



Old King's Club



OK DINNER AT MAGDALENE COLLEGE CAMBRIDGE

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CHANGES TO THE NEWSLETTER

The School Development Office has recently launched the KCS Community Newsletter. This is published six times a year, and contains news of the whole King's Community – Senior and Junior Schools, KCS Enterprises, the Friends of KCS, the Community Partnership Programmes with other local schools and, of course, some news of the OKC.

The OKC Committee believes that the KCS Community Newsletter would be of interest to OKC Newsletter subscribers, and has arranged to fund its supply and distribution without, for the time being at least, any increase in subscriptions. The usual OKC Newsletter will continue (but without the inclusion of School news) as an enclosure in three of the six Community Newsletters, all the contents being supplied by the OKC office, as usual.

This mailing is the first of the new-style communications with our members, and has been made possible by our close cooperation with the Development Office. The Hon Secretary would be pleased to hear any comments from readers about the change.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

OLD KING'S CLUB

15th May 2007	Careers Evening
23rd June 2007	Commemoration Day – see below
2nd September 2006	OKC v School Boat Race (check date with OKC office)
6th October 2006	Gaudy for all those who attended KCS during Tony Evans' headmastership
16 November 2007	OKC Annual Dinner at the School

SCHOOL

Summer term 2007 begins on Wednesday 25th April and ends on Wednesday 4th July.

Half term is Monday 28th May to Friday 1st June.

Autumn term 2007 begins on Tuesday 4th September and ends on Thursday 13th December.

Half term (two weeks) is from Monday 22nd October to Friday 2nd November.

COMMEMORATION DAY 23th JUNE 2007

This is a good day to see the changes to the School since you were here
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.

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 leisurewear, 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.

THE NEWSLETTER

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THE NEW OKC WEB SITE

Visit the new OKC web site at www.okc.org.uk for all the latest information about Rugby, Soccer, Rifle Club and other activities in the Club as well as past issues of the Newsletter.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

27th January, 2007

The Annual General Meeting was held at 12.00 noon on the 27th January 2007, 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 25 members.

Apologies for absence were received from A C V Evans, J H Hole, R G Mathews, G P N Phillips, R M Reeve, and D V Smedley.

1. THE MINUTES OF THE LAST AGM, held on the 28th January 2006, were circulated in Newsletter No 108, April 2006, on pages 3-7, and copies were available at the meeting. Richard Armitage proposed and Len Barkey seconded that they be approved. All agreed and they were signed by the President.

2. HON SECRETARY'S REPORT Mr President, Ladies and Gentlemen: I have pleasure in presenting my account of the activities of the Old King's Club during the year 2006.

This is, in fact, the fifteenth consecutive annual report that I have presented to this meeting. It is becoming increasingly difficult for me to find a different form of words to describe what has been a consistent, though increasing, pattern of events, so I hope that you will forgive me a certain sameness between this and previous accounts.

During 2006 your Committee has, as usual, met on five occasions. David Bradley, the Development Officer, has resigned following his retirement, and we thank him most warmly for all his work with us during the last six years. His place on the Committee, representing the Development Office, has been taken by Tristan Bradley. Apart from the normal business of planning, and reporting on, activities that have taken place, the Committee has discussed a number of policy matters, ranging from the principles that should govern our financial expenditure, to the provision of pitches for the Football Club.

On financial matters the Committee decided to continue to support such accredited activities as need assistance; to offer small subsidies to support social activities for OK members at Universities; to continue to make Gap Year Awards; and to contribute to the OK Bursary fund, always remembering that support

for group activities is likely to be of benefit to more members than support offered to individuals.

Consideration was given to the possibility of a revised design for the Club tie, in keeping with the new School crest. Sample designs were reviewed but none was thought to be suitable.

The future of the Newsletter was also reviewed, and I will return to this topic later in this report.

From the point of view of the OKC Office the most significant event during the year has been the installation of a new database. This has come about as part of our increasing cooperation with the Development Office, to the great benefit of us both. The new database is shared with the Development Office, avoiding much duplication of work, as well as offering many other potential advantages. The introduction has, however, been accompanied with the inevitable teething troubles of a new system, which have affected Newsletter distribution, but these are being overcome.

Our total membership currently stands at 7144, a modest increase over the year. Sadly I have to report that we have been notified of the deaths of some 30 members. These have included three Honorary Life Members – all former members of the School teaching staff of very long standing. They were David Fenton, formerly of the Junior School staff, and Richard Hudson, of the Senior School, both of whom as it happened took part in the Normandy landings on D-day, and John Lecomber, who died in February shortly after his 101st birthday. I may perhaps also mention the recent death of Keith Ingram, at one time Headmaster of the Dragon School, Oxford.

I turn now from the work of the Committee to the activities of the Club. A number of these activities are, of course, conducted jointly with the School. As usual they began with the now long-established Careers Evening, which took place on May 9th. For this event Gordon Robson organises around 90 Careers Advisors, almost all Old Boys, to give one-to-one advice to around 140 members of the Lower Sixth form. Gordon has a bank of over 300 volunteers, from a wide range of occupations, on which to draw according to the careers requested by the boys attending.

Commemoration Day this year was 24th June. The School provided the OKC with a large tent, shared with the Friends, in a prominent place opposite the main entrance to the grounds. For the first time the OKC provided a series of displays showing our various activities, which met with interest amongst those who attended. OK teams played the School at

Cricket, Tennis, and Fencing, and the Rifle Club introduced a number of visitors to shooting in the School Range.

The Leavers Lunch took place on the last day of the Summer term. At this event the School entertains the leavers to lunch, and the Head Master delivers a farewell address. Also at this lunch the OKC gives a pack of information about the Club, and the opportunities which it offers, to all those leavers who have already joined, and those few who have not are encouraged to do so.

On Saturday October 7th a Gaudy for Old Boys who left between 1981 and 1985 was held. The event was attended by over 60 Old Boys, together with many members of the teaching staff of the period. Guests 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 present Head Master, Tony Evans, and Robin Reeve, the Head Master at the time, gave short addresses after lunch.

Saturday November 11th saw the OKC undergraduate dinner at Magdalene College Cambridge. This was the most well-attended of our university social events during the year. 47 undergraduates were present, 27 from Oxford and 20 from Cambridge, together with 8 members of the School staff. The event was considered to have been outstandingly successful by all who took part. These university social events, which are subsidised by a financial contribution from the Club, play an important part in our efforts to bring our younger members into the activities of the Club.

The Old King's Club Annual Dinner was held in the School dining hall on Friday 17th November. Just under one hundred Old Boys drawn from all age groups, together with several past and present members of the School teaching staff attended, in a warm and friendly atmosphere. The King's Kapella entertained those present during drinks before dinner, finishing with a sung grace. After an excellent meal provided by Janet Belcher and her staff, David Grossel, the Second Master, deputising for the Head Master who was in Australia, gave a short review of school activities during the past year. The Guest Speaker was John Evans who, in a witty and entertaining speech, recounted memories of his 36 years at King's, the last 8 of which were as Headmaster of the Junior School. Many former members of John's tutor group were present, as well as Old Boys from the specially-targetted leaving years 1986, 1988, and 1996.

Chairman of the dinner was Sir Robert Andrew KCB, President of the Old King's Club.

Turning now to our own sporting activities, I should mention that the Football, Rugby, and Rifle Clubs all have regular fixtures throughout their seasons. In this report, however, I should like to mention particularly some of the other sports.

On Sunday September 3rd the OKs produced two strong crews to challenge the School on the fourth annual OK v the School Boat Race. The race took place in superb late summer conditions from below Hammersmith Bridge down to the finishing line in front of the School Boathouse. The first race, between the OK 2nd VIII and the School IV was close, and the School only yielded in front of the Boathouse by a length. The second race was between an exceptional OK 1st VIII and the School's 2005-06 J16 VIII, a team that had won the Schools Head of the River earlier in the year. The Old Boys in fact dominated the race, and were worthy champions. During the refreshments afterwards Chris Grimble OK, the School's new Head of Rowing, congratulated the winners, and the Reed-Boswell Cup was presented to Richard Wallace by Cavan Taylor.

On the following Sunday, September 10th, the OK tennis team, which had fought its way through to the finals of the d'Abernon Cup, once again met the Old Paulines. The finals were played in splendid weather conditions at the All-England Club at Wimbledon. As many of you will know, our players 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 the OKs have won the cup two years running, and King's has now won three times in the last four years.

On the weekend of September 22-24th the OK Golf team took part in the Grafton Morrish competition for Public School's Old Boys societies. The OK team won this competition in 2001 and 2004 but this year they were knocked out in the first round. They were then put into the consolation "Committee Bowl" event, in which they had a great final against Millfield, and finally won by the narrowest of margins.

The annual OK v School Cross Country race took place on Wimbledon Common on the morning of Saturday December 9th. For the second year running this took the form of a triangular match OK v School v School staff. James Trapmore, of the School staff, was the individual winner; the team result was School first, OK second, and School staff third. The event was thoroughly enjoyed by those who took part, as

were the refreshments in the Dining Hall afterwards.

Now for the non-sporting activities of the Club. During the year the OKC has made several Gap Year Awards to Old Boys who have recently left the School. These awards are intended to provide some financial assistance to help Old Boys who are members of the OKC to undertake their chosen activities. 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 OKC itself, in addition to broadening his own experience and developing his personal qualities.

During 2006, awards were made to Nicholas Evans, to work as an English language assistant in a school in central Moscow, and to improve his fluency in Russian; to

Bilal Kahloon, now attending University College London, to undertake his medical elective at the Aga Khan Institute, Karachi, Pakistan; to Ali Murad, now at Oxford University, to undertake his medical elective at the Sir Ganga Ram Hospital, Delhi, India; and to Rupert Wharton, Southampton University, to undertake his medical elective at the Chris Hani Baragwanath Hospital, Soweto, South Africa.

I am pleased to report our continuing funding of the OKC Bursary. This is providing assistance with fees for one boy in the School, and is in addition to, and quite separate from, any support offered by the OKC Benevolent Fund to pupils whose parents are in temporary financial difficulties. The selection of the recipient of the OKC Bursary is made on merit by the School, who in turn give the Club a brief annual report of his progress.

I should now like to return to the subject of the OKC Newsletter. The purpose of the Club Newsletter is twofold. It is both to keep the readership informed of the news and activities of the School and of the Old Boys, and also to provide a permanent, bindable record of the achievements of the Club's Accredited Activities and of its individual members. Notices of changes of address, deaths, obituaries, even reminiscences of past times, all come within the scope of this record.

I have produced the last 30 issues of the Newsletter, and I feel that I am no longer able to undertake the considerable amount of work that this has entailed. The Club however has, I believe, a continuing responsibility to its subscribers to keep the Newsletter going without reducing its scope or appeal, and to future generations in providing a record of present times.

Recently Tristan Bradley in the Development Office has been producing the KCS Community Newsletter, a new publication which appears six times a year and carries items of news from all the various sections of the KCS Community – Senior and Junior Schools, KCS Enterprises, the Friends of KCS, and the Old King's Club itself. Copies of the most recent issues are available here for inspection.

Tristan has suggested that subscribers to the OKC Newsletter might in future receive these six copies of the Community Newsletter, together with, three times a year, an OKC Supplement, all produced and dispatched by the Development Office. This supplement would contain purely OKC news, which would be supplied by the OKC office and would contain items such as sports reports, news of old boys, changes of address, obituaries, and the like.

The OKC Committee has agreed that this course of action should be introduced beginning in April of this year, and should continue for at least a trial year, with no increase in subscriptions. In this way, subscribers would receive six postings a year instead of two, and receive a greater coverage of school news than at present.

I believe that this will lead to a much improved exchange of information between the School as a whole and its Old Boys. The OKC secretariat is already working closely with the Development Office, and this has been a most valuable association for us. This cooperation will inevitably grow and develop in the years to come, as it is doing in many other leading independent schools.

I should finally like to express my thanks publicly to Tony Stokes for his help on so many things in the OKC office, to our Chairman, Micky King, and our President, Sir Robert Andrew, for all their support over yet another year, and especially to Joan Burgess for all her tireless work with the database and all the other office activities with which she has been such a help.

Mr President, that concludes my report for the year 2006.

3. HON TREASURER'S REPORT

The Hon Treasurer presented the Accounts for the year ended 31st August 2006, copies of which were available to those attending the meeting. Referring to the Balance Sheet he noted the healthy state of the finances of the Club, mentioning the increase in the value of the investments, as well as that of the at the bank. There was nothing contentious about the Receipts and Payments account. Finally he thanked

the auditors for their work.

The president then asked that the accounts be adopted; this was proposed by John Hamblin, seconded by John Curry, 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 Gordon Robson 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 David Bradley, the retired Director of Development, Brian Cole, the retired Clerk of the Works, and Dennis Cooke, retired Senior School master, all Honorary Members, be elected Honorary Life Members. This was proposed by the President and seconded by Gordon Robson, and all agreed.

(d) Honorary Members. The Committee recommended that the circulated list of Honorary Members be re-elected, and in addition Miss V J Attie, A Baker, G M Bamford, N P Brett, J D Broderick, G P Cawley, Miss L Cunningham, Miss S C Dore, B J Driver, J E A Hipkiss, Miss C Leaker, Miss M H Quaradeghini, J T Sprague, M J Storey, Miss S U Walker, and A C Young, all of whom have been members of the School teaching staff for more than five years. The President proposed, and Len Barkey 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 the President and seconded by Richard Armitage, 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 2006 he noted that two boys had been supported during the year, but one of them had left the School at the end of the summer term, and the other would be leaving at the end of the current academic year. The stock market had been kind to the fund during the year, and it was now in a position to support another boy, should the need arise. He thanked Richard Morris for his work as Treasurer, and John Spalton, the auditor.

Adoption of the report was proposed by the President and seconded by Richard Armitage, 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 the President and seconded by Mcky King, 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.

GAP YEAR AWARDS

The Old King's Club offers a limited number of Gap Year Awards 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 2007. 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 30th May 2007, 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.

RUPERT WHARTON *was one of the recipients of an OKC Gap Year Award in 2006. Rupert, who is studying Medicine at Southampton University, received his award to help him undertake his medical elective at the Chris Hani Baragwanath Hospital, Soweto, South Africa. He sent us this report of his eight weeks at 'Bara'.*

Chris Hani Baragwanath (Bara) hospital is the world's largest hospital, with over 3,200 beds. Currently, due to financial constraints, fewer than 2,600 of these are being used. Bara serves the township of Soweto in south-west Johannesburg, which is one of the poorest areas of South Africa and is the most troubled in terms of crime and

unrest. I spent eight weeks working in the trauma department over the summer of 2006.

Trauma in the UK consists almost entirely of road accidents. Violent crime is mercifully low and burns are infrequent. Trauma departments in the UK have long since been incorporated into blanket Emergency Departments with little specificity, a sensible merger given the needs of UK medical practice. Trauma in Johannesburg, however, encompasses an entirely different range. Self-contained trauma departments and teams divide their time equally between treating victims of road accidents, burns victims, stab victims and gun-shot victims.

No amount of ER or Casualty could have prepared me for the reality of working at Bara. I was there as an elective medical student with a mere three years of general training and limited clinical experience; the bottom of the medical hierarchy in the UK with negligible ability to help in clinical scenarios. The situation in Bara was entirely different. The surrounding neighbourhood, Soweto, has one of the highest incidences of violent crime in the world. On Friday and Saturday nights (especially around payday!) we would treat 20 gun-shot victims and an unlimited number of stab or bottle victims, not to mention those who had been involved in road accidents. Nine times out of ten these incidents were alcohol-related. However, whereas in the UK students can offer no help, at Bara I was actively involved in the team.

The hospital is hugely short of staff. Junior doctors in South Africa work over 100 hours a week for about £900 a month. They were delighted to have any extra hands with a basic level knowledge, as limited as mine was. It soon became clear that with a little training from the doctors I could become a useful addition to the junior doctors' team, and I was soon working 24-hour shifts with the rest of them. Simple tasks could be performed without supervision. There was a constant queue out of the door of the department and around the corner of patients heavily bandaged and waiting to be stitched, and in assessing them and stitching I could save a lot of doctors' and nurses' time. With a bit more experience, I was able to assist in resuscitations, and during busy times, lead the resus of less critically injured patients, allowing the more senior staff to concentrate on those requiring more urgent care.

This also turned out to be a valuable way of getting to know the residents of Soweto. Despite its bad press in foreign publications on account of the riots throughout the 1970s when Soweto became a national symbol of the fight against apartheid, it has been well enough developed for many richer inhabitants of Johannesburg to begin

moving back into some areas of the township in which they were raised. Nevertheless, the poverty in which many of the inhabitants live is striking. More shocking is the cheapness with which many people value their own lives and those of others around them, and this was reflected in the regular admissions of gun-shot and stab victims to the department.

Any medical student working at Bara is left with the impression that the successful treatment of a number of patients is reliant on the presence of students. Staff shortages mean that the department is unable to cope with the number of patients who have been injured. The frustration of seeing unnecessary loss of life through inadequate funds and resources is one understood by anybody working in health-care even in this country, but is particularly accentuated in a country such as South Africa which has such a high number of critically injured patients. The help that can be offered by a student, whilst almost non-existent in the UK, is invaluable under such circumstances, and was very gladly received.

The experience has added hugely to my personal training, and has taught me innumerable lessons in teamwork, communication, staying calm under pressure etc, but my venture would not have been possible without the financial help of the OKC, for which I am extremely grateful.

FROM THE ARCHIVES

VICTORIA CROSS

I was very pleased with the response to the article in the last issue of the Newsletter on OK holders of the Victoria Cross. One interesting point came to light concerning the Scarf Shield, awarded annually in memory of Arthur Scarf VC. When compiling the article I could find no record in the Archive of any of the recipients of the Shield; the award was not mentioned in the School Magazine, and no other source of information appears to have been lodged in the Archive. However, an important first step in finding the names came in an e-mail from John Timberlake (1949). John began by mentioning the impact on the schoolboys following the announcement of Scarf's award, and went on to say that he was very proud to have been the first recipient of the Shield.

I would be pleased to hear from anyone who was awarded the Shield in later years, or who remembers the name and year of anyone receiving it, so that a list can be compiled.

FRANCIS WHITE

The Archive receives enquiries from Australia quite frequently, and the most recent comes from a lady in Melbourne researching her family history. Her great-great-grandfather was Francis White who, together with his younger brother Arthur, was a pupil at KCS in 1834. Although we could confirm their attendance at the School, and supply some further details, we had no record of Francis White's career on leaving school, but our enquirer was able to tell us that he pursued a career in Architecture, and was admitted to the RIBA in 1842. Six years later he emigrated to Australia and, after a period "droving sheep", he started an architectural practice in Melbourne. He became Architect to the National Schools Board, and soon won first prize in the design competition for the University of Melbourne. This gothic-style University building with its fabulous quadrangle remains a celebrated building in Melbourne.

Readers of this section of the Newsletter may remember that this time last year I reported on an enquiry from Melbourne University itself. This concerned Martin Irving, who attended King's from 1842 to 1849. In 1856 he became the first Professor of Classics at the newly-founded University and later (1887) the Vice Chancellor. It was most interesting to learn that in addition to a prominent member of the Faculty, the Architect of the building was also an OK.

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OLD KING'S CLUB NEWS

OKC ANNUAL DINNER 17th November 2006

The Old King's Club annual dinner was held in the School dining hall on Friday 17th November. Just under one hundred Old Boys drawn from all age groups, together with several past and present members of the School teaching staff attended, in a warm and friendly atmosphere. The King's Kapella entertained those present during drinks before dinner, finishing with a sung grace. After an excellent meal provided by Janet Belcher and her staff, David Grossel, the Second Master, deputising for the Head Master who was in Australia, gave a short review of school activities during the past year. The guest Speaker was John Evans who, in a witty and entertaining speech, recounted memories of his 36 years at King's, the last 8 of which were as Headmaster of the Junior School. Many former members of John's tutor group were present, as well as Old Boys from the specially-targetted leaving years 1986, 1988, and 1996. Chairman of the dinner was Sir Robert Andrew KCB, President of the Old King's Club.

OLD BOYS v SCHOOL v STAFF X-COUNTRY

On 9th December, a beautiful autumn morning with the sun shining, and the temperature a few degrees above freezing, ideal conditions for cross country running, the 2006 Old Boys v School v Staff cross-country match was run. We were lucky in that the day was dry between two rainy spells. Wimbledon Common drains so well that although wet in places it was by no means a mud bath.

The leaders set off at a brisk pace and the leading pack was soon whittled down to one member from each team. By the windmill, Trapmore (Staff) and King (OK 1989) had broken away and were running stride for stride. Then with a movement more in keeping with a chamois of the Alps Trapmore threw himself down the steep hill to Queensmere pond and quickly opened up a twenty-yard lead, which was never really threatened, and he came home a comfortable winner. King held on for second place and Lock (OK 2006) narrowly pipped Smith (School) for third. The School occupied the next three places and the result was a win by one point for the School from the Old Boys.

Supporters in the shape of wives, children and parents also enjoyed the beautiful morning. We all returned to the school for tea and refreshments in the dining hall, which gave us the opportunity to renew old and make new friendships.

Altogether a most enjoyable event with all who came vowing to return next year, when additional runners will be most welcome to take part; we are not all Olympic hopefuls! Please register your interest now at okc@kcs.org.uk and we will make sure you are notified of the details.

Micky King

OLD BOYS NEWS

News of old boys is always of interest both to contemporaries and the wider membership, and is welcomed in the OK office. Information for inclusion in the Newsletter should be sent to the Hon. Secretary, Old King's Club, King's College School, Wimbledon, London SW19 4TT, or e-mailed to okc@kcs.org.uk.

Lt Col PETER ASHTON-WICKETT (1959) after a long career in the Army, has recently retired from the Army's Regular Commissions Board at Westbury. We are indebted to Brooke Pound (1957) for drawing our attention to an article in *The Gunner*, the regimental magazine of the Royal Artillery, which describes Peter as the longest-serving member of the Board, "...

having served both in uniform and as a civil servant, for 17 years. Most recently he served as the supervising officer, defining and refining the selection process. ...”

WILLIAM BRIERLY (1992) has been appointed Head of Economics at KCS, and will take up his appointment in September of this year. He joins two other 1992 leavers who are already on the KCS teaching staff, Tom Howland, who teaches Mathematics, and Chris Grimble, who teaches Art and is Head of Rowing.

Dr PETER COOK (1965) has recently retired from General Practice (see Changes of Address). For the last few years he has been assisting in the training of GPs in the Doncaster area, which he says has been both interesting and rewarding.

BRUCE CROXFORD (1998) writes to say that on leaving KCS he went to Goldsmith's College to study French Literature, but dropped out as he did not enjoy it. After a few years working for a financial public relations company in the city – with little job satisfaction – he took a job in a call centre, and trained to be a plumber in the evenings for two years. He is now working as a plumber for Sutton and East Surrey Water Services, and studying for advanced plumbing qualifications at NESCOL.

PAUL ENGEHAM (1968) works in the Ministry of Defence in London, and is still in touch with the Royal Navy and University RN units, who he helps with career advice. He is still fencing actively, both for the RN and at the University of London Union. He writes to say that recently he has met 3 OKs by chance in this capacity, Lt Ralph Coffey RN (1998), Tom Milner, Oxford University (2004), and Guy Woodward, London University (2005).

ROBERT HOGBEN (1988) graduated from Edinburgh University as a Mechanical Engineer, followed by a course in Ocean and Sub-sea Engineering at University College London. After two years working as a sub-sea control systems engineer he moved on to work as a mining engineer in South Africa, where he met Glynis, his future wife. He then returned to sub-sea work in London, Houston, and Aberdeen whilst his wife completed her law degree. Glynis and Robert then moved to Singapore, and most recently to Perth, in Western Australia.

DINNER AT MAGDALENE COLLEGE

On Saturday 11th November 2006, forty seven OKs from Oxford and Cambridge convened at Magdalene College, Cambridge for the biennial Old King's Club Oxbridge Dinner. Twenty eight travelled en masse from Oxford, joined by nineteen from Cambridge as well as David Grossel, Heather McKissack, Robin Hughes, Lies Goodchild (and her husband Robin), Tom Howland, and John Carroll representing the School. Micky King and Bob Friedlander flew the OKC flag and we were joined by Michael Keall, Alumni Secretary of the College.

Drinks were served in the Edwardian Benson Hall, adjacent to First Court and dinner in the sixteenth-century Hall. Magdalene's small Hall viewed under candlelight with its handsome stained-glass, dramatic frescoes and dark green panelling provided a stunning and historical backdrop to a wonderful dinner. The chef's offering of seafood terrine, roast rack of lamb and spiced pear with fried ice-cream in filo pastry was delectable and the wine, delicious and abundant. Dinner was brought to a close with an ill-prepared speech by yours truly, an eloquent response from David Grossel, and a round or two of College port and coffee. Many then decamped to the college bar before a regretful Oxonian departure at the stroke of midnight. With a seemingly youthful gathering of leavers from 2004 – 2006, there was much nostalgic reminiscence amongst staff and contemporaries alike.

I offer my thanks to James Cope (2004) whose coordination from the other side of the academic divide proved invaluable, and also to the staff who made the trip from Wimbledon. I am grateful to Michael Keall, whose patronage allowed the OKC to dine in Hall, a practice usually reserved for fellows and students of the College during full term. Finally, my sincere thanks for the generosity exhibited by the OKC, and particularly to Micky King and Bob Friedlander for their unfaltering enthusiasm and organisation of an extremely enjoyable evening.

Joel Howland (2004)

DEATHS

A BOWTELL (1959) 1st October 2006
N H CHAMBERS (1942) 15th November 2006
S CLARK (1965) 11th June 2006
P N DICKIN (1954) 23rd June 2006
D H DUVAL (1940) 8th October 2006
R F J DEWHURST (1939) Unknown date
D R FIFE (1933) Unknown date
Sir VICTOR GOODHEW (1935) 11th October 2006
L H HILL (1948) 11th February 2007
I G HOLT (1937) 12th September 2006
R E H HUDSON (Hon Life) 16th November 2006
R K INGRAM (1948) 5th January 2007
J E JONES (1948) 6th February 2007
A W LOVEBAND (Hon Life) 5th February 2007
J P MEERING (1948) Unknown date
I D METHERELL (1949) 3rd September 2004
O H MORRIS (1939) December 2005
G G OWEN (1932) February 2006
G. RICKETTS (1963) 28th August 2006
J P STILES (1936) 2nd March 2007
N W M WHARTON (1961) October 2004
M W E WILD (1932) 10th August 2006
M L YOUNG (1945) 9th October 2006

OBITUARIES

TONY LOVEBAND



Tony Loveband was the last survivor of those who taught at King's before the Second World War. After education at Cheltenham and Cambridge, he arrived in Wimbledon to teach mathematics in 1937, only to leave again for war service in 1940. He served in the Devonshire Regiment as a Major, especially in Northern

Ireland, where he met his future wife, Mary.

Back at King's, from 1946, he held many positions of responsibility, including Master-in-Charge of Cricket (he was a good games player himself), Officer Commanding the CCF and Housemaster of the Boarding House (Weycroft) from 1948 to 1958.

He was Vice-Master (later Second Master) from 1958 until 1976, responsible for much of the time for the whole academic and disciplinary administration of the School,

and providing great and sympathetic support to all his colleagues. He was a perfect foil to his great friend, Frank Shaw, as Head Master. Tony never made an enemy, or lost his temper. He continued to teach part-time until 1982.

Eventually he and Mary moved to Hertfordshire to live near their older daughter, Shelagh. Tony died in February this year, just before his 92nd birthday. Mary died in 2005. Admired and greatly loved by countless colleagues, OKs and friends, as well as his large family, Tony has a special place in the history of King's.

Andrew Lang

The Old King's Club office has received a number of tributes to Tony – too many to print. Typical are the following, from members of the OK Golf Club.

From Graham Cox (1964). There are times when you need a sympathetic ear, even schoolboys, and Tony would always find time to offer advice. He taught me Maths, helping me to pass A level, when others had not been particularly successful, and that A level was fundamental in my further education and career in Engineering.

From Nigel Horrocks (1949). Strangely enough I too did not understand mathematics until Tony took me in hand and was able to get me up to standard after every other teacher had failed. I would not have made it at optometry without his help. He was also a very nice person and he and his wife were frequent visitors to my practice for some years.

From John Oliver (1973). I too only got through A level maths because of his skill and patience. A very able and nice man.

From Gavin Stebbing (1978). I have great memories of Tony. He taught me A-Level maths in tandem with Eddie Casale, and there was rarely a dull moment. Tony was a real diamond – one of life's real nice guys.

From Peter Methley (1955). I owe my O and A level maths to Tony Loveband. He used to coach me after school and was absolutely determined that he would make me "see the light"! He was such an inspirational figure, not only in the classroom, but also on the rugby field and in the CCF. Twenty-five years after leaving school, I attended an Old Boys Dinner and Tony came straight up to me and said "Hello Methley what are you doing these days"! He never forgot a face or name!!

From Neil Price (1969). I was never taught by Tony Loveband but there are loads of family associations. My

grandfather ("Daddy" Price) taught at the school for 37 years but as he retired in 1935 and Tony only came in 1937, they did not overlap. However my father, Hugh Price, was a pupil at the school until 1938 and he and Tony became very firm friends. Tony certainly remembered my grandfather from that time. Dad said that Tony eventually inherited my grandfather's old room in "The Hut" which was demolished in the 60s to make way for the new quad.

When I was at school in the 60s, I remember Tony as the perfect gentleman to whom all we foul youths secretly looked to as a role model. Dapper, never a hair out of place (and none of them grey), he never lost the cool and dealt with problems with a firmness that commanded total respect. As such, he and Frank Shaw were the perfect team, being on exactly the same wavelength.

This also applied of course on the golf course where they were the invincible fourball pairing whom Fred Cosstick relied on year after year to come up with the inevitable point in the Masters v Boys match at Royal Wimbledon. But I'm pleased to say it all went wrong in 1969! Mike Allen and I had drawn the short straw and were four down with six to play, the writing seemingly being on the wall. Tony was playing his usual blinder off 24, saying (and who were we to doubt him) that it was his only outing of the year. Frank, well down in single figures, dovetailed with his colleague perfectly. But then something inexplicable happened. We kept the heads down, their wheels fell off, and we took them by 1 hole on the last. As we shook hands with a bemused Head Master, he frowned at us and droned, "Boys, you will report to my study at 9am tomorrow where you will be thrashed"! The grin on Tony's face was innocent and benign. However, it was the look of complete stupor on Fred's visage, as he choked on his pint back in the clubhouse when we returned in a state of suppressed triumph, that will linger in my memory for ever. The boys had won by a single point when Fred was already celebrating the inevitable victory. Oh – to have been a fly on the wall in the Common Room the next day! *Donations in memory of Tony Loveband, if desired, may be made to KCS, to assist in the provision of Bursaries. Cheques should be made payable to 'King's College School' and sent to Bryan Stokes at the School address. Gift Aid forms are available for those who pay UK income tax.*

ALLISTER BOWTELL (1959) a sculptor, film designer, and model maker, died of prostate cancer on 20 September 2006, aged 66.

Allister came to King's College Junior School in 1951, and remained at KCS for the next eight years. He excelled at art, enjoyed working with the film unit, became a

House Prefect, and a member of the School Rowing VIII.

On leaving school he was articled to a firm of accountants, but broke his articles to become a trainee TV cameraman. After two years, in 1961, he left to enter Chelsea Art School, where he spent much of his time in the metal workshop. He left Chelsea when the College lost its Dip AD sculpture accreditation. Next, working as a sculptor and using his television contacts, he made numerous models including the original cybermen for Dr Who, Rod Hull's emu, and props for Monty Python and the Goodies. He rowed for the Vesta Rowing Club and for the Chelsea Arts Club, and gave memorable parties on Boat Race Day.

Allister was responsible for a number of public statues, the most recent of which, and the first in London, were unveiled in 2003 by Prince Andrew at the Duke of York's development opposite Peter Jones on the King's Road. He was elected to the Royal Society of British Sculptors in 2001.

More detailed obituaries appeared in both The Independent and the Surrey Comet.

SIR VICTOR GOODHEW (1935), who died on 11 October 2006 aged 86, was a right-wing Conservative MP from 1959 until 1983.

Victor came to King's from Rokeby in 1933 and stayed for two years, gaining his General Schools Certificate with Matric exemption.

On leaving school he joined a firm of Chartered Accountants as an articled clerk. Following the outbreak of the Second World War, he served in the RAF as a radar controller, rising to the rank of Squadron Leader and eventually controlling an airborne radar unit. After the war he entered the family catering business, but his main interest lay in politics. He was a member of Westminster City Council from 1953 until his election to Parliament as MP for St Albans in 1959.

He held a number of junior ministerial appointments, and was knighted for his services in 1982. He retired from parliament at the 1983 general election, following his second heart by-pass operation in ten years.

More detailed obituaries appeared in both The Times and the Daily Telegraph.

IVOR GEORGE HOLT (1937) died on 12 September 2006, age 86. He was born in Antwerp, Belgium, where his father was a director of a construction company. After a few years the family moved to Wimbledon and in due course Ivor came first to the Junior and then the Senior School. On leaving school he decided to follow his father into the construction industry.

On the outbreak of war he joined the 8th Survey Regiment, and saw action in both Italy and North Africa. After the war he pursued a career as a director of various building and development companies. He is survived by his daughter and three grandchildren.

KEITH INGRAM (1948), who died on 5 January, after a short illness, was one of the more colourful figures at KCS in the 1940's. Coming from the Junior School, he rose through the main school to spend four years in the Classical Sixth, winning various prizes on the way. A keen rugby player, he captained the unbeaten 1st XV in 1946-47 and became Captain of the School in 1947-48. As a result of a rugby injury he was unfit for National Service but undertook a spell of preparatory school teaching before taking up his place at Brasenose College, Oxford, where he gained an honours degree in Greats and was a prominent figure in the social life of the College (and in the BNC beer cellar!).

After graduating he returned to teaching, this time at the Dragon School, Oxford, where he was to spend the rest of his career. Appointed headmaster in 1964, at the early age of 35, he remained in post for the next 25 years, becoming something of a legend, remembered with affection by generations of Dragon boys. The fact that he was presented with a motor car on his retirement was a fitting (and possibly unique) tribute to his outstanding headship.

He will also be remembered with great affection by his many friends from KCS including the members of the small dining club known (for obscure reasons) as the Georgian Society, which was founded in 1946-47 and still exists. He was an independent, sometimes idiosyncratic character, with a strong sense of humour, and a valued member of the group.

Keith never married. He retired to Sussex, where he shared a house with his sister and was active in the local church and in working for the joint Educational Trust Charity. The Old King's Club was well represented at his funeral on 23 January. A Thanksgiving Service will be held at the Dragon School, Oxford, at 11 a.m. on 3 June. Robert Andrew

A longer obituary appeared in The Times.

JAMES ALAN SHEPHERD (1949), who died on 11th January 2006, came to King's in 1944 from the Priory School Banstead. Having gained his General School Certificate with Matric exemption, and his Higher School Certificate, he was awarded a place at King's College Cambridge to read Law. Unfortunately, family circumstances made it impossible for him to take up this

place, and instead he entered the Civil Service and began what was to become a distinguished career in the Post Office.

In 1970 James was appointed the youngest District Postmaster. Other positions followed, including Head of Industrial Relations, and Head of the National Parcel Post Operations, and in 1982 he was promoted to be Assistant Director of the Post Office. He retired in 1985 and in 1988 he and his wife Joy moved to Torquay, where he pursued an active life, including some work as a lecturer in Industrial Relations at the Manchester Business School.

James was described at his funeral as a man of singular integrity and honesty, who had a great love of literature, especially the works of Dickens and Shakespeare. He is survived by his wife, his son David, who was at King's from 1979 to 1984, and three grandchildren.

Because of his high regard for King's, James left the school a substantial legacy, some of which will be used to purchase copies of books by Dickens.

JACK PHILIP STILES (1936) died on 2nd March 2007, aged 87. Jack came to King's in 1933 from Willington School, Putney. He attained General Schools standard, but was more happy on the sports field, and with the School O.T.C. He was a member of the Rugby 1st XV 1936/37 (Ernest Dann's side) and a member of the Cricket 2nd XI.

After leaving King's he worked in the City, and joined the TA unit, the Artists Rifles, in common with several other members of his family. At the outbreak of war he was commissioned in November 1939 to the Worcestershire Regiment, and served in France with the British Expeditionary Force from January 1940 to May 1940, returning to the UK via Dunkirk.

In 1943 he volunteered for overseas service and was posted to Egypt, and then India, and finally joined his regiment in Burma with the Fourteenth Army. At the end of the war he had attained the rank of Major.

After the war Jack joined a large textile company, and became a director in 1964. He retired in 1982, living in Birchington-on-Sea, Kent. He was a very enthusiastic and keen golfer and was a member of the St Augustine's Golf Club, Ebbsfleet, Kent for 30 years.

Jack Stiles leaves a widow, a son, a daughter, and three grandchildren.

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