



Old King's Club



Three generations of one family at the OKC Dinner, left to right Matthew Horrocks (2006), great-uncle Michael Gibson-Horrocks MBE (1937), grandfather Nigel Gibson-Horrocks (1949), and father Peter Horrocks (1977).

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

OLD KING'S CLUB

26th January 2008 OKC Annual General Meeting – see Agenda below
13th May 2008 Careers evening
21st June 2008 Commemoration Day

SCHOOL

Spring term 2008 begins on Monday 7th January and ends on Wednesday 19th March.

Half term is from Monday 11th to Friday 15th February.

Summer term 2008 begins on Wednesday 9th April and ends on Wednesday 2nd July.

Half term is from Monday 26th to Friday 30th May.

Commemoration Day is Saturday 21st June 2008.

SECRETARY'S NOTES

CLUB OFFICE

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

SCHOOL SHOP

A wide range of OKC items, as well as leisureware, is available from the School Shop in the Lodge. Further details, including the opening hours and other information, are given at the end of this Newsletter.

THE NEWSLETTER

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welcome, and should be sent to The Editor, Old King's Club, King's College School, Wimbledon, London SW19 4TT; or they may be faxed to 020 8255 5439 or sent by e-mail to okc@kcs.org.uk. Material for inclusion in the next issue, to be published in April 2008, must reach the OKC Office by 16th March 2008.

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

26th January, 2008

All members are invited to the Annual General Meeting of the Old King's Club, to be held in Collyer Hall on Saturday, 26th January 2008 at 11.30 am.

AGENDA

1. Minutes of the AGM held on 27th January 2007 (circulated, see Newsletter No. 110, April 2007, 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 2007 - copies will be distributed at the meeting.
4. To elect: Officers; Trustees of the Invested Funds; Committee Members; and 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 2007 - 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.

Bryan Stokes, Honorary Secretary

Nominations for Officers and Committee Members should reach the Honorary Secretary by 31st December 2007, 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 2007.

OKC 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 2008. 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 July 2008. 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.

TEACHING IN ST. PETERSBURG FEBRUARY TO MAY 2007

Nicholas Evans was given an award in 2006 to work as an English Language assistant in a school in central Moscow. The following is an abridged version of his report.

After my plan to work in a school in Moscow was derailed by visa problems, I used the organisation Travellers Worldwide. They set me up a volunteer placement teaching English on

courses run by the Philological Faculty of St. Petersburg State University for everybody from school children to academics from other faculties of the university. While I was in St. Petersburg, I also took the opportunity to give a couple of lessons in a school King's has had previous contact and to help out on a mobile soup kitchen for the homeless.

It had been an unusually warm winter in Russia while I had been stuck in London, applying and reapplying for my visa, but by the time I finally reached St. Petersburg, the cold had set in hard. The rivers, canals and the whole of the Gulf of Finland were frozen over and covered by a thick layer of snow. This was a very different city from the one I would leave in May, with its avenues of fountains and gardens lit by almost constant sunlight. As temperatures plummeted to almost 30 degrees below zero, I arrived at the flat where I was staying to find it looked in on one of the city's characteristic high-sided courtyards, which would not see the light of day for the another month or so.

At times, I became conscious of a degree of pessimism among the academics who made up several of the English classes I taught at the university. They had all been affected by dramatic reductions in government support and found themselves carrying out their research in now much straightened circumstances. Some felt their teaching had been affected too, as a result of changes in the process of student admissions. Under pressure to publish papers in English and to attend international conferences, many found the university's provision of free language lessons very important. I taught a number of groups of differing standards, taking on half the lessons from their other teachers. My main purpose was to help them practise their listening and speaking, but I found myself having to learn some of the terminology of English grammar to

be able to answer their rather precise queries. Even more challenging was marking their English in research papers on subjects as diverse as rats' brains, geology and political theory.

Among my younger students, there was a rather different attitude. Many hoped to work in business once they had finished their studies; one of them had already set up his own company. All apart from one of my lessons each week I took independently, but on Wednesday evenings, I sat in as an assistant in Olga Yakovlevna's classes. She would watch in evident delight as her students debated with each other, and with me, with a freedom and confidence that would have been unimaginable for much of the Soviet period. On one occasion, a medical student in the class started telling us about the scenes he had witnessed in Tallinn, where he had been on tour with his rock band the previous week. Yevgeny's tour had coincided with a flare-up over the decision of the Estonian government to move a statue to the Unknown Soldier-Liberator. His balanced account of the dispute contrasted markedly with those I had read in the newspapers pasted to the walls around St. Petersburg.

I taught my classes in various locations, from a school in the north of the city, to a building we shared with a military academy – where, on one occasion, an officer from downstairs came into my lesson to ask me to translate a letter promising the academy money from UNESCO, for a project which clearly nobody had told him that the academy had undertaken to carry out. The most beautiful of these places was the 18th Century home of the Philological Faculty itself. When I left it on a Wednesday night, I looked straight across the Neva River at the famous statue of Peter the Great known as “the Bronze Horseman”, and the great gold dome of St. Isaac's Cathedral behind it. To the left were the spire of the Admiralty and the magnificent facade of the

Winter Palace. The view was as wonderful on the winter nights when I arrived, as fresh snow fell on the white expanse between the river embankments, as on the May nights when the sun glinted off the domes and spires and boats sailed freely down the Neva.

While I was living and working in St. Petersburg, I remembered that a party from KCS had visited a school there a few years ago, and found it to be in stark contrast to the reasonably affluent school which I had visited on a KCS exchange trip to Moscow. I contacted the director of the school and offered to give a couple of English lessons there. When I arrived, it became apparent that some money had gone into the school since the King's group had visited, as its large single building had been attractively, if somewhat austere, refurbished and the classrooms appeared to have overtaken the Philological Faculty in moving out of the blackboard and chalk age. On my first visit, I met a beginners' class, who sang me some English nursery rhymes. I then gave them out some presents I had brought with me to St. Petersburg, having expected to be teaching some younger children, before realising I would be doing all my teaching on university-run courses. I returned to teach lessons to two groups of older children, who showed me photographs of their much younger selves alongside some familiar faces from King's.

Having helped out over the previous two years with a Wimbledon-based charity which takes food up to the homeless on the Strand, I thought particularly of the terrible hardship of being without shelter in St. Petersburg's extreme climate. So I was pleased to discover St. Petersburg has a well-organised charity called Nochlezhka, which runs a shelter as well as two mobile soup kitchens, which make several stops around the city five days a week. I called up the man who runs the mobile soup kitchens and went along to help serve up the food. With the

minor frustrations of obtaining my visa and having to make sure it was registered whenever I travelled anywhere in Russia, I had seen for myself the crucial importance of having your documents with you there. Without them, even simple things like buying a train ticket become impossible: let alone trying to find employment, open a bank account or find housing. It was, at least, encouraging to know that Nochlezhka was there to help.

It was very difficult to leave St. Petersburg when the time came, mid-May, for me to take the train down to Moscow to begin my Trans-Siberian adventure. I left it after the strange festivities of Victory Day, into which were concentrated so many of the contradictions of this city. Late into the sunny night, I joined the young St. Petersburgers, many of whom were still wearing their Victory Day ribbons, watching the fireworks burst over the city's lavishly restored palaces and ambling from bar to bar. I was struck by how privileged I had been to live and work among the people of this beautiful, paradoxical city.

OLD KING'S CLUB ANNUAL DINNER

On 16th November 117 members and guests of the Old King's Club sat down to a very fine dinner in the School dining hall which was prepared, with their usual culinary excellence, by Janet Belcher and her ever cheerful staff.

Members of the KCS Lodge of Freemasons manned the bar for pre-dinner drinks, and Grace was said by Adrian Holloway (1987). The President of the Old King's Club, Sir Robert Andrew, was in the Chair.

It was a real pleasure to have present so many Old Boys who had left the School in 1987, 1992 and 1997 of which the dinner was the 20th, 15th, and 10th anniversary respectively. These years had been particularly mentioned in the invitation. The dinner was a very special one, as it was the last one which

Tony Evans would attend as Head Master. It was for this reason that Mr Tommy Cookson, a former Head of Sevenoaks School and of Winchester College and a personal friend and former teaching colleague of Tony Evans, was invited as the Principal Guest. Mr Cookson proposed the toast of King's College School and, in a most engaging speech, paid tribute to Tony Evans's personal qualities and his great achievements (academic, pastoral and in terms of service to the community) at the School during the ten years of his distinguished headmastership. He also emphasised Tony's significant contribution to the broader field of independent education by his chairmanship of HMC and his work on a number of educational committees.

Whenever Tony Evans rises to speak there is an almost palpable air of anticipation and he never disappoints. In a thoughtful, reflective and witty speech, Tony thanked Tommy Cookson for his remarks and spoke, in his customary self-effacing way, about his time at KCS and how much the School had meant to him. The speech was most warmly received.

Finally Sir Robert Andrew made a presentation to Tony Evans on behalf of the Old King's Club and thanked all those who had been involved in making the dinner such a success including particularly Tony Stokes, Micky King, Joan Burgess and the catering staff.

Cavan Taylor

NEW YORK MARATHON

On November 4th the three Barron brothers, Christopher (1997), Stuart (2000) and Giles (2003), together with Andrew Jackson (2003), ran in the New York Marathon, to raise money for the charity Children with Leukaemia. Andy was diagnosed with leukaemia just after leaving KCS, and has shown great determination to raise money for others

suffering from the condition, while beating the disease himself.

Christopher Barron writes:

As many of you may have heard by now I completed the New York Marathon in 4hrs and 28mins (or as I put it 3hrs and 88mins...). So a long way behind Paula Radcliffe who won the elite female race for Britain, but by the end I was just pleased to have finished at all! Between the four of us, my brothers Stuart and Giles and our friend Andy have raised over £8000 so far for Children with Leukaemia. This is a fantastic result (our target was £5000) and couldn't have been achieved without the generosity of everyone who has supported us.

Andy has pledged to pay back the cost of his treatment, £250,000, by raising money for the charity, and all your donations count towards this. So far Andy is up to about £50,000. The really good news is that his treatment worked, and he is now enjoying life at university.

Charities like Children with Leukaemia rely on support through running events in a big way - and I'd particularly like to thank Caroline and her team at the charity who were so kind and well organised out in New York. The charity is dedicated to the conquest of childhood leukaemia through pioneering research and new treatment, and through their support of leukaemic children and their families. Forty years ago, a diagnosis of leukaemia was tantamount to a death sentence for a child. Tremendous advances in treatment and care mean that four out of five affected children now survive but, alarmingly, leukaemia is still on the increase.

Supporting Children with Leukaemia means that areas of research and treatment will continue to be investigated and progressed. Teams of researchers funded by Children with Leukaemia are working towards the development of more effective, less punishing treatments that will aid the survival rate, and

reduce the risk of serious side effects. The charity also helps those children that are suffering today and eases the burden on children and families who are struggling through the long months and years of treatment.

Do find out more about the work your donation supports at:

<http://www.leukaemia.org/>

Many thanks again to everyone for their generous support.

Chris

The boys would be very grateful for any further donations, which may be made through the website

<http://www.bmycharity.com/V2/chrisnewyork>

GERRY'S INCREDIBLE JOURNEY PART 2

For the second time in ten years Gerry Acher (1961) has completed the gruelling Peking-to-Paris car rally. Older readers will remember his first participation in this event in 1997, an account of which we published in the April 1998 Newsletter. On that occasion he and his co-driver drove a 1932 1.5 litre Aston Martin, carefully rebuilt to suit the challenge of the Himalayas.

This summer Gerry took part in the 100th anniversary of the first Peking-to-Paris rally, this time driving a 1931 Model A Ford. The



Gerry Acher in Paris at the finish of the rally

10,000 mile route took Gerry and his co-driver through China, Mongolia, Russia, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Germany, and France, and lasted 35 days. The Gobi desert was most challenging with few roads or tracks. He completed the rally without a single puncture, finishing with a silver medal and 11th in his class of 30.

Gerry and his co-driver raised in excess of £50,000 for charities, Motability (of which Gerry is Vice Chairman), the Calabash Trust, which provide support to schools in Port Elizabeth, South Africa, and the Fountain Cancer Care Centre, Guildford. Their car was on show at the Classic Car Show at the National Exhibition Centre, Birmingham last month, and further details of Gerry's trip are given at www.car43p2p.org.uk.

REUNION IN ANDORRA

It must be unique to find four KCS OB's hauled up as residents of Andorra where they independently arrived some years ago. Andorra is a self-governing principality tucked away in the Pyrenees Mountains just awaiting the music and libretto for a comic opera to portray a life style more associated with dear old

blighty in earlier years . Some people may call it a "fool's paradise" but for us it gives a degree of freedom seldom found in this strife-ridden world.

During last summer the four of us met for a luncheon (see photograph); a nostalgic occasion, our joint memories covering a continuum of thirty years at KCS from 1942 to 1972.

All of us gained much from our times at Kings and the benefits are too numerous to list. Suffice it to say that from (left to right) Bill Morgan ('48), Brian Keep ('50), Chris Morgan ('65) and Mathew (Matt) Walter ('72) gathered around the luncheon table together for the first



Left to right: Bill Morgan (1948), Brian Keep (1950), Matt Walter (1972), and Chris Morgan (1965)

time and were able recall names and incidents covering a period from the early days of the 2nd world war into the early 70's, over a modest luncheon and, of course, wine from across our Southern frontier.

We wish well to all of our OKC friends.

Brian Keep

OK SPORTS CLUBS

FOOTBALL

All the latest news of the KCS Old Boys Association Football Club can be found on the Club's website at www.ksoldboysfc.com.

GOLF

The triangular match between teams of eight Old Boys, Schoolboys, and Members of the School Staff was played at Royal Wimbledon Golf Club at the end of June on the Friday before Commemoration day. This format was first played last year when it was hailed as an instant success. A measure of the popularity of the event is the fact that there was an excess of people wanting to play and, even though a number had to drop out due to last minute business commitments, we were able to field a full team. The School has a core of talented low handicap golfers and this resulted in a win for the School team with the Staff a close second

and the Old Boys just one point behind.

The Surrey Schools Old Boys Golf Society competition was played on July 6th at Clandon Regis Golf Club. Our team was fit and ready to go but on the day was just not able to play well enough to win the team prize. The eventual winners were Tiffin with 162 points from five players, which is a very respectable average of 32.4 points per player. The one highlight of the day for us was Ian Hay's excellent round, scoring 38 stableford points. Most remarkable was the fact that he scored 24 points from the last nine holes, which is nearly impossible, and demonstrates just how well he played. This feat earned the praise of all and a nice prize – well done Ian. It's a pity that the rest of us could not keep up with you – maybe next year.....

The climax of the golfing year is the Grafton Morrish competition, which took place over the weekend 5th-7th October at the Hunstanton and Royal West Norfolk Clubs.

We had a bye in the first round as leading qualifiers, but we drew a very strong Coventry team in the second round, which included county players and British university players. All pairs played well and we comfortably made it through to the second day of play.

Before play had even started on the Saturday, we had bad news which meant key player Michael Wale had to travel back to London; this meant that super-sub Guy Chessser was to step in and partner Ajay Patel. In the morning we played Oundle, traditionally a weak side, however on the day they played very well and we only managed a narrow win. The afternoon round brought on Sherbourne, which filled us with much confidence into making it into the final 4; we had trounced them 8-2 in a friendly earlier in the year. Again all pairs performed and we won with a convincing 2.5 - 0.5 margin.

The semi-final on Sunday morning would

bring an unknown quantity. We had beaten Eton easily in the previous year's first round; however this year they had good pairs enabling them make it through to the final days play. They were strong, and with the first two pairs tied 1-1 the match would come down to the final pair, Crowther and Choong. 2 down with four to go, a couple of birdies would claw it back to all square, and three shots from the edge of the green from Eton on the 18th would give KCS the all important point to make it to the afternoon.

The final was against Berkhamstead, a team that we had not played before, nor had they featured in the final. They were solid players who displayed fantastic putting. Again, it was close and it came down to the final pair of Choong/Crowther. There was never more than a shot in it, but a 5,5,5, finish meant that Berkhamstead had a 20 footer on the penultimate hole to take the championship. Their captain holed it to an array of cheers, bringing Berkhamstead their first win in their history.

A disappointment! However, great determination, team spirit and golfing ability was shown by all throughout the whole week. Even though we fell at the final hurdle, it was still a great result. Also we are most grateful to those who came to Norfolk and supported us. Pairings; Rupert Rea and Robin Clark, Ajay Patel and Michael Wale/Guy Chessser, Peter Crowther and Michael Choong.

Michael Choong

Anyone wishing to play in any of the society events, which will be between April and July 2008, should contact Graham Cox on grahamcox@ntlworld.com or telephone 0161 427 5930.

ROWING

The fifth annual Boat Race versus the School was run on the Tideway in difficult early autumn conditions, from below the Hurlingham Club up to the finishing line just above the School's Boathouse. The races took place on Sunday 2nd September, before the boys had returned to school and the fitness regime of Chris Grimble, their new coach of one year, and before some of the Old Boys had started back at University. The race might therefore be decided by the crews that had been the more disciplined during the summer break!

The Old Boys produced a strong turnout of 13 rowers of exceptional pedigree and an umpire. The race was between an Old Boys VIII, an Old Boys IV and the 2006/7 School VIII; the toss was won by the School (Rob Sexton) who selected Middlesex. The water at the start line was wild and both VIIIs were filling with water. Requests for time to bail out were rejected and the race was underway with the IV starting 300m further upstream. By Putney footbridge the Old Boys VIII were leading the School VIII by a length; the School had reduced the gap by Putney Bridge but allowed the Old Boys to pull away in front of the Boathouse.

The Supporters' Association laid on 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, and Chris Grimble congratulated the winners and losers. The Reed-Boswell Cup was presented by Micky King to David Lock.

KCS OLD BOYS 1ST VIII

David Lock, 2006, Trinity Hall, Cambridge
Doug Perrin, 2002, Goldie 2007; Trinity Hall, Cambridge. Teaching at Hampton
Tobias Garnett, 2005, Goldie 2007; Trinity College, Cambridge

Jono Watkins, 2004, President, Durham University BC

Seb Jones, 2002, Birmingham University BC

John Hudson, 2003, Ex President, Leeds University BC. Exeter University

Peter Wake, 2005, Durham University

Rob Chapman, 2005, Trinity Hall, Cambridge

Tom Westwell, 2006, Brasenose, Oxford

KCS OLD BOYS 1ST IV

Matthew Edwards, 1998, Doctor at Cheltenham Hospital ex Bristol University BC

Einar Lindb, 2002, Durham University

James Robertson KCS

Matthew Poulson, Durham University. Didn't row at KCS.

Tom Draper, 2002, Ex Durham University.

THE OLD BOYS UMPIRE!

Chris Edwards, 2002, Ex Edinburgh University BC coach

RUGBY FOOTBALL

All the latest news of the KCS Old Boys Rugby Football Club can be found on the Club's website at www.kings.org.uk.

TENNIS

The OK tennis team were successful in winning the d'Abernon Cup for the third year running, and are greatly to be congratulated on this remarkable achievement. The finals were played at the All-England Club, Wimbledon, on September 8th, when the team beat UCS Old Boys by 6 games to 3. The team consisted of Blake Hutchins and Stephen Morris, Scott Lloyd and James Mustoe, and Mike Bray and Ashley Tatum.

OLD BOYS NEWS

THOMAS CAHILL (2001), in his final year of medical training, was runner-up for the University of London Gold Medal for Medicine, and was awarded the University of London Betuel Prize. He also won UCL's fourth prize for overall performance in final MB and first in the final MBBS Clinical Prize. The Gold Medal is decided by a special exam taken by the best of 1,300 final-year medical students in London.

Dr ARNAB CHATTERJEE (1996) graduated in Chemistry at Oriol College Oxford in 2000, and gained his D Phil in Materials and Surface Chemistry in 2004. After running a science communication company, he left Science to take up some jobs in the City. He has now returned to Science, and is currently working for Shell as a project leader in Innovation Research in Amsterdam (see Changes of Address).

MICHAEL DOOLEY (1974) has been appointed Surgeon Gynaecologist to HRH The Duchess of Cornwall. The appointment was gazetted on 23rd February 2007.

Prof CLIFFORD EDWARDS (1942) has just received the Order of Manitoba, which is the provincial counterpart of the Order of Canada, which he was awarded last year. The citation reads "Dean Emeritus of the Faculty of Law at the University of Manitoba, Professor Clifford Edwards has had a profound impact on both the study of Law and its reform during his distinguished career. His efforts while Dean of Law led to the development of the three-year academic programme and, subsequently, to the recognition of the Manitoba LL.B. degree across Canada. As President of the Manitoba Law Reform Commission for more than 20

years, he has overseen substantial reform and improvement of the laws of the province".

PATRICK GIBBINS (1985) is married, with three children, and now lives near to Beziers in the south of France, where he is commercial director of a property development company.

TERENCE HILL (1965) has now retired from teaching Geography, and has moved to the country (see Changes of Address).

DUDLEY JAYNES (1991) is now Deputy Headmaster of Abbots Wood Junior School, Southampton. After becoming a Chartered Accountant he made a career change to Education, which he much enjoys. He also writes a column on Hip-Hop music for the Record Collector Magazine.

GRAHAM ROXBURGH (1953) at the time of writing is sailing from Gran Canaria to St Lucia in the Caribbean, and should arrive around 9th December, depending on the trade winds.

ANDREW TRIBUTE (1960) has been appointed a Visiting Professor at University of the Arts London for distinction in the field of Print Media Management.

DEATHS

It is with regret that we have to record the deaths of the following members.

D A BAILEY (1939) 8 August, 2007
M H BAYLIS (1937)
D R COOK (1947) 2007
V FORRESTER (1972) 21 November 2007
P H HARWOOD (Former Master) October 2007
I G HOLT (1937) 2006
J KEELING (1955) 18 September 2007
O S MARTIN (1936) 01 July 2007
N S MURRAY (1994) December 2006
I C McWILLIAM (1939) 7 November 2007
K ONWOOD (1934) 29 September 2007
A H SHERIFF (1957) 9 May 2002
J D SMITH (1968) 27 October 2007
G H TUCKER (1930) 15 August 2007-12-06
D WALLIKER (1959) 27 May 2007

OBITUARIES

PETER HARWOOD

PETER HEDLEY HARWOOD , a member of the School teaching staff from 1951 to 1962, died at his home in Brandon, Suffolk in early October 2007, aged 82. Peter was born in Yorkshire in 1925 and spent his formative years in Wakefield where his father, a merchant seaman during the First World War, worked as a book-keeper. He was educated at Wakefield Grammar School where he excelled both academically and on the playing fields. He won a scholarship to University College, Oxford where he completed the first year of a degree before joining the Royal Navy in 1943. He rose to the rank of Lieutenant Commander and saw service in both the Atlantic and the Far East. He returned to Oxford and completed his degree and M.A. in 1949 when he also married his first wife, Ursula Tudor-Parker and became senior Classics Master at Ellesmere College in Shropshire. His son, Simon, was born in 1950 and, after a move to King's College School, Wimbledon, as Classics Master and, later,

Housemaster, his second son, Jonathan, was born in 1953.

In 1963 he moved the family to Pakistan where he became Principal of the Pakistan Air Force Public School at Lower Topa, in the foothills of the Himalayas. (Frank Shaw, his predecessor at Lower Topa, returned to become Head Master of KCS.) In 1967 he moved back to the United Kingdom and this coincided with the end of his first marriage. In 1968 he was recruited by Margaret Gentle CBE (who was working for the Ministry of Education in Lagos, Nigeria) to the post of Principal of the Federal Government College in Sokoto where he remained for 10 years before moving to the Federal Government College in Kaduna. He and Margaret were married in Lagos in 1968 and enjoyed a long and happy marriage until her death in 2003. In the Queen's Jubilee Birthday Honours in 1977 he was awarded an OBE for services to education in Nigeria.

He and Margaret returned to the UK in 1979 and he took up a teaching post at the Leys School, Cambridge, moving to Thetford Grammar School in 1980. In 1990, aged 65, he retired. He and Margaret then embarked on many exciting journeys, in Europe, the Near East, North Africa and as far as Siberia and China (on the trans-Siberian railway). They also returned to Pakistan, as honoured guests, to attend the re-opening ceremony of the Cadet College at Lower Topa in 2002.

Jonathan Harwood

When Peter left King's, Frank Shaw, the Head Master, wrote in the School Magazine:

"...He became Housemaster of West House in 1952, resigning from that office to take over the Boarding House six years later. He was in charge of the 1st XV from 1953 to 1956 and of Colts 'A' cricket throughout his time here. He founded the Naval Section and was responsible for it until shortly before his departure. He was, for the last 18 months, Head of the

Classics Department. What makes this remarkable record even more memorable is that to all these offices he brought outstanding qualities of personality. We shall remember him as a man peculiarly gifted in scholarship and athletic ability alike, a man of balanced judgement and humour, shrewd to perceive the true worth of a boy, devastating when he had to deal with the pretentious and worthless. He held securely the respect and affection of us all”

DAVID A BAILEY (1939) died at home on 8th August 2007, aged 85. After attending both Junior and Senior Schools he read medicine at Caius College, Cambridge. He qualified in 1944 and after serving in the RAMC pursued a career in surgery. He worked as a consultant in general and vascular surgery at University College Hospital until his retirement in 1987. David was the last survivor of a group of close friends at KCS including David Cobb, Geoff Hughes, and Tom Hulbert.

Rob Bailey

JERRY KEELING (1955), a Vice President of the Club and a former School Governor, died on 18th September 2007. The KCS Old Boys RFC published the following appreciation of Jerry on its website:

All who knew Jerry Keeling will have been shocked and saddened to hear of his recent death. Jerry was an energetic and loyal Club member for some fifty years, as player, Committee member, Chairman and Vice President. Jerry also served the Club in multiple roles, which ranged from preparing post-match teas to arranging an unforgettable Flabbogram to celebrate someone's 50th birthday. As a Club Officer, Jerry cajoled and enthused the younger membership into full participation in the Club's athletic and social life. Together with Tony Hein, Jerry organised

the fund raising for building the Clubhouse at Arthur Road. As a player, he was a terrier-like flanker who represented the Club at all levels, culminating in Lawrie Glover's legendary Veterans' team of the 1980s.

After Jerry moved down to Bath he remained in close contact with us – despite his active leadership of Bath FC's Supporters' Club. He was a Governor of KCS for some 28 years and he used to travel up from Bath regularly to attend meetings. He was always a welcome figure at Motspur Park and he was an active participant in several humorous 'feuds' that spanned decades, strengthening his bonds with his many friends at KCS.

We will all miss Jerry, a great rugby man and KCS Old Boy, and I am sure everyone will join me in extending our love and sympathy to Ula and to Jerry's family.

JONATHAN SMITH (1968) died suddenly on 27 October 2007, less than a week after his 56th birthday. He had a successful electrical contracts business, and was much loved in the community. The following is taken from an obituary posted on the Sutton and Epsom Rugby Club website.

Our U14's has been hit by misfortune again. Jonathan Smith passed away at home on Saturday morning. Freddie 'Fluffy' Smith has played with my age group since the Under 8's. Pam Smith a devoted wife and mother will be known to many of you for the work and effort she puts into Sutton and Epsom.

Jonathan was a lovely man who was always on hand to help with the boys while training.

Whether holding a tackle bag, or collecting kit from the club, or running other boys around to matches. On the side line he would patiently describe the match to another of our fathers who has lost his sight, then gently lead the man firstly to the bar to celebrate and then to the toilet to alleviate!

In recent years his enthusiasm for organising fixtures with other clubs has encouraged us as an age group to venture out of Surrey to meet new friends and form relationships with other clubs.

At first sight Jonathan would appear a scruffy jovial character, almost all year round happiest in a pair of shorts and sandals, with never a cross or bitter word to say to anyone - even the referee of some of our tightest games.

Jonathan at times seemed like a throw back to the time of the hippy, when there were more important things in life than money. Boys growing and bonding together, a sense of community, when it mattered that you could help somebody just because you could. That life was to be lived with the simplest of pleasures, the company of friends and a nice glass of beer or three.

GEORGE HOWARD 'TOMMY' TUCKER (1930) died on 15th August 2007 in his 95th year. Tommy was an interested supporter of the schools where he was educated - Westminster Abbey Choir School in 1923-1927, and then King's College School, Wimbledon, 1927-1930. He particularly remembered his time at King's as a member of the OTC, where he qualified as a first class shot with the .303 rifle and gained a Marksman Badge. He was a member of the School's shooting VIII; he shot for the School in a number of major public school events including the Ashburton Shield at Bisley. He commented wistfully that he considered he had not been of any great academic merit, but had learnt from masters on the School staff how to survive life's situations and make the best of everything.

In 1930 aged 18 he joined Union Cold Storage Co Ltd as a Junior Clerk at 15/- (75p) per week. He stayed with this company in various branches and departments throughout

his entire working life until 1977. The company was part of the Vestey family's commercial empire.

In November 1935 he joined the 22nd (London) Armoured Car Company of the TA known as the Westminster Dragoons. Within a week he found that he was required to take part in the ceremonial for lining the State Funeral route at Marble Arch for the State funeral of King George V.

In February 1936 aged 24 he went on contract to Tientsin, China travelling by train across Russia via Siberia during February and March; it took 3 weeks and he could tell a riveting story of the experience. He was an accountant and junior manager.

In 1937 he was working first in Hankow then Nanking when Japanese forces carried out daily air-raids and bombing over a 3 month period against the Chinese; he was evacuated to Hankow, and then Hong Kong. He returned to Nanking and found the export business (dried powdered duck and hens eggs) very difficult. After the outbreak of war, he transferred to Shanghai. He was a British Defence force volunteer throughout this period.

In 1941 he became engaged to, and married in Shanghai Cathedral, his first wife Olive Blown from a British family of specialist Yangtse River Marine Pilots. In March 1943 their first daughter was born. Almost immediately with their month-old baby, he and his young family were imprisoned as civilian internees in Shanghai by the Japanese; he was 31; a desperate time, in very harsh conditions. They were released in 1945. His post-war life then saw jobs in Shanghai, China and Melbourne, Australia with Union Cold Storage Ltd. Their second daughter was born in 1951. By 1956 he and his wife were back in England in Sevenoaks, after a difficult period ending with divorce from his wife. From 1955

onwards he worked in London for Union Cold Storage.

In 1964 he remarried to Eve Kennett. On retirement in 1977 he pursued his interests in philately and bowls, and he remained a keen and active supporter of the Westminster Choristers Society throughout his life.

James Morrice

PROFESSOR DAVID WALLIKER (1959), who died on 27th May 2007, was a distinguished malariologist and geneticist. He graduated in Zoology at Oxford in 1963 and completed his PhD at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine. He then moved to the Institute of Animal Genetics at the University of Edinburgh, where he worked from 1966 to 2005 employed by the Medical Research Council, latterly for the MRC External Staff. His work on the genetics of malaria parasites, first with the parasites of rodents and then with those of humans, was ground-breaking and led to the identification of the gene responsible for resistance to chloroquine, the mainstay of malaria control, and one of his strains of *Plasmodium falciparum* was the one selected for genome sequencing.

David was a modest man whose generosity in helping younger workers, particularly those from overseas, and in making his research material available to others was legendary. During his short retirement he worked as a volunteer guide for the National Museum of Scotland. David is survived by his wife Patricia and his daughters Sarah and Rachel and three grandchildren.

F E G Cox

IAN McWILLIAM (1939) who died on 7th November 2007, aged 86, was the elder brother of the late Donald McWilliam (1940) who died in 1990. After three years at King's, in the Summer of 1939 he joined up on a seven-year commission in the Fleet Air Arm. Married in 1945, on completion of his commission he attended Seale Hayne Agricultural College, Newton Abbot, and subsequently studied, by correspondence course, to become a member of the Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors, and the Land Agents Society.

He worked for a number of different organisations, first in Trinidad for the Colonial Agricultural Service, then for the British Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries, and Food, the British Aluminium Co at Fort William, managing their farming enterprise, and for the Muncaster Estate Cumbria as resident agent. At Muncaster, between 1951 and 1971, he built up a forestry and sawmill enterprise as well as a building business, garden nursery and castle gardens venture along with a sizable estate dairy farm. After 1971 he pursued his own business enterprises, increasing his farming and private practice work.

Ian never officially retired and he found it difficult to turn away work - especially when someone had a problem. His was widowed in 2005, four months before his 60th wedding anniversary. He is survived by two daughters, two sons, fourteen grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren.

Jeremy McWilliam

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