



# Old King's Club



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## CHANGES TO THE NEWSLETTER: A REMINDER

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, the Rowans, the Squirrels, 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 is the second of the new-style OKC Newsletters. The Hon Secretary would be pleased to hear any comments from readers about the change.

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

### OLD KING'S CLUB

2nd September 2007	OKC v School Boat Race (check date with OKC office)
6th October 2007	The Annual Gaudy will be held at the School
23rd November 2007	OKC Annual Dinner at the School (see below)
8th December 2007	OKC v School Cross Country Race

### SCHOOL

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.

## OKC ANNUAL DINNER

Advance notice

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

The date is

**Friday 16th November 2007**

Please make a note in your diaries now, to be sure that you do not miss this event. Full details will be included in the next KCS Community Newsletter, which will be sent to you in October 2007.

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

### SCHOOL SHOP

A wide range of OKC items, as well as leisureware, is available from the School Shop in the Lodge. The opening hours, telephone number, and other information are available on the School web site, [www.kcs.org.uk](http://www.kcs.org.uk).

### THE NEWSLETTER

Layout and distribution of this Newsletter were carried out by Tristan Bradley of the Development Office, from material edited by Bryan Stokes of the OKC Office. 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

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### THE NEWSLETTER ONLINE

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### THIS ISSUE

This issue of the newsletter features a full report from the KCS Old Boys Rugby Football Club in this, their centenary year. The front cover photograph is an action shot of the 1st XV taken by Trevor Wingate.

### 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 and news of the School.

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## OKC GAP YEAR AWARDS

*ALI MURAD was one of the recipients of an OKC Gap Year Award in 2006. Ali, who is studying Medicine at Oxford University, received his award to help him undertake his medical elective for about one month each at the Sir Ganga Ram Hospital, Delhi, India, and the Port of Spain General Hospital, Trinidad. He sent us this report of his activities.*

Sir Ganga Ram Hospital runs a busy paediatric department, which includes inpatient beds, numerous outpatient clinics, a paediatric intensive care unit, and an accident and emergency department.

I spent most of my time in paediatric clinics and speaking to paediatric inpatients, their families and their doctors. Attending paediatric clinics was particularly valuable. Many clinics were held each day, including a wide range of specialist clinics such as paediatric neurology, paediatric endocrinology and paediatric rheumatology. The general outpatient clinics, which were held every day and open to everyone, free of charge and regardless of appointments were particularly memorable! They took place in small rooms into which two doctors, two patients and their families were crammed. There was no organised queuing system, with the result that the room was often also filled with other patients who wanted to ensure that they were seen next.

These clinics provided a fantastic opportunity to see pathologies not usually seen in England. These included numerous suspected cases of tuberculosis, and treatment for the disease was often commenced before a firm diagnosis had been made. I was able to examine patients, suggest diagnoses and help with simple practical procedures such as

vaccinations. Speaking to inpatients and attending ward-rounds was also an excellent way to learn. Patients, their families and doctors were all extremely friendly and keen to help.

I was also able to spend several days working in the paediatric ICU, the paediatric emergency department and the neonatal department. All of these placements provided opportunities to see pathologies that I had had few opportunities to see in Oxford.

The Eric Williams Medical Sciences Complex in Trinidad was also a large, multidisciplinary teaching hospital. I spent the majority of my time in the Accident and Emergency department. This was an extremely busy department dealing with a wide range of conditions. I saw a large amount of asthma, road traffic accident victims and sickle cell disease, which has a high prevalence throughout the Caribbean.

*BILAL KAHLOON also received an OKC Gap Year Award in 2006. Bilal is studying Medicine at University College London, and received his award to help him undertake his medical elective at the Aga Khan University Hospital, Karachi, Pakistan. He sent us this report.*

Before Christmas I had the opportunity to work at the Aga Khan University Hospital (AKUH) in Karachi, Pakistan, for two months as part of my final year medical elective. The AKUH is a huge hospital on a sprawling site, boasting almost 600 beds with 38,000 patients admitted annually. The hospital serves as a specialist centre for virtually every condition, taking referrals from around the country.

I pursued an elective in infectious diseases,

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with the intention of studying different forms of tuberculosis infection, in an area where it endemic. However, upon my arrival the first English-language newspaper I picked up at the airport read “Viral Haemorrhagic Fever Cases Rise” across the front page. It was immediately apparent the focus of my study was about to change.

As fate would have it, an unusually wet summer (combined with poor sewerage systems across the city) led to an altered pattern of mosquito migration, leaving the city victim to a ferocious Dengue Fever epidemic. During the course of my stay I attended to over 100 patients afflicted with the disease and wrote up the first clinical study of the epidemic, which will be published this coming summer.

Beyond Dengue, I had the chance to observe conditions every day that would never be found in British hospitals. These tended to fall into two groups: those diseases due to tropical infection; and those that would have been caught by a doctor much earlier in their course. The advanced conditions represented an extreme of medicine that one only reads about in textbooks or occasionally sees on the television programme “House”. I remember at one point dealing with an emergency patient who had been passed from hospital to hospital as the complications of a snakebite built up. After my initial assessment of a very complex case I thought it best to look in my textbook for advice. I only found one line: “refer to a specialist centre”!

There were obvious differences between the practice of medicine in Karachi and the UK, however what startled me most was when a family asked me to donate blood for their son. The family were concerned about

infected blood being administered and felt that my UK immunisations would make me unlikely to harbour any disease that may be passed on! Fortunately the young man recovered well without a transfusion.

The experience of both the AKUH and living in Karachi for two months were certainly eye-opening and most useful. This trip would not have been possible without the generous support of the OKC, to whom I am most grateful.

*A total of three Gap Year Awards have been made for 2007. The recipients, all of whom are at present students in the School sixth form, are: EDWARD ALLEN, to teach English at a school in China; QUIN MURRAY, to work distributing clothes and toys to children in Nepal; and ALEX RODIN, to work on a conservation project in Tanzania.*

### THE GEORGIAN SOCIETY

A group of boys who had shared the experience of the war years at KCS decided in 1946-47 to found a small drinking/dining club, which they named “The Georgian Society” after the building which then housed the School tuckshop and lavatories and which, they had been assured by their French master, “Rubber” Rhys, was a fine example of Georgian architecture. The Society had a membership of nine (one over the eight) and, to demonstrate its classical scholarship, adopted the motto “Nunc est bibendum”.

Remarkably, through all the dispersal caused by National Service, university courses, and the demands of differing careers, including postings abroad, the

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Society has kept together, meeting in London pubs and in the summer at Burpham in Sussex, the site of the wartime School harvest camps. Sadly, with the deaths over the years of David Browne (1960), Thomas Tucker (1996), Colin Davies (1996), and most recently Keith Ingram in January 2007, membership is now reduced to five: Robert Andrew, Angus Newman, Noel Pepperall, Sydney Scott, and Jay Wilton. But the Society carries on. In addition to its private meetings, from time to time it organises larger gatherings. On 12th May 2007 some two dozen contemporaries attended a lunch in the Dalziel Room at KCS to celebrate the Society's 60th anniversary. A convivial occasion was enjoyed by all, with suitable toasts, nostalgic reminiscences, and sentimental examination of old photographs. May the Society continue to flourish!

*Robert Andrew*

## CAREERS

As reported in the June issue of the KCS Community Newsletter the School Careers Evening took place on Tuesday 15th May. This year's Lower Sixth form was rather larger than usual, and almost all boys eligible to attend were present. This called for a somewhat larger number of Careers Advisors. It may be of interest to know that of the 105 Advisors present, 82 were Old Boys of the School, the remainder being drawn from parents and a few who had no direct contact with the School. Gordon Robson is always keen to hear from any Old Boy who would like to help on these evenings.

## FROM THE ARCHIVES

### ROYAL COMMISSION REPORT

Following a chance remark at a meeting of the School Archivists Group at the National Archive, Kew, and with the assistance of the Keeper of the Archive at Dulwich College, KCS Archive has acquired a copy of the Reports of the Royal Commission on Scientific Instruction and the Advancement of Science, published 1871-1875.

The importance to us of this document (or documents – there are in fact eight volumes containing a total of 1,983 pages, mercifully all as pdf files on a single DVD) is as follows. The Commission called for specific detailed information about the teaching of Science from eighteen leading Public and Endowed schools, of which KCS was one. The various submissions from these schools are reproduced in full in the Report, and extensively analysed. Unfortunately the submission by KCS Head Master G F Maclear was not as complete or detailed as some of the others, but nevertheless gives considerable insight into the KCS Science curriculum at the time, including methods of teaching, proportion of practical work undertaken, text books used, tests and examinations, and many other details, none of which had previously been available in our Archive.

The greater part of the Reports is devoted to Science in Universities, but the conclusions drawn, as far as schools are concerned, make interesting reading for us, as they include such details as, inter alia, lists of recommended apparatus, together with prices; suitable demonstration experiments; and advice on laboratory design, much of it drawn from the practice in schools such as

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KCS, UCS, Dulwich, Christ's Hospital, Eton, Harrow, Clifton, and others.

Unlike the majority of the other schools, KCS of course had tuition in Science, with laboratory accommodation, right from the start in 1831, thanks to its position as the Junior Department of King's College London; UCS was in a similar position. It is interesting to note that even in 1875 a number of leading schools, although teaching some Science, still gave their students no opportunity to do practical work. In addition, KCS was one of only three major schools to have a Workshop, teaching both Wood and Metal Work. Thanks to this document we now know some details of the Science curriculum at KCS in the 1870s.

#### WORLD WAR II MEDALS

A remarkable piece of King's memorabilia was brought in to the archive recently. The item is a large framed document on which are displayed the medal ribbons of all the different awards made to Old Boys during World War II, together with a note of the numbers of OKs gaining each award. The display is too big to illustrate in this Newsletter, but a small section is reproduced in the KCS Community Newsletter accompanying this OKC Newsletter, to give readers some idea of the whole thing.

We do not know who created this remarkable compilation. It was found in the attic of No. 9 Highbury Road, Wimbledon, by the owners of the house when they recently sold their home and moved elsewhere, and it was then given to our President, Sir Robert Andrew. It had

presumably been left in the attic by a previous owner.

Attempts are now being made to find out the names of the previous owners of the house, and readers of the Newsletter may be able to help with this. Does anyone know the name of any person connected with KCS who lived at 9 Highbury Road in the 1940s or early 1950s? If so, please do let me know.

*Bryan Stokes*

#### OK SPORTS CLUBS

##### GOLF

The last season has been a period of development for the Old Boys Golf squad. Rupert Rea became our new Scratch team captain, and younger players jostled for positions over the elder statesmen.

On paper, we had three very strong pairs going into the 2006 Grafton Morrish Finals, but unfortunately we stumbled at the second hurdle to a strong Charterhouse team. However we picked up ourselves after the disappointment and qualified well for the Sunday Plate tournament. Choong & Crowther continued on their trail of destruction, overturning Oakham 2nd pair 8 and 7, a tournament record, with the other pairs competing well. The final of the plate posed the momentous task of playing Millfield who were much stronger than us on paper. All matches went close to the wire, and KCS prevailed 2 games to 1; a good start to Captain Rea's tenure.

After considering a number of local clubs, it was decided to return to the Royal Wimbledon GC for this year's Old Boys Spring Meeting. Occasionally in life it is possible to get something exactly right and

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the date chosen was the 11th May, which just happened to be the day before the RWGC Spring Meeting. This meant that the course was in excellent condition with greens true and consistent, bunkers well raked and full of sand and fairways lush and easy. The down side to this is that there was nothing to blame for poor scoring.

On the day, the best Stableford score was Daniel Harris, one of the schoolboys, with 37 points followed by Paul Druckman, who won the Bill Cox cup with 34 pts. Tom Howland had the best Scratch score of 80, beating Paul by one point, and was duly presented with the Blades Scratch Cup.

The 2007 season saw out first "friendly" match in over thirty years. KCS just about put ten players together and, with a full carvery lunch at lunchtime, we beat Sherborne 8 – 2. Hardly a contest some might say; the only blemish to the scoreboard was the Mortlock/Olivier loss in the morning foursomes. This served as merely a warm up for our main event of the summer, Grafton Morrish qualifying at our "home club" Royal Wimbledon. We managed a tally of 98, a modern-day record, with pairings of Rea/Clark, Patel/Olivier and Crowther/Choong all performing well. I feel this line-up would beat even the strongest of oppositions.

The final of the Old Schools putting is on Thursday 15th June, where KCS will have to battle is out with last year's winner Marlborough. With an exceptionally strong team of Rea, Mortlock, Crowther and Choong, KCS won their qualifying pool with 41 points with Fettes coming second on 34. Good luck to all.

I eagerly look forward to the 22nd June,

where the Old Boys and present staff and pupils clash horns; we hope to discover the next batch of Grafton Morrish winners

*Michael Choong*

### **Golf fixtures for 2007**

*April 28th* Grafton Morrish Qualifying, London Royal Wimbledon Golf Club

*May 11th* OK Golf Club Spring Meeting, Royal Wimbledon Golf Club

*June 22nd* OK v Staff v School, Royal Wimbledon Golf Club

July 16th Surrey Schools Old Boys Golf, Clandon Regis Golf Club.

*Oct 4th-7th* Grafton Morrish Final, Hunstanton and Royal West Norfolk Golf Clubs

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### **HOCKEY**

Two Old Boys played for Oxford in this year's Oxford v Cambridge match, which took place on 6th March, thus gaining a Hockey 'blue'. They were Harry Slater, who was in his second year at New College, reading Chemistry, and Nick Randel, second year History at St Anne's.

In the 'Pen Portraits' given in the programme of events for the match, Harry was said to have "a huge talent, and without his quality 'facilitating' in the centre of mid-field the season might have a very different look than it presently does" and for Nick he was "blessed with lightening pace" and "does not know when to quit, both qualities making him an excellent individual and team player."

Our congratulations to them both.

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## RUGBY

The KCS Old Boys Rugby Club celebrated its 100th season in 2006-07. The Centenary Committee organised several special events, all of which were well supported, and seem to have been well received. Two of these, a rugby Dinner in the autumn, and a May Ball, took place at the School. The Club is most grateful to the Head Master and the many members of the School staff who made these most enjoyable events possible on our home ground. The third event was a 1st XV match against a Surrey President's XV, which is reported below. Overall, the Centenary events generated a profit, and the Club is donating £1,250 to both of our nominated charities. The remainder will be invested in refurbishing our diabolical car park, as time and opportunity allow. The Club thanks the Centenary Committee for their efforts, and especially to Julia Rawlinson for masterminding a legendary Ball.

The season has been suitably successful. The 1st XV finished their league programme in 4th place in London 3 SW (RFU level 7), having secured a rather fortuitous promotion after the previous campaign. It took several hard experiences in the early stages, but the team did adapt to the pace and commitment necessary at this level, and did not record a substandard performance after Christmas. Two matches stand out: a rugged defensive effort to hold on for a 21-18 win away at Winchester, and just failing to do the same at Dorking (19-20). The team featured veteran props Paul Calaminus (1992) and Mark Prior (1989), both of whom played prominent roles in the tight defensive struggles and the trademark

rolling mauls. Young second rowers Tom Moore (1999), who was our first Mini section member, vintage 1993, and Marc 'Sideshow' Davies (2004) show great promise. Tim Ralston (2000) played a dominant and skilful part at scrum half, and Jonno Venter's (1999) incursions from fullback shattered the opposition on several occasions. Perhaps the most improved player was right wing Paddy Smith (2000), whose confidence and sidestep improved to match his great pace as the season progressed.

It's good to report that the 2nd and 3rd XVs enjoyed excellent seasons, finishing in second place in their respective merit tables. The 2nd XV were runners-up to Rosslyn Park in the Surrey Premiership, and the 3rd XV conceded the Surrey Combination 1 to Esher on points' difference. Both teams finished comfortably ahead of our peer group clubs' reserve teams.

The club fielded a 4th XV from time to time, often under the inspirational leadership of Hungarian international Rob Dembitz (1996). Injuries and unavailability meant that it was not possible to run this team on a regular basis. I am glad to report that next season sees a new initiative, with a Development XV being launched, broadly targeted at the 18-24 age group. This team will play as a parallel 3rd XV, and it will fill a significant gap in our playing development programme.

The Mini and Junior sections continue to thrive at all levels from U6 to U18, with many children (and parents) enjoying the Club's facilities on winter Sunday mornings. The Minis certainly made their mark on the Centenary season, with the U11s winning,

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and the U9s jointly winning, their respective sections at the Surrey 'A' Mini Rugby festival. Both results represent 'first times' for the club.

For next season, the Club's management and coaching staff is already preparing to build on our recent success. London 3 SW looks as if it will be significantly stronger, and the 1st XV will be challenged to improve on last season's performance against the strong new teams which are coming into the league.

100 years ago, KCS Old Boys celebrated their formal inauguration with a win over the Old Haileyburians. The intervening century has seen a volatile history, ranging from the peaks of appearing at Twickenham in the Middlesex 7s finals in 1963, and winning the Surrey Cup in 1983, with times when the Club was close to foundering. Today's happy situation is that with excellent facilities, sound management under the leadership of Paddy Ralston, and superb coaching teams, the Club's future looks to be secure. KCS Old Boys RFC strives to play attractive, sporting amateur rugby at all levels – and to maintain and strengthen our ties with King's College School.

1st XV home fixtures in 2007:

15th September, Winchester;

29th September, London Irish Amateurs

20th October, Old Reigatian

3rd November, Old Wimbledonians  
(also Former Players' Luncheon);

1st December, Tottonians

15th December, Purley John Fisher.

The President's Luncheon will be held on Saturday 9th February.

Much more information will be published

on website [www.kings.org.uk](http://www.kings.org.uk)

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SURREY PRESIDENT'S XV 31

The King's Rugby Centenary Match was played on Sunday 22nd April, in the presence of the largest crowd to watch a King's senior contest at Motspur Park. The King's XV delivered a memorable performance to which everyone in the squad contributed with energy and passion. The pitch was extremely hard and the afternoon heat and high humidity provided very demanding playing conditions. Both teams deserve great credit for driving themselves all the way in this most competitive and vigorous match.

Surrey fielded a team of county trialists, many of whom went on to play in the County Championship. They included several players who were faster than anyone King's had seen this season, and King's were fortunate to have strengthened their squad with Chris Ritchie (an OK currently contracted with London Welsh) as a most welcome guest hooker. Chris generously donated one of his cherished Barbarian jerseys to the Club, and this will be featured in our Centenary display at the clubhouse. In the match, Chris quietly helped to guide some of the team's key efforts in attack and defence, in addition to the strength and skill of his play. The King's squad also included schoolboys Tom Dugarin and Alex Humphries. Tom started in the centre, and

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Alex came on as a second half replacement, playing flanker.

The early stages of the match were dour, and resembled several of the 1st XV's tighter London 3 SW league encounters. The teams seemed well-matched, with King's rather better organised up front, and Surrey showing a little more danger outside. Surrey defended well to counter King's signature driving mauls.

In the event it was Surrey who recorded two converted tries scored in quick succession through taking swift advantage of relatively small King's defensive lapses (0-14). As the first half progressed, it seemed that King's were likely to come away empty-handed as Surrey effectively countered the Old Boys' different forms of attack, and the highly competitive nature of the contest became clear. Then Tom Dugarin rolled and jinked to create an opening to break through the Surrey defence and touch down for an unconverted try (5-14). The half closed with another Surrey score (5-19) and King's clearly had much to do to get back on terms.

King's opened the second half with a fine try by Jonno Venter (10-19) as the match tempo heated up. King's were effectively increasing their forward momentum and this generated better quality ball for halves Tim Ralston & Graham McDougal to feed to the outside backs, or to kick tactically for field position. Surrey scored an unconverted try rather against the run of play (10-24); and then Andy Harrison smashed through the middle for an excellent score, converted by Tom Dugarin (17-24).

King's closed the gap to 22-24 via a superbly executed 80 metre interception try

by substitute Fraser Houlder. King's seemed to be gaining the advantage, but it was Surrey who answered brilliantly with a fine try for their hooker. (22-31).

In the final phase, King's made their last substitutions, including 43 year old Coach Julian Lamb coming on to partner Dugarin at centre. Interestingly, it was King's fitness that proved to be superior in the sapping heat of the final stages. The Old Boys secured a sustained attacking platform in midfield that forced Surrey to concede a penalty, which Tom Dugarin converted (25-31).

The match entered injury time. King's drove up the field one more time and set up another rolling maul. All the hours of team practice paid off, and sound technique combined with the side's great determination to win generated the ultimate surge over the Surrey line. Everyone on the touchline expected Mark Prior to emerge with ball and grin – but in fact it was Alex Humphries who touched down. Prior had of course been busy in the engine room! (30-31)

So it all came down to the conversion, placed a few metres in-field from the left touchline. The kick was entrusted to School 1st XV captain Dugarin. "He thrives in pressure situations!" said School Director of Rugby Marcus Blackburn confidently. Tom's kick set off on the right line – and had just enough power to clear the crossbar (32-31). The crowd exploded with a victory roar.

King's managed to control the ball during the remaining short period of play. The referee's final whistle blast evoked one more bellow from the appropriately partisan

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crowd - and then the party really started.  
King's 1st XV: Mark Prior, Chris Ritchie,  
Paul Calaminus; Iain Richards (Captain),  
Tom Moore; Eddie Milne, Rob Adams, Will  
Obbard; Tim Ralston, Graham McDougal;  
Jannie Pretorius, Tom Dugarin, Andrew  
Harrison, Paddy Smith; Jonno Venter.  
Replacements: Chris Cottrell, Marc Davies,  
Fraser Houlder, Alex Humphries, Steed  
Richardson, Kyle Jardine, Stu Davidson,  
Julian Lamb.

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## 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.*

DAVID BANN (1961) is still working in book production, and is currently Production Director of Michael O'Mara Books. He has worked in printing all his life, at one time as Production Director of Penguin Books, and writes that his love of print was originally inspired at KCS by Robert Holloway and the Art Society Press. He recently had published his All New Print Production Handbook, a new edition of his text book originally written in 1986.

DAVID BURBRIDGE (1992), having worked for AEA Technology Rail (latterly DeltaRail) in Derby for 9 years, including

several stints abroad in Hong Kong and Sweden, has decided that it was time to move back to London (see changes of address). He is still in the railway industry, now working for Metronet.

LIONEL MATSUYA (2000) is now living in Oxford (see changes of address) and is working as a Christian Youth Worker in a school-based organisation.

DOUGLAS MOBSBY (1954) was awarded the MBE in the Queen's Birthday Honours "for services to Local Government in the City of London and to the community in the SE".

ARRAN SMITH (2005) was forced to take an emergency gap year through illness, but he is now back to full health, and is now in his second year studying Veterinary Science at Ormond College, Melbourne University, Melbourne, Australia.

OSCAR VERONESE (1979) in a recent e-mail from Singapore, told us something of his life in Asia during the last 12 years. He went out to Hong Kong in 1995 with Time Magazine, then to Australia in 1998, and finally to Singapore in 2000.

Three years ago he joined the executive search business to run the media, communications, and advertising practice of an executive search firm called "I Search World Wide". The company is based in Singapore but its tendrils reach globally, with a focus on the Asia Pacific region. As his career has been entrenched in the media world, he writes, "I was fascinated to note, on the OKC website, how much interest the

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media world holds in career aspirations for the current members of the School”.

Oscar is married, his wife Tess also works in the advertising and media world, and they have two sons, aged 5 and 2.

## DEATHS

It is with sorrow that we have to report the following deaths.

R W GORTON (1956) 12 November 2007

L J F PRIOR (1925) 5 June 2007

Mrs TRISH TAMPIN-MARSHALL (Hon)  
22 June 2007

C L THOMPSON (1955) 22 May 2007

C N TOPPING (1945) 20 March 2007

P WATERS (1944) June 06

## OBITUARIES

### RICHARD HUDSON

RICHARD HUDSON, an Honorary Life Member, and member of the teaching staff of the English Department from 1953 to 1986, died on 16th November 2006. On his retirement, the School Magazine published an assessment of his life at King’s, which we reproduce here.

Dick Hudson, who retired in July 1986 after thirty-three years at King’s, came to the School having previously taught at Westminster Under School and Latymer Upper School. Educated at Clifton College and Exeter College, Oxford, he served in the Royal Navy during the War, commanding his own craft at D-Day. During his time at King’s, he contributed twenty-five years to the C.C.F., fifteen of them in charge of the Naval Section, ran the Squash Club for six years, organised House League Cricket, and refereed hundreds of hockey, rugby and

cricket games, mainly at West Barnes Lane, keeping up his active involvement in sport until his retirement. As Housemaster of Maclear for twenty-three years, Dick guided that house through many seasons of success and achievement.

As a teacher of English, Dick will be remembered with great affection by generations of King’s boys who benefited from his generous, humane championship of the classic texts, and from his equally healthy scepticism of critics. To his teaching he brought the warmth of deeply felt religious convictions, a lively culture based on his facility with languages, and exacting standards of scholarship that did not willingly tolerate lack of preparation on the part of his pupils. To his colleagues, Dick was an inexhaustible source of friendly advice, sound common sense, wisdom derived from long experience of boys, books, and life in general, and a unique celerity in completing the Times crossword.

*Ralph Cake, a friend and colleague of Dick’s for many years, writes:*

As the Valet article of 1986 leaves in no doubt, Dick was a man with immense experience of life beyond the school, which made all that he offered to the boys so much the more valuable. He was one of an academically formidable but independent-minded trio (Frank Miles and Derek Pembury were the others) who comprised three-quarters of the English Department for over a quarter of a century.

Dick was unfailingly thorough and reliable in all he did. His teaching of Chaucer, Shakespeare and Conrad was as straight and authoritative as his bat when he

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was at the crease playing firm drives past the bowler. He had a twinkle in his eye, and a sense of humour, which the boys relished as he deployed his nautical metaphors. His deep compassion and practical advice were quietly appreciated by colleagues and friends as by pupils. His support - through the Church of the Sacred Heart - of those who had fallen on hard times was selfless, sustained and absolutely discreet.

Dick's home, as one would imagine, was always welcoming. In retirement he continued actively to enjoy the company of his five sons and their families (he was particularly proud that grandsons continued the Hudson connection with the school), and supremely of course the company of his wife and help-mate Marie-Charlotte.

Many people remember Dick as a truly good man and an excellent friend.

ROGER GORTON (1956) died on 12th November 2006, aged 68. He had spent most of his working career in British Airways, ending up as a 747 Captain. He left at 55, the normal age at the time, and applied to join the staff of Virgin Airways. He was accepted subject to a medical which, to everyone's shock, he failed. He had non-Hodgkins Lymphoma, which was held at bay until recently.

Roger, the younger brother of Tony Gorton (1953), is survived by his wife Jean, his daughter Alex, and his son Andrew who is married and lives in New York.

JOHN EDWARD JONES (1948) joined the Junior School in 1941, and left the Senior School in 1948. He was not only

intelligent and understanding, but also had an outgoing and extremely friendly demeanour. In his final year he played in the 1st XV captained by R K Ingram, where he was described as a "hooker of great ability who seldom met his master".

John joined the Army through National Service, 1949 - 1951, and was commissioned into the King's Own Royal Regiment. Later he became a Major in the North Staffordshire Brigade of the Territorial Army, 1952 - 1970. He married Barbara in 1953, and he and his wife had three children. He was recruited to join Bass Ratcliffe and Gretton, and later became Personnel Director of Bass Mitchells and Butler, 1972 - 1988. He was seconded to the Princes Trust 1988 - 1990, and became Chairman of St Giles Hospice, Whittington, Staffordshire. He and his wife moved from Lichfield to North Devon in 1992 and thence to Winchester in 2006.

John was a born leader, and devoted much of his time in his retirement years to the interests of others.

*Byron Theo*

LEONARD PRIOR (1925) was at King's for three years from 1922 to 1925. On leaving he later qualified as a Fellow of the Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors, and practiced as a Chartered Surveyor.

Leonard was one of our oldest members. He died on 5th June 2007; had he lived he would have been 100 on 23rd July.

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