He is married to Veronique and has two daughters, aged 13 and 9.

Sir Stephen Richards, Chairman of the Governing Body, in a letter to all School parents, writes "My colleagues on the Governing body and I are delighted that Mr Halls has accepted the position of Head Master of KCS. We feel sure that he will prove a worthy successor to Tony Evans who has done so much for the School. Governors were particularly concerned to ensure that the School's commitment to the International Baccalaureate (fully replacing 'A' levels in the Sixth Form from September 2007) was secure, that the breadth of the co-curricular activity would continue and that the School's strong emphasis on effective pastoral care would remain paramount. In appointing Mr Halls, Governors felt that this legacy would be upheld with vigour and imagination."

## SCHOOL EXAMINATION RESULTS

The School was delighted with this summer's examination results. GCSE results were the best ever; 92.2% were at A\* or A. Only two other boys' schools obtained better results. Twenty nine boys

gained A\* in every subject. We are still waiting some final adjustments to IB/A level results. At present, the average IB score stands at 39.1/45. This is slightly down on last year, when our results were the best in the world, but still quite exceptional. At A level, 90.0% of grades were at A or B, which is well up to the level of the past five years. One league table (that of *The Times*) placed us second in the country.

*David Grossel*

## JOHN EVANS



*John Evans retired at the end of the Summer Term after 36 years of service to King's, first in the Modern Languages department of the Senior School and then, for the last 8 years, as Headmaster of the Junior School. The following is the text*

*of the address given by Gavin Stebbing (OK, 1978) at the Junior School Leavers' Parents' Lunch.*

Headmaster, Ladies and Gentlemen – if you would forgive me, I would like to say just a few words of thanks on behalf of the Parents.

It is a tradition in KCS that at the age of 13 our privileged young men proceed to the Senior School and the Headmaster of the Junior School invites the parents of those leavers to this generous farewell lunch in the final term of the academic year. I offer my sincere thanks to the Headmaster from all the parents present today for inviting us and for providing us with such an hospitable occasion. I reiterate the Headmaster's comments thanking the catering staff for putting on such an excellent spread.

This event offers us parents the opportunity to say a nostalgic goodbye to the Junior School and record our lasting thanks to the Headmaster and his teaching staff for nursing, nurturing and educating our children to young adulthood.

However, this year we have a young man who is a rather special leaver. He has been at the school for some 36 years and I am delighted to report he has now finally passed his Common Entrance Examination into retirement. So next term when our boys swap their old red blazers for their new black jackets, Mr Evans will swap his headmaster's robes for his cardigan and slippers, his monthly pay cheque for his monthly pension cheque and his Staff Pass for his bus pass.

I first met John some 32 years ago in September 1974. Now many of you will be wondering what on earth John was doing at my christening, but in fact in 1974 I was a spotty 13 year old venturing into the big wide world of KCS Senior School 4th Form, and I was lucky enough to have John as my Form Master for 2 years. I had just finished 5 years in the Junior School. It is hard for anyone here today to imagine the contrast that existed between the Junior School and the Senior School all those years ago. I will just record my relief to have been welcomed by a Form Master who actually spoke to you as a human being and was more interested in your education and general welfare than dishing out as many conduct cards and detentions as possible. Little did I know all those years ago that the man taking roll-call in front of me every day would become the daytime surrogate father to my sons a generation later.

John was a warm and encouraging teacher, and his appointment as Headmaster of the Junior School did not change him. I know that John commands great respect and devotion from his boys and teaching staff alike without losing his warmth and friendliness. In the words of Rudyard Kipling, he not only manages to talk with crowds and keep his virtue but he also manages to walk with Kings without losing the common touch.

I can give one quick example of John's warmth and kindness. My youngest son Tom managed to stab himself at school last year with an unmentionable implement. I must emphasise here that this accident was absolutely no fault of the school, but it could have been quite serious. John took the time and trouble to telephone us at home that evening to check that he was OK. It was a simple act of thoughtfulness and kindness that was much appreciated. Having spoken to Tom he then

asked if he could have a quick word with one of his parents. What a pity that Tom said we were in the Hand in Hand. Whatever happened to the good old little white lie?

One thing that amazes me is how little John has changed in those 30 odd years. When you are 13 it is extraordinary how anyone over about the age of 20 looks "old" and as though they must be fairly close to retirement, and so it was something of a shock to me when I returned to the school in 1998 to find that he was still here. And he looked almost identical to how I remembered him all those years earlier. OK, so he had lost a bit of hair – and he had also put on a little bit of weight, but then again so had I!

John succeeded Colin Holloway as Headmaster of the Junior School in 1998 and his first year as the Headmaster coincided with my first year as a parent. My immediate reaction to John's appointment was that Mr Holloway was a hard act to follow – a bit like following in the footsteps of a Bill Shankly or an Alex Ferguson. I think it is to John's eternal credit that when he was handed the baton carried by Mr Holloway for so many years, he not only continued carrying it, but continued carrying it in such an apparently effortless and natural manner. Indeed, he has made the baton very much his own by imposing his own style and personality on the school. I can offer no greater compliment to John but to observe that his own successor has at least as difficult an act to follow as John did.

John has thrown himself into all aspects of school life; both as a performer and a supporter. He sang in the Chamber Choir for many years and his performance as Fagin in the School's 1998 production of *Oliver* was absolutely outstanding and in my view cemented his position as the Junior School's new leader. He is a relentless supporter of all the school's sporting activities. The time, the place and the weather are all irrelevant – John will invariably be there whether it is on a sunny afternoon for the crunch match for the 1st XV rugby season or a cold, wet, miserable Saturday morning for the U10s Junior House hockey matches.

I am sure John will take away many happy memories of his time at KCS. It is more difficult perhaps to appreciate the many happy memories that he has created for the considerable number of boys by his influence. That is the invisible and yet very real legacy of John's tenure both as a teacher and a Headmaster. Most extraordinary perhaps is the fact that John could probably still name most of those boys – his memory for names and faces is legendary.

John has led the Junior School from the front for the last 8 years. On behalf of all the parents of the young men who have already left and of those who are leaving this term, I just want to say a very big thank you and wish you all the very best for a long and very well deserved retirement. For all those parents who still have boys in the Junior School, myself included, I can add sincerely that we will miss you and miss you dearly.

So Ladies and Gentlemen, please be upstanding and raise your glasses to toast the future health and happiness of John Evans, and particularly to thank him for all that he has done for us and our families.

## GERARD SILVERLOCK



*John Evans' successor as Headmaster of the Junior School is Dr Gerard Silverlock. The following introduction to their new Headmaster appeared in a recent issue of the Junior School Newsletter.*

Nobody who has met Dr. Gerard Silverlock during the last four weeks or so can be in any doubt about the fact that he is really enjoying his new role as Headmaster of King's College Junior School. After four years as Headmaster of Aberdour School, a co-educational prep school for pupils in the 3-13

age range, he is excited rather than daunted by the challenges here. Before joining Aberdour School, he had spent his entire career teaching history and politics at senior schools. He was at Millfield, still the country's largest co-educational boarding school, for nine years and then moved to Lord Wandsworth College, Jonny Wilkinson's old school, as Head of History. Dr. Silverlock is quite at ease, therefore, with the pupils and staff in the Senior School, as well as those in KCJS.

His principal task at our recent Open Morning was to give two talks to the visiting parents. There is a tremendous amount of interest in KCS at present and he was delighted to have audiences of about three hundred for both of these talks. Dr. Silverlock wanted the visitors to know that, as one of the new boys, he had received a very warm welcome from both the boys and the staff. Although KCJS is most successful academically and is interested in attracting very bright boys, it is a friendly community which is committed to providing a broad, balanced education based on strong moral values and a real sense of fun. Dr. Silverlock is convinced that this is the best way to prepare the boys for their time in the Senior School.

He is particularly aware that this is a very stimulating time to be joining KCS. Wimbledon Common Prep School, better known as 'Squirrels', was acquired at the end of the summer term and he will have an important part to play in bringing it under the King's College umbrella. Along with everyone else at KCS, he hopes that Rowans will also soon become a permanent member of the KCS family, too. There are also exciting plans for the development of the Science Department at the College which will benefit the boys in both the Junior and Senior Schools.

Dr. Silverlock's family has also enjoyed the move to Wimbledon. Joshua (7) has joined Transition here, Miriam (4) is in Reception at The Study and Daniel (2) is just happy to be with his mother, father and siblings. In due course he will join Squirrels. We all wish Dr. Silverlock and his family a long and happy time in Wimbledon and at KCS.

# FROM THE ARCHIVES

## The Victoria Cross

This year has seen the 150th anniversary of the institution of the Victoria Cross, the nation's highest award for valour. The warrant initiating the Victoria Cross was signed by Queen Victoria on 29th January 1856, and stated that the award should be made only to "those officers or men who have served us in the presence of the enemy and performed some signal act of valour or devotion to their country".

No fewer than six Old Boys of KCS have been awarded the Victoria Cross, a remarkable number for a School with no real tradition of military service amongst its alumni. Four of the six were gained in India within two years of the institution of the award, two of them on the same day, 14th September 1857.

**William George Cubitt** left KCS in 1845. Born in Calcutta, he was commissioned in the Indian Army in 1853 and assigned to the 13th Bengal Native Infantry. In 1857, when the Indian Mutiny broke out, he was stationed in Lucknow, with the rank of Lieutenant. He was awarded the VC for "having on the retreat from Chinhut, on 30th June 1857, saved the lives of three men of the 32nd Regiment at the risk of his own".

Cubitt later took part in the Duffla Expedition on the North-West Frontier 1874-75 as a Major; was promoted Lieutenant-Colonel in 1879 when serving in the Second Afghan War; took part in the Akka Expedition in 1883 as a full Colonel; and served in the Burma War 1886-87, when he was awarded the Distinguished Service Order. He retired from the Army in 1892, at which time he was Commanding Officer of the 43rd Gurkhas. Returning to Britain, he died at Camberley in 1903, aged 68.

**Philip Salkeld** left KCS in 1846 and went to Addiscombe, an officers training establishment similar to Sandhurst. He was selected for an engineering appointment, commissioned in 1848, and sent to the Royal Engineers at Chatham. After two years of field engineering training he was

posted to the Bengal Sappers and Miners, then under the direct control of the Honourable East India Company.

At the outbreak of the Indian Mutiny in 1857 he was stationed in Delhi, in the Public Works Department, and was one of a party of 12 officers and ladies who escaped the massacre of the Europeans and made their way on foot to Meerut. The British then laid siege to Delhi until 14th September, when it was planned that 1000 men of the 52nd Light Infantry were to storm the city through the Kashmir Gate, after a party of Engineers, of whom Salkeld was one, had blown it in.

The exploding party of engineers consisted of Lieutenants Home and Salkeld, Sergeants Carmichael, Burgess, and Smith, Bugler Hawthorne, and 8 Native Sappers. Home, Salkeld, Carmichael, Burgess, Smith, and Hawthorne were all to be recipients of the VC for their gallantry in this desperate undertaking, in which Carmichael and Burgess were killed, and Salkeld died later from his wounds. It was Salkeld who, under heavy fire, personally fastened the explosives to the gate, secured the fuse, and, although by now fearfully wounded, handed the light to fire the explosives to one of the Sergeants. In the ensuing explosion, the Gate was successfully breached, and the British troops were able to enter.

Salkeld's VC was subsequently presented to his father, the rector of Fontmell in Dorset; a memorial still stands in the churchyard at Fontmell.

*(Note: another account of Salkeld's action was given in Newsletter 97, October 2000, together with a photograph of the memorial stone at the Kashmir Gate. More details are available at [www.thedorsetpage.com/history/vc/philip\\_salkeld.htm](http://www.thedorsetpage.com/history/vc/philip_salkeld.htm))*

**Robert Haydon Shebbeare** left KCS in 1842 and, like Salkeld, went to Addiscombe for officer training. He was subsequently commissioned in the 60th Bengal Native Infantry, and held the rank of Lieutenant at the start of the Indian Mutiny in 1857. He won his VC on the same day as Salkeld, 14th September 1857, and in the same action, the storming of Delhi.

He gained his VC, in the words of the *London Gazette*, “for distinguished gallantry at the head of the Guides with the fourth column of Assault at Delhi. After twice charging beneath the wall of the loopholed serai, it was found impossible, owing to the murderous fire, to attain to the breach. Captain (then Lieutenant) Shebbeare endeavoured to reorganize the men, but one-third of the Europeans having fallen, his efforts to do so failed. He then conducted the rearguard of the retreat across the canal most successfully. He was most miraculously preserved through the affair, but yet left the field with one bullet through his cheek and a bad scalp wound along the back of his head from another”. For this action he was promoted Brevet-Captain.

Shebbeare died at sea off Shanghai on 16th September 1860, aged 33, while serving in the second China War.

**Robert Blair** left KCS in 1849 and entered the University of Glasgow. From there he gained an Exhibition to Balliol College Oxford, going down in December 1853. He then entered the 9th Queen's Royal Lancers as a Cornet, by purchase. After two years he became a Lieutenant, also by purchase, and was posted to Bengal.

During the siege of Delhi, Blair volunteered, with other Lancers, to transfer to the Artillery to assist in working the batteries, which due to sickness and casualties could not keep up the heavy fire required. It was at this time, on 28<sup>th</sup> September 1857 at Boolundshuhur, that he won his VC. The action was described by Major-General Sir James Grant, writing in the *London Gazette*, as follows. “A most gallant feat was performed by Lieut. Blair, who was ordered to take a party of one sergeant and twelve men, and bring in a deserted ammunition wagon. As his party approached, a body of fifty or sixty of the enemy's horse came down upon him from a village, where they had remained unobserved; without a moment's hesitation he formed up his men, and, regardless of the odds, gallantly led them on, dashing through the rebels. He made good his retreat without losing a man, leaving nine of them dead on the field. Of these he killed four himself, but to my regret, after having run a native officer through the body with

his sword, he was severely wounded, the joint of his shoulder being nearly severed”.

Blair was subsequently promoted Captain, 2nd Dragoon Guards (without purchase). He died on 28th March 1859 from consumption, brought on, in all probability, by his wounds.

**Mark Sever Bell** left KCS in 1859, after a distinguished academic career, winning prizes in both Science and Mathematics. He entered the Royal Military Academy, Woolwich, and was commissioned into the Royal Engineers as Lieutenant in 1862.

After service in India he was promoted Captain and in 1873-74 served in West Africa in the Ashanti War. It was here, on 4th February 1874, that he was awarded the Victoria Cross. The British army were advancing on Kumasi, against opposition from Ashanti warriors. Bell led a party of unarmed Fantee labourers whose task was to clear the tracks ahead of the infantry. Here, they not only bore the brunt of the enemy fire, but were also in distinct danger of being hit from behind by inaccurate fire from their comrades.

Having cut a way through to the river Oda, the party then worked all night building a bridge over the river, from materials found in the vicinity. Early in the morning the infantry crossed the river, with Bell in the Advance Guard. On reaching the village of Ordahsu he was ordered to clear a large space, a duty that he directed without being covered in any way, in which he displayed great courage and gallantry, and for which he was awarded his VC.

During the rest of his military career Bell was promoted Colonel, served in Burma, and then in 1887 became ADC to Queen Victoria. He was appointed CB in 1893. He retired from the army due to ill-health in 1898 and died in 1906.

**Arthur Stewart King Scarf** is probably the best-known of the School's VC heroes. His award was, of course, the most recent, being made for an act of heroism in 1941, but constant reminders of his valour are his posthumous portrait (see front cover of this Newsletter) and the Scarf Shield, awarded annually to the best all-round sportsman in the School. The portrait was commissioned by the Old

King's Club and painted by an Old Boy artist, E M Neatby (1903). For many years it was hung in the Great Hall, and currently it is in the Dining Hall.

Scarf left KCS in 1930, and in 1936 entered the RAF as a pupil pilot. In World War II he was posted to Malaya, flying Blenheim aircraft. The details of his award are well-known, but are repeated here in brief for completeness.

On 9th December 1941 all available aircraft at RAF Butterworth, Malaya, were ordered to make a daylight attack on the Japanese advance base at Singora, Thailand. Just as the aircraft were about to take off the enemy launched an attack on the airfield with the result that all the aircraft were destroyed except the Blenheim piloted by Sq. Leader Scarf, which had just become airborne. He decided to press on in his single aircraft, and completed his attack successfully, but he was severely wounded during repeated attacks by Japanese fighters. In spite of his injuries he fought a brilliant low-flying evasive action back to Malaya. He was able to make a successful forced landing in rice paddy-fields just 100 yards from the hospital grounds at Alor Star, without causing any injury to his crew. He was taken straight to hospital, but died shortly after admission.

Owing to the confusion that followed the Japanese occupation of Malaya, the posthumous award was not in fact made until 1946, when the details of Scarf's bravery became fully known to the authorities.

**Location of the medals** Three of the actual medals are at present held on display in Regimental Museums. **Blair's medal** is at the 1st Queen's Dragoon Guards Museum at Cardiff Castle; **Bell's medal** is at the Royal Engineers Museum at Gillingham, in Kent; and **Scarf's medal**, originally presented to KCS, was passed on to the Royal Air Force Museum at Hendon, due to the perceived lack of security at the School.

## The 1948 Olympics

Following our appeal in the last issue of this Newsletter for any Old Boys who were involved in the 1948 Olympics we received an interesting

letter from Tim Lowry (1951) who was aged 15 at the time, and living in New Malden. He was recruited as a messenger boy at the Olympic Camp in Richmond Park. He writes:

"You had to provide your own bicycle and received no pay, but got three meals a day, and the chance of free tickets for various events, including the opening and closing ceremonies. Most of the competing nations brought their own food, therefore we ate well, and were able to take home all sorts of goodies to swell the bare larder. I spent virtually the entire summer holiday there, as some of the competitors were very slow in going home therefore the camp stayed open long after the games were over."

Another letter came from John Newling (1942), who now lives in Australia. Already an Old Boy at the time, John was a student at London University, and a cross-country runner. "My Club, the Polytechnic Harriers", he writes, "chose me to represent them and carry the torch on its journey from London to Brighton. They were selected to provide a runner for one of the 'legs' at about half-way. It was a great experience for me, and I certainly enjoyed my fifteen minutes of fame!

"As a matter of interest, the runners were allowed to keep the torch handed to them after completing their section of the relay. On returning to my digs in Putney, my landlady was so impressed by an Olympic torch being brought home that she insisted on displaying it prominently in her sitting room. When I finally moved on I hadn't the heart to take it with me. I never did learn what happened to the torch."

The contrast between the conditions for the Olympic Games in post-war Britain and those enjoyed in recent times are striking!

## STATELY HOMES IN SCOTLAND

KHALIL KHAIRALLAH (1991), together with a friend Julio, has been spending the last few years restoring Cairness House, near Fraserburgh in north-east Scotland. The house was designed and built by the architect James Playfair, in the 1790s.

## CENTRE PULL-OUT SECTION

*This pull-out section is devoted to the OKC Annual Dinner, and to the OKC and other items available from the School Shop.*

*On this page is the notice of the Dinner; the reverse side has the Dinner Application Form. If you would like to come to the Dinner, pull out the page, complete the form, and send it to the Dinner Secretary.*

*On the next page is an illustration of the various items available from the School Shop. On the reverse is an order form. If you would like to purchase any of the items, complete the order form and send it to the School Shop.*

### **OKC ANNUAL DINNER**

**This year our Annual Dinner will once again be held in the**

**School Dining Hall**

**The date is**

**Friday 17th November 2006**

**David Grossel, the Second Master, will give an address,  
and  
the Guest Speaker will be John Evans**

**Cash bar from 7.00 pm Dinner 7.30 pm**

**Tickets: £32.50 including wine Dress: Dinner jacket or dark suit**

An application form, with full booking details, is to be found overleaf.

Leavers from years 1986, 1988, and 1996 have been specially targeted  
but, of course, all are welcome

If you wish to apply for a ticket, please tear out the Dinner Application form on the back of this page, and send it with your cheque to the OKC office – address on the form

**Early application is advised for this popular event!**

**APPLICATION FORM  
OLD KING'S CLUB DINNER  
Friday 17th November 2006 at  
AT THE SCHOOL**

To the Dinner Secretary, Old King's Club,  
King's College School,  
Wimbledon, London SW19 4TT

Date of application: ..... Year of leaving KCS: .....

My Name and Initials: .....

Preferred First Name: .....

My Address is: .....

.....

TEL.No in case we need to contact you .....

Please send me ..... ticket(s) at £32.50 each: £ .....

My contribution to the Guest Fund: £ .....

I enclose my cheque, payable to Old King's Club, for: £ .....

Any Special Dietary Requirements .....

**Please give names of guests, with years at KCS, on the back of this form  
PLEASE RETURN BY TUESDAY, 7TH NOVEMBER**

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As often happens to these neoclassical houses, it had been badly neglected since the Gordon family left it just before the last war. The roof and the walls of the upper floors were in a particularly poor condition, but have now been largely restored. The main ground-floor rooms, however, are in excellent condition, and are beautifully furnished with some splendid pieces of French furniture, and Russian chandeliers from the 18th century. There are also some fine portraits including work of Sir Henry Raeburn, the great Scottish painter, and the house has some interesting Masonic connections. There is a rather unusual semicircular kitchen and offices block with an icehouse situated in the middle.

The gardens, after being farmed during the war, had been abandoned. A start has been made on their restoration, with the planting of a fine collection of trees, and there are plans to restore the old walled garden, near the entrance.

Gordon Robson (1949), who sent us this report, recently visited Cairness House, and in return hosted a visit to his much smaller, but older, property at Durris, near Aberdeen.

Cairness House is open to the public for guided tours, and even for overnight accommodation. It is, unfortunately, rather a long way from Wimbledon and, as Gordon points out, is in fact rather a long way from anywhere! Further information may be obtained from [www.cairnesshouse.com](http://www.cairnesshouse.com).

## GAP YEAR AWARDS

The Old King's Club offers a limited number of Gap Year Awards in July of each year. These awards are intended to provide some financial assistance to help Old Boys who are members of the Old King's Club to undertake their chosen activities. These activities will normally take place either after leaving School, but before starting University, or during or immediately after a University course.

To qualify for an award an applicant should be proposing to undertake an activity which, in the opinion of the awarders, is of material benefit to a charity, the community, the School, or the Old

King's Club, in addition to broadening his own experience and developing his personal qualities.

Applications should be sent to the Honorary Secretary, Old King's Club, King's College School, Wimbledon, London SW19 4TT by 15th May. They should set out clearly what the applicant intends to do, give an estimate of the likely cost of the activity, and show how it would be of benefit as mentioned above.

Successful applicants will be notified by the end of May, and a list of awards will be published in the OKC Newsletter in October. They will be expected to make a short written report to the OKC on the completion of their activity, and possibly to return to the School to talk to the sixth form about their experience.

## Awards made in 2006

Awards were made in 2006 to the following, to assist in the financing of the activities mentioned.

**Nicholas Evans**, to work as an English language assistant in a school in central Moscow, and to improve his fluency in Russian.

**Bilal Kahloon**, University College London, to undertake his medical elective at the Aga Khan Institute, Karachi, Pakistan.

**Ali Murad**, Oxford University, to undertake his medical elective at the Sir Ganga Ram Hospital, Delhi, India.

**Rupert Wharton**, Southampton University, to undertake his medical elective at the Chris Hanani Baragwanath Hospital, Soweto, South Africa.

## CAREERS

The usual School Careers Evening took place on Tuesday May 9th, when our volunteer Careers Advisors conducted conversations, mostly on a one-to-one basis, with boys from the Lower Sixth form who are seeking advice about possible future careers. Readers may be interested to know that of the 87 Careers Advisors, 72 were Old Boys, 9 were present or past parents, and 6 were volunteers with no direct connection with the School. Some photographs taken at the Careers Evening are to be found inside the back cover of this Newsletter

The considerable task of organising the volunteers to match the needs of the sixth-formers was undertaken as usual by Gordon Robson. Gordon will be getting in touch with volunteers for next year in March 2007, as soon as the boys' requests are known, to ask for help at the Careers Evening which will take place on Tuesday, 15th May 2007.

## GAUDY

A Gaudy was held on Saturday 7th October, just before we went to press. A number of 1981-1985 leavers, together with many members of the teaching staff of the period, enjoyed tours of the newer buildings of the School, an excellent lunch in the Dining Hall, and plenty of time to reminisce with old friends. Both the Head Master, Tony Evans, and Robin Reeve, the Head Master at the time, gave short addresses after lunch.

These reunions are always most enjoyable occasions for those who take part, and we are greatly indebted to the School for making such events possible.

# OLD KING'S CLUB NEWS

## OLD BOYS GOLF

A number of venues for this year's Spring Meeting were investigated, and the one which received universal acceptance was the Royal Wimbledon Golf Club. The third Friday of May started off with an overcast sky but cleared to give fine playing conditions with a moderate breeze to test us just a little.

The scoring was not particularly stunning but Michael Choong was far and away the best player on the day, going round in 70, and winning the Blades Scratch Cup. In the Stableford competition one of the two school boys that joined us, Andrew Gilmour, won with 37 points, closely followed by Ralph Cake with 36 and the other boy, Alex Silver, with 35. Ralph therefore won the Bill Cox Cup and, although the boys were not eligible for the cup, they seemed pleased with 6 balls each. Some

photographs of the event appear on the inside front cover of this Newsletter.

The Old Boys match against the School was also played at Royal Wimbledon, towards the end of June, but Gordon McGinn had the inspired idea of making it a triangular match with a third team made up of School Masters and Parents. Without doubt this added an extra dimension to the match and will be repeated in the years to come.

The weather was yet again kind to us and the play was very competitive. The team of Schoolboys just beat the Old Boys by the finest of margins and the Masters and Parents were just behind. My personal abiding memory of the game was to watch a lad of 17 drive consistently over 300 yards and with a bit of draw. I had to ask him how he did it and his reply was that he helped out at a local golf club every Sunday and, if things were quiet, he would go to the practice ground and hit a few balls in the afternoon. That's all there is to it – just practice!

Unfortunately we were unable to raise enough players for a team for the Surrey Schools Old Boys Competition, but I shall try harder next year with a bit more persuasion.

The last event of the season was the Grafton Morrish, a competition for public schools old boys' societies. It consists of three scratch foursomes per side, six straight knock-out rounds, 36 holes a day, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday 22 – 24 September. The tournament is shared between Hunstanton and Royal West Norfolk, two classic old links courses on the north Norfolk coast.

KCS Old Boys won the competition in 2001 and 2004, but in the years in between have never performed as well as we should have. This year we got KO'd on the first day in a sudden death play-off, so were put into the consolation "Committee bowl" event. We breezed past Oakham in the semi-final, and had a great final against Millfield, which we won by the narrowest of margins.

Andy Fordyce retired as Captain, and Rupert Rea was voted in to succeed him. Our pairings this year were Ajay Patel and Michael Wale, Michael

Choong and Peter Crowther, and two from Rupert Rea, Andy Fordyce, and Guy Chesser who flew over from New York for the occasion.

One final piece of news is that Michael Choong has been made Assistant Secretary of the Golf Society. Michael is well known among the KCS golfers, a member of the Grafton Morrish team and being local to Wimbledon he is very much in touch with everything that is going on. I am sure you will agree that he is the right person to help me to keep in touch with the Old Boys and golfing matters. Anyone wishing to play in any of the society events should contact Graham Cox on grahamcox@ntlworld.com (note my new email address) or 0161 427 5930.

*Graham Cox*

## OLD BOYS ROWING

The fourth annual Boat Race versus the School was run on the Tideway in superb late summer conditions, from below Hammersmith Bridge down to the finishing line in front of the School's Boathouse. The races took place on Sunday 3rd September, before the boys had returned to school and the fitness regimes of their coaches, and before some of the Old Boys had started back at University. The races might therefore be decided by the crews that had been the more disciplined during the summer break!

The Old Boys, under the whip of Richard Wallace (2002), now coaching Nottingham University, produced a strong turnout of two eights. The first race was between the Old Boys 2nd VIII and the School IV; the School negotiated a head start with the School's impartial Boatman (Julian Geluk) out on the start line and were granted 4 boat lengths (VIII's lengths not IV's!). The race was close and the School only yielded in front of the KCSBC flag (and supporters) by a length.

The second race was between the Old Boys 1st VIII and the School's 2005-6 J16 VIII; this was the School crew that had won the Schools Head of the River earlier in the year and was happy to take on the challenge of an exceptional Old Boy VIII. The Old Boys dominated the race and were worthy champions.

The Supporters' Association provided the usual feast for a large turnout of parents, girl friends, partners, etc. and the OKC provided once again a generous subsidy behind the bar. Pat Reed-Boswell, Governor and KCSBCSA Chairman, introduced Chris Grimble, the School's new Head of Rowing who congratulated the winners and losers. The Reed-Boswell Cup was presented by Cavan Taylor to Richard Wallace. Some photographs of the event appear on the back cover of this Newsletter.

### The Old Boys 1st VIII

Tom Draper	2002	Cox Durham College
Richard Todd	1998	GB Lwt 8 at World Cup
Jono Watkins	2004	Junior Worlds, Durham University
Doug Perrin	2002	U23 Worlds Silver
Tom Bray	1994	Henley winner
Luke Finch	2000	
John Hudson	2003	Leeds University
Peter Wake	2005	
Ed Coulson		

### The Old Boys 2nd VIII

Seb Jones	2002	Birmingham University
Nick Rowett	1992	Coach Tideway Scullers' School
Steve Clark	2000	Ex Loughborough University
Tim Nelson		Ex Boatman
Phineas Hirsch	2000	Ex Trinity College Dublin
James Kilner	2002	Ex Birmingham University
Einar Lindh	2002	Ex Durham University
Richard Wallace	2002	Nottingham University coach

### The Old Boys Umpire!

Chris Edwards	2002	Edinburgh University coach
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*David Moss*  
K C S Boat Club Supporter

## KCS OLD BOYS RUGBY CLUB

The Old Boys Rugby Club moves into its Centenary Season having gained promotion to London Division 3 South West. This league is classified as RFU level 7, and is about the highest level at which Old Boys rugby is presently played. The 1st XV's achievement may be put into perspective through comparison with the current playing levels of old rivals such as the Paulines (8), Emmanuel and Alleynians (9) and Whitgiftians (10). The new league will be very demanding, with 22 home and away fixtures, and trips to Guernsey and South Hampshire. After two early losses, the team has now drawn with Effingham & Leatherhead, and recorded a spectacular home victory over Guernsey (34-0).

The 2006-07 season's plan includes a wide range of rugby activities. We intend to field four senior XVs, especially when our growing student membership is available to play. All our senior teams include recent school leavers, and we are continuing to expand our membership and offer rugby that is both competitive and appropriately social. Our Mini and Junior sections have organised a full season's programme, with training, matches, festivals and social events for all age groups from Under 7 upwards.

Our 27-strong Under 21 squad, charismatically organised and led by Nick Pearce, did well to reach the Quarter Finals of the National U21 championship; they were defeated by Brighton College OBs, the eventual winners. The squad was 100% OK, and included Josh Moore (who played for Harlequins in the Middlesex 7s) and Mitch Bath, both of whom are playing for the senior club in their gap years. The U21s' cacophonous clubhouse performances are not to be missed – and are preferably not to be repeated. Whoever taught them all that stuff?

The Club Committee has organised a number of special events to commemorate the Centenary Season. These include:

- Sunday 22nd April 2007 – Match versus Surrey President's XV

- Saturday 19th May 2007 – Centenary Ball at the School
- 4th – 10th June – Tour to the Durban region of South Africa.

The Former Players' Luncheon is provisionally scheduled for Saturday 2nd December 2006, and the President's Luncheon for Saturday 24th February 2007. Further details will be published on the club website, [www.kings.org.uk](http://www.kings.org.uk).

The Centenary Rugby Dinner was held at King's on Friday 13th October. A large number of members and guests attended, including present and former players, and Mini and Junior section coaches and parents. Cavan Taylor (Past President of the Club, and former Chairman of the KCS Governors) provided some personal reminiscences of the Club, and proposed the Health of the Guests. The Guest of Honour was Simon Halliday (Bath & England), who responded on behalf of the guests, and proposed the Health of the Club.

Visitors to the Clubhouse at Motspur Park will be aware that Club events never take place in the absence of sherry – or of awards. The Centenary Rugby Dinner was no exception, and this unique event was marked by the presentation of the 'President's Centenary Award,' in the form of two engraved silver salvers. This award acclaims truly exceptional and sustained service to the Club.

The first PCA was awarded to John Hamilton. Following a distinguished playing career for the 1st and Veterans XVs, John served the Club as President. It was during his tenure that our old clubhouse was destroyed, and John's leadership was primarily responsible for securing and constructing the Motspur Park facility, thereby providing a superb foundation for our future growth and success.

The second PCA was presented to Paddy Ralston. Paddy's distinguished playing career ended prematurely through injury. He has subsequently served the Club as Manager/CEO. Paddy runs every aspect of the club on a day-to-day basis. He founded our thriving Mini and Junior sections. He has organised numerous tours and events. Beyond all of this, he is responsible for the club's ethos of playing sporting, stylish, winning rugby and of ruthless, good-humoured hedonism in post-match activities.

All OKs are welcome at the Clubhouse. The 1st XV's remaining home fixtures are: 11th November: Old Wimbledonians; 2nd December: Chobham; 6th January: Old Reigatian; 13th January: Old Mid-Whitgiftian; 3rd February: Camberley; 24th February: Effingham & Leatherhead; 17th March: Tottonians; 14th April: Gosport & Fareham. Most games kick off at 3PM, taking advantage of our floodlights in mid-winter. Please check the website.

New playing and non-playing members are invited to join the club – and everyone is encouraged to purchase Centenary ties and other memorabilia, which will be available very soon. Please contact us via our website ([www.kings.org.uk](http://www.kings.org.uk)) or through our CEO Paddy Ralston: [paddy@kings.org.uk](mailto:paddy@kings.org.uk); 07958 232 816; c/o Village Sports, 200 Worple Road, London SW20 8QY.

*Kelvin Walton  
President, KCS OB RFC*

## OLD BOYS TENNIS

The Old Boys tennis team were successful in retaining the d'Abernon Cup, beating the St Paul's team seven and a half to one and a half. We believe that this is the first time that we have won the Cup two years running, and King's has now won three times in the last four years. The winning team in the final was:

1st pair Blake Hutchins and Stephen Morris  
2nd pair Chris Clark and James Mustoe  
3rd pair Scott Lloyd and Rory Pullinger

The finals were played in splendid weather conditions at the All-England Club at Wimbledon, on Sunday 10th September. Our congratulations go to the winning team.

The only other activity for Old Boys' tennis was a 2-pair match against the School on Commemoration Day, which the Old Boys won 4-0. The Old Boys team were: 1st pair Ashley Tatum and Rory Pullinger  
2nd pair Kei Izawa and Chris Gerdingh

*Chris Diacon*

## KING'S COLLEGE SCHOOL LODGE. NO.4257

Kings College School Lodge was formed on 3rd May 1921 and holds four meetings a year at the School. The Lodge meets on the fourth Friday in January and April and the second Friday in June and December. After each meeting we have an excellent dinner at the School. Every April, a new Master is elected and installed for the ensuing twelve months. The Lodge has an excellent reputation within the Surrey Province and is noted for its generous contributions to both Masonic and non Masonic charities.

Since its formation, the Lodge has had a number of masters, governors and distinguished old boys as its members and welcomes anyone who has an interest in the school.

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](mailto:pcmethley@btinternet.com))

*Peter Methley*

## NEWS OF OLD BOYS

IAN CAMMACK (1982), after a career as an accountant, spent a year (1998) at the Royal Agricultural College in Cirencester, and the following year moved to Hampshire, where he now farms 1,800 acres of arable crops. He married Victoria in 1993 and has three children who are all at school in Winchester. Apart from fighting the Rural Payments Agency, he says his principal interests are shooting, skiing, and playing tennis.

JONATHAN CASALE (1982) is a Housemaster and Maths teacher at Royal Grammar School, Guildford. He is married to Deborah, who is a solicitor, and has two children.

Revd PHIL CHADDER (1984), following 13 years working in the Probation Service, was ordained in the Church of England in 2003. He is currently curate in the Parish of Great Chesham, in South Bucks. He is married, and has three children.

PAUL CHEUNG (1984) who is in practice as a chiropractor in Harrogate, has in addition been working for the last six years in Premiership Football, with Leeds United and now Middlesborough FC, dealing with sports injuries. He also went to the World Games 2005 in Germany to look after the athletes.

Prof CLIFFORD EDWARDS (1942) has lived in Manitoba, Canada, for many years, where he has been Dean (now Dean Emeritus) of the Faculty of Law at the University of Manitoba. We were pleased to welcome him recently on his first visit to his old School for over 40 years, which he was able to fit in during a visit to the UK. In July this year he was named as a Member of the Order of Canada, the centrepiece of Canada's Honours System, and the investiture will take place in Ottawa later in the year. This honour was awarded in recognition of his long-standing commitment to the teaching of Law, and to reform within the legal profession in Canada, including his Presidency of the Manitoba Law Reform Commission from 1979 to 2006. He is still actively involved in the teaching of Law.

MARK FRANCIS (1981) has returned from Geneva, where he has been working for some years, and is now running a training consultancy called Augmenta, which works with businesses as diverse as Norwegian Telecom, Coca Cola Vietnam, and the AIK Stockholm Football team.

PATRICK GIBBINS (1985) is married with three children and lives near to Beziers in the south of France. He is Commercial Director of a property development company there.

NIGEL GIBSON (1983) went to Eastbourne College for the sixth form, and then on to Leeds Metropolitan University. He has had a career in sales and marketing, mainly in the satellite television industry. In 2002 he moved to the Netherlands, where he is working as European Vice President for a satellite company, New Skies Satellites.

JONATHAN GODFRAY (2001) when we last heard was in Sao Paulo, Brazil, working for a charity, teaching some of the street children of Sao Paulo English and football.

CHRIS GRIMBLE (1992) is the latest OK to join the School teaching staff. He has been appointed to the Art and Design Department, and in addition becomes Head of Rowing.

IAM HAMILTON (1983) is a GP in the Harvey Group Practice in St Albans. He has just started a position with Watford Football Club.

Professor FRANK HARTLEY (1960), Vice Chancellor, Cranfield University, was recently appointed Deputy Lieutenant of Bedfordshire.

CHRIS LAWSON (1961) has been living in Iasi, cultural capital of Romania, since the end of 2003. He acts as Communications Director for Pooltronix (UK) ([www.pooltronix.co.uk](http://www.pooltronix.co.uk)), contributes to the Bucharest-based monthly Vivid ([www.vivid.ro](http://www.vivid.ro)), and has been teaching English in the Journalism department and Danish in the German department of Alexandru Ioan Cuza University, Romania's oldest. His wife Marina, who was born in St Petersburg, teaches Russian in the Department of Slavic Languages, and translates between Romanian, Russian, and English.

Since Chris worked as British Council Lecturer in English Language at Cuza University in the 1970s during the Communist period, he has revisited Romania some 60 times.

JOHN LONDON (1983) has returned to London, having lived in Madrid, Berlin, Swansea, and Jerusalem since leaving University. He writes that he is "currently boring students at Goldsmiths College, University of London, colleagues in print, audiences in various fringe venues, and my family at home."

CHRIS LUSCOMBE (1982), who has been working in the theatre since leaving University, initially as an actor, and more recently as a director. His production of *The Comedy of Errors* is playing at Shakespeare's Globe, and he is also directing *The Rocky Horror Show*, which is currently on tour.

MOHAN MANUEL (1985) is a partner at Deloitte & Touche LLP. He is married, and has two daughters.

RICHARD MONTGOMERY (1983) recently returned from a posting in Zambia. He is now working on a government White Paper on poverty reduction in less developed countries, and is shortly to take over as Head of Corporate Human Resources for the Department for International Development.

DUNCAN MOSS (1981) works in the Information Services of the British Board of Film Classification. He has recently moved house (see changes of address).

MICHAEL NATHANSON (1967), who was awarded the OBE in 2002 for services to Italian-UK relationships, has now been awarded the title Grande Ufficiale Dell'Ordine della Solidarieta Italiana. The award was made by the Italian Ambassador at the Embassy, and is equivalent to the Knight Commander in the UK. *The Times* reports that only 14 such awards have been made to UK residents in the last 20 years. Michael is a partner at RadcliffesLeBrasseur, and follows in the footsteps of his father Leslie, who won the same award 50 years ago.

EUGENE PERERA (1981) has been starting up media businesses including local radio stations for the Brighton, Manchester, and Yorkshire areas. Currently he is assisting a number of start up businesses in the raising of capital and business development strategies.

KEITH RODGER (1984) runs a telecom and vehicle tracking company operating in Europe and the US. He says that he plays cricket infrequently, and golf indifferently!

RICHARD SANDY (2001) read Archaeology and Pre-History at Sheffield University and, on graduating, worked for a while at the BBC, in the History Department. As there was no permanent job available, last Autumn he took an intensive course to teach English as a foreign language. In January of this year he went to Tokyo, where he goes to four different schools, is working long hours, and is thoroughly enjoying both his job and living in Japan.

Dr DAVID SEARS (1960) was appointed a UK member of the European Economic and Social Committee in 2002. As one of the very few actual chemists in the EESC, he writes, "I tend to handle anything with a complicated name in it – and have been heavily involved in REACH". (*Chemists amongst the readership will know what REACH involves! - Editor*).

JOEL SIMMONDS (1985) has been based in the United States for the last year and a half, first in Vegas and now in Miami, where he is living with his wife and two daughters. He manages the worldwide real estate portfolio of a high net-worth individual, and is currently developing a hotel on Miami Beach.

PATRICK STRAFFORD (1983) is Group Director of Commercial Development at Warner Bros. Entertainment in the UK. Amongst other things he is responsible for growth opportunities in the UK, including product and company acquisitions.

Dr IAN TIERNEY (1955) recently contacted the OKC to ask about the names of his classmates when at King's. He spent one year, 1954-55, in form 1 of the Junior School, before he and his parents went abroad. He later returned to the UK and qualified as a Clinical Psychologist, since when he has had a distinguished career in a number of aspects of psychology, both clinical and research. He now lives in Edinburgh.

RODERIC UPTON (1981) works in Paris as an insurance broker for a French company, for whom he used to work in London. He is Director of the International Division and looks after multinational clients and their global insurance programmes. His three children were all born in France and he says "we feel very settled here".

Revd ANDREW WICKENS (1981) returned to the UK in 2005 after eight years in Africa, to serve in the Black Country, in Dudley. He writes to say that particular emphases in his work as a Parish Priest there include education, community cohesion, and inter-faith relations.

IAIN WILLIAMS (1982) runs, and is part owner, of Lansons Communications, one of the UK's largest independent PR companies. He is married

to Nicola, and has two children, Oscar, 10 and Matilda, 8.

## DEATHS

C BELL (1957) 1st June 2006  
 P N S CLARK (1965) 11th June 2006  
 C E COFFIN (1938) 3rd April 2005  
 R W GAUNTLETT (1939) 8th June 2006  
 J D HAYCOCK (1937) 2005  
 F B HUGHES ( 1944) 3rd August 2006  
 H F KENDLE (1934) 22nd April 2006  
 A J MORITZ (1946) May 2006  
 D U STAFFORD (1975) 22nd May 2006  
 W M WHARTON (1961) 11 June 2006

## OBITUARIES

ROGER GAUNTLETT (1939) died on June 8th 2006 after a short illness, in his 85th year. Roger was the son of Ambrose Gauntlett who was the principal 'cellist with BBC Symphony Orchestra. H J Gauntlett, who wrote the tune of *Once in Royal David's City*, was his great grandfather.

When Roger joined the Junior School he lived in South Park Road, Wimbledon, and went home for lunch each day. He went into the Senior School in 1935 and left in 1939. He went on to Kings College London, and graduated in 1942 with a B.Sc. in Engineering. He became an Associate Member of the Institute of Electrical Engineers in 1950. He was with the engineering department of the G.P.O. from 1948 to 1981.

Roger was Hon. Secretary of the Old Boys Rugby Club in 1958/59 and played in the Old Boys 1st XV from 1949/50 to 1957/58, usually playing at full back. He was still playing in the Jubilee Year 1957/58, when he played against Old Alleynians. Playing on the wing he scored the decisive try, beating them 6-5. He wore the old-fashioned very large contact lenses which had been developed at the end of the War with the plastic material used in the windscreens of fighter aircraft. His struggle to insert them before a match was a memorable feature of the games he played. His standard of driving was such that there was often a strange reluctance to take up his offers of a lift to the ground.

He did not join the Services in the war, but he was involved with communications with the Post Office, and served in Berlin and Washington during the Cold War. It was assumed that he was involved in listening-in to the Russians intelligence, but he was always careful not to divulge any details, blaming the Official Secrets Act.

Roger shared the family home in Ealing with his sister Peggy who died in 2003.

His sister Joy married R H Lea-Wilson, a master in the Junior School, in the 1970's.

Apart from his support of the OK Rugby Club, and joining most of the Tours, he was a serious collector of wines, a fearless if erratic skier, and a keen bridge player.

*Nigel Gibson-Horrocks*

Dr JOHN HAMERTON (1946) died on 9th February 2006, aged 76, following heart surgery in Canada. On leaving KCS he continued his studies at Imperial College London, where he read Zoology.

He achieved international eminence in the field of cytogenetics, where he studied the effects of radiation on chromosomes. He also made a major contribution to understanding the sterility of the various cross hybrids (mules, etc.) in the family of *Equidae*.

Fifty years ago, he was one of the first to recognise the correct number of chromosomes in humans, and the clinical consequences of aberrations in this.

He was a prolific scientific publisher of original papers, reviews, and books, as well as being a distinguished member of many learned scientific societies, including Fellowship of the Institute of Biology.

He is survived by his wife, Irene, and three children.

*Alan Malcolm*

BRUCE HUGHES (1944) died on August 2006, after a long illness suffered with great fortitude and courage. He came to King's from Kingston Grammar School in 1940 and stayed until 1944, during which time he gained sporting distinction as a member of the School Athletics team. On

leaving school he entered University College, Oxford. He later joined the family firm, Hughes the ironmongers in Hartfield Road, Wimbledon. Bruce was always a great supporter of the OKC and, although handicapped in later years, took a great interest in its activities.

*Correction* The obituary for John Callway in our last issue was taken from the *West End Esher Village News* and not the *Cobham Village News* as stated. We apologise for this incorrect attribution.

## School Careers Evening, 9th May 2006



Drinks before dinner  
Bernard Everett, David Bradley,  
and Alan Malcolm



Careers advisors at dinner



Boys find their chosen advisors



Advisors writing reports at the end of the evening

## OK v School Boat Race, 3rd September 2006



The Old Boys 1st VIII



Old Boys boat (right) leading the School boat near the KCS Boathouse