Old King's Club

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Major Michael Gibson-Horrocks MBE (OK 1937) recites the words from Laurence Binyon's poem, 'For the Fallen'.

The 90th Remembrance Day ceremony at the School.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

OLD KING'S CLUB

13th December 2008	OKC v School Cross Country Race
14th December 2008	OKC v School Boat Race
31st January 2009	OKC Annual General Meeting – see Agenda on page 3
21st March 2009	Gaudy for all those who left up to and including 1955
12th May 2009	Careers evening
20th June 2009	Commemoration and Governors' Day

SCHOOL

Autumn term 2008 ends on Tuesday 16th December.
Spring term 2009 begins on Wednesday 7th January and ends on Friday 3rd April.
Summer term 2009 begins on Thursday 23rd April and ends on Wednesday 1st July.

GAUDY 2009

As mentioned above, there will be a Gaudy for all those Old Boys who left the School at any time up to and including 1955. The event will be held at the School on Saturday 21st March 2009. Further details and invitations will be sent to all for whom we have current home addresses.

Unfortunately we do not have the current addresses for a number of OKC members who left during this period. A list of some of the more recent leavers whose present address is not known to us is given at the end of this edition of the Newsletter.

Please look through this list, and if you know the current address of any of these members, or any other information about them, please write or email (*okc@kcs.org.uk*) the Hon Secretary, and let him know.

SECRETARY'S NOTES

Club Office

The Old King's Club and the Development Office have now co-located. The Club will now benefit from the services of Tristan Bradley, Alumni Relations Manager, to enhance and extend the scope of its activities. The Club office has moved from the Lodge, and is now situated, with the Development Office, on the second floor in South Hayes. It is still open on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 10.00 am to 1.00 pm. Callers are welcome, and should now come to the main School Reception at the entrance to South Hayes.

Our telephone number remains 020 8255 5390. Outside of the Club's usual office hours, Tristan Bradley will be able to take your call or you may leave a message on our answering machine. You can fax us at any time on 020 8255 5429, or send an e-mail to *okc@kcs.org.uk*.

School Shop

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

The Newsletter

Layout and distribution of this Newsletter was carried out by Tristan Bradley, the Alumni Relations Manager, 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 5429 or sent by e-mail to okc@kcs.org.uk. Material for inclusion in the next issue, to be published in April 2009, must reach the OKC Office by the first week of March 2009.

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The OKC Website and the Newsletter Online

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

31st January, 2009

All members are invited to the Annual General Meeting of the Old King's Club, to be held in Collyer Hall on Saturday, 31st January 2009 at 11.30 am.

1. Minutes of the AGM held on 26th January 2008 (circulated, see Newsletter No. 113, May 2008, pages 3 - 8) and matters arising therefrom.

2. To receive the Honorary Secretary's Report.

3. To receive and approve the Club's accounts to 31st August 2008 - 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 2008 - 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.

Nominations for Officers and Committee Members should reach the Honorary Secretary by 31st December 2008, 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 2008.

SCHOOL NEWS

EXAMINATION RESULTS

This year, a record number of over 120 boys sat the IB Diploma. We were delighted that they produced an average score of 39.7 points out of the 45 maximum. The typical Oxbridge offer is 39/40 points to give a point of comparison. Even more remarkably, thirteen boys achieved the maximum 45 points. Out of over 30,000 candidates internationally, normally no more than sixty students manage this throughout the world. Our last group of A level candidates also performed creditably; 88% of grades were at A or B, a pleasing improvement on their performance in the AS examinations. At GCSE, 88% of grades were A* or A. These were again outstanding results, bearing in mind, in particular, that in Mathematics and the Sciences, the boys follow the more demanding IGCSE courses.

David Grossel

SCHOOL ACT OF REMEMBRANCE

The School Act of Remembrance took place on Friday 7th November with a full parade of the CCF watched by the Junior and Senior Schools. On behalf of the Old King's Club Major Michael Gibson-Horrocks MBE (OK 1937) said the Binyon Words and Lieut Connor O'Neill RN (OK 1999) laid the wreath. Other OKs present included Lieut Tom Coke-Smyth, Parachute Regiment, William Ferrier, Hugo Grant, Micky King, and Tony Stokes (see photographs in this issue of the Newsletter).

Some details of the bugle used at the service are given in the 'From the Archives' section of this Newsletter.

SUBHASH PATEL

This term has seen the retirement of Subhash Patel (Honorary member) after 21 years of distinguished service as the School's Financial Controller.

Our photograph shows Roger Mathews (OK 1956), Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Governing Body, making a presentation to Subhash at a reception held in the School Dining Hall.

GIRLS IN THE SIXTH FORM

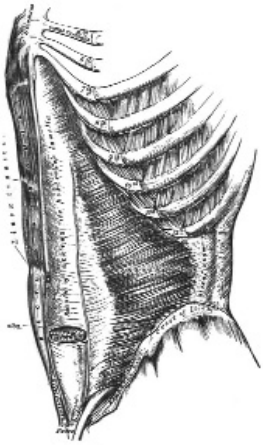
It was reported in *KCS News* that the Governors were proposing to take girls into the Sixth Form from Seprtember 2010. A consultation process has since been held and the response was found to be strongly in favour of the admission of girls.

At a special meeting of the Governing Body, on 6th October 2008, the Governors resolved unanimously that it was in the best interests of the School to admit girls. Subsequently, the proposal was approved by the Charity Commission. The Governors and the Head Master believe that this will be an important and successful further evolution in the life of the School.

FROM THE ARCHIVES

Gray's Anatomy

Gray's Anatomy is almost certainly the most well-known of all medical textbooks. It was first published in 1858, and so this year celebrates its 150th anniversary. New editions have been published continuously over this period, and this year sees the publication of the fortieth edition.



The book was the brain child of Henry Gray, a young and capable surgeon at St George's Hospital, who wrote the text, and Henry Vandyke Carter, a brilliant young microscopist and illustrator, also a surgeon at St George's, who provided all the many detailed drawings.

In the production of the original book they worked closely with the publishers, Parkers, whose offices were in the Strand, just down the road from King's College, and their modern printing presses were nearby. Parkers was a father and son operation. John William Parker, the son, had been educated at King's College School from 1832 to 1836, and then 'moved upstairs' to King's College. At the time when Gray's Anatomy was being prepared he was the General Manager of the publishing company.

Parkers published a number of other medical books (including works by Gray), books for King's College, and many theological works including all those produced by the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge (SPCK). John Parker died in 1860, aged 40, and soon afterwards the firm of Parkers was bought by Longmans. Gray died in 1861, aged 34.

An account of John Parker's role in the production of Gray's Anatomy, together with details of the rest of his life, is given in a new book *The Making of Mr Gray's Anatomy*, by Dr Ruth Richardson, published this month. A copy has been obtained for the Archive Library.

B.J.S.

The Princes Society

In the winter of 1949 a group of friends then in the Lower Remove of the Junior School decided to form themselves into a club – the Collegians – based mainly on a scratch game of football, played with a tennis ball during morning and afternoon breaks at school. They produced a hand-typed magazine, edited by John Dowden, which survived for 4 issues with a fifth in preparation.

In 1951, when the friends were in the fifth form, they again came together to form a club, this time called the Princes Society (as young Kings are called Princes). They maintained their friendship throughout their time in the Senior School, and by means of Club reunions throughout later life.

Keith Martin (1953) has recently donated to the Archive copies of all 5 magazines of the Collegians, together with details of the Princes Society, and notes and photographs of their reunions, the most recent of which took place in 2008. Together they provide a most interesting commentary on the activities of pupils of KCS over 50 years ago, and of the careers of several of the members over their working lives. Particularly interesting, in these days of unbridled photocopying, is to learn that only two copies of each magazine were made; members borrowed one to read, at a hire cost of one sheet of paper!

Battle of Britain Historical Society - Schools Plaque Scheme

Douglas Chalmers (OK1961) is seeking information on behalf of the Battle of Britain Historical Society, regarding any Old Boys who participated in the Battle of Britain.
The Society was formed to perpetuate the memory of 'The Few' and has been responsible for the creation of the Battle of Britain memorial on the Victoria Embankment. Another of its aims is the provision of plaques in Schools which had former pupils serving as Aircrew in any of the Squadrons engaged in the Battle between 10th July and 31st October 1940.

Douglas is seeking information on any Old Boys who flew in the Battle, with a view to arranging for the Society to present a plaque to the School, and he would be grateful to receive details of any Old Boys who meet the criteria. He can be contacted at Bramley Cottage, Stag Leys, Ashtead, Surrey KT21 2TL, tel 01372 273200 or by e-mail at: *douglas.chalmers@virgin.net*

Henry Fawcett

Royal Mail have recently issued a series of postage stamps depicting 'Women of Distinction'. The first-class stamp depicts Millicent Garrett Fawcett, an early campaigner for votes for women.

Millicent Garrett Fawcett

Millicent was the sister of Elizabeth Garret Anderson, the first female doctor in the UK who founded and was senior physician of the world-famous Hospital for Women, and is depicted on the 48p stamp. More importantly, from the King's point of view, Millicent was married to Henry Fawcett, an Old Boy of KCS, who left the School in 1851, and was the subject of a 'From the Archives' note in the April 2005 Newsletter.

In spite of being blinded in a tragic accident he became Professor of Political Economy at Cambridge 1863-84, a Member of Parliament in 1865 and was made Postmaster General in 1880. In his last appointment he established the parcel post.

The Corps Bugle

The bugle played at the Remembrance Day service on Friday 7th November, the ninetieth anniversary of the end of World War I, was first brought into use by the School Corps in 1908, and has thus just completed 100 years at King's. As the photograph shows, it is engraved with the School arms, and the names of the buglers from 1908 to 1915. The Archive holds some details of the lives of those whose names are engraved on the instrument.

Clifford Hales was born on 3rd June 1892 and came to King's in 1902. He left school at the end of 1908, when he was 16 years old, to study Law, and passed his Law final examinations in 1914. He then joined the army and was commissioned 2nd Lt. in the Royal Berkshire regiment. He was killed in action on 23rd October 1916.

Ralph Nightingale, born 21st June 1892, attended King's from 1904 until the end of the Spring term 1911. He was a member of the 1910-1911 1st XV rugby team and a sergeant in the Cadet Corps. He joined the army in World War I and was commissioned in the Lancashire Fusiliers. He ended the War with the rank of Major and holding the Military Cross. He became a solicitor. His motor yacht *Naiad Errant* took part in the Dunkirk rescue in May 1940. A Mason, he was Master of the KCS Lodge in 1935. He died in 1944.

Victor Sullivan, born 17th June 1897, was at King's from 1907 to 1912. He was a distinguished athlete at school. A Mason, he was Master of the KCS Lodge in 1942 and 1950. He died in 1976.

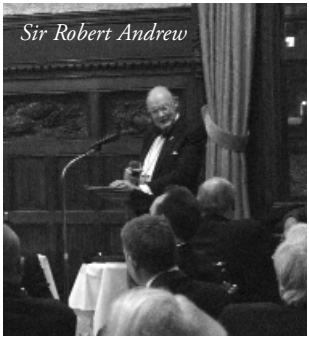
Frederick French was born on 6th December 1896 and came to King's from 1911 to 1916, when he entered Sandhurst. He was commissioned Lt. in the Middlesex regiment. He died in 1926.

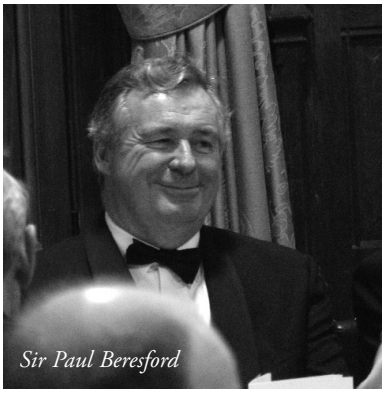
The bugler at the 2008 Remembrance Service was Guy Aldous, a member of the Naval Section of the CCF at present in the Lower Sixth Form.

OLD KING'S CLUB NEWS

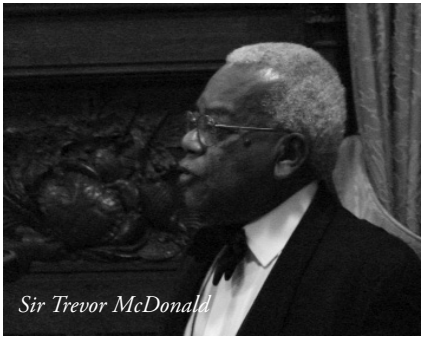
OLD KING'S CLUB ANNUAL DINNER

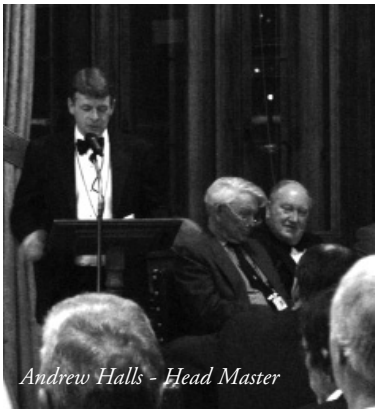
The annual dinner of the Old King's Club was held in the House of Commons on 21st November 2008. Sir Paul Beresford, the Member of Parliament for Mole Valley, was host for the evening and Sir Robert Andrew, President of the Old King' Club, was in the chair.


Sir Robert Andrew


Sir Paul Beresford

Following grace said by the Reverend Philip Chadder, 162 members and guests, including a number of teachers as well as the Captain and Vice-captain of the School, enjoyed an excellent meal in the stately surroundings of the Members' Dining Room. Andrew Halls, who was appointed Head Master in December 2007 on the retirement of Tony Evans, proposed the toast of the Old King's Club in an eloquent, thoughtful, perceptive and amusing speech. He made special reference to the remarkable academic and sporting achievements of the School in the past year and emphasised its role in the community. Sir Trevor McDonald, who is a member of the Governing Body of the School, proposed the toast of the School in a warm and witty speech in which he referred particularly to the breadth of education which King's provides and its inculcation of the qualities required of a responsible citizen.


Sir Trevor McDonald


Andrew Halls - Head Master

Thanks were expressed by Sir Robert Andrew to Micky King and Bryan Stokes, the Chairman and Secretary respectively of the Old King's Club, as well as to Tony Stokes for the huge amount of work which they had put in to make the evening such a success.

Cavan Taylor

(Photos of the evening can be found on the Old King's Club Facebook page.)

Old Boy Fans of Wimbledon AFC

Martin Fielding has written to tell us of his involvement with AFC Wimbledon, the football club formed by the fans of Wimbledon FC when the FA allowed the latter to be effectively sold to Milton Keynes in 2002.

I am sure, *he writes*, that readers of the OKC Newsletter followed the non-league Wimbledon team in the 60's and 70's and attended games at the sadly now redeveloped Plough Lane ground. That team had a famous giant-killing FA Cup run in 1975 which led to promotion to the Football League in 1977 and ultimately to the Premier League en route famously beating Liverpool in the 1988 FA Cup final.

The rather romantic objective of AFCW is to return a "true" Wimbledon team to the League. Having been promoted three times in only six years of existence the team is in second place in the Conference South, just two levels below the League.

Although AFCW is one of the best supported non-league teams with home crowds averaging 3,000 at its own ground at Kingsmeadow in New Malden, the club wants to fill the ground's 5,000 capacity regularly, which is the brief of the club's Commercial Working Group of which I and another old KCS boy, Xavier Wiggins, are members.

I would encourage you to participate in whatever way you can from coming to games or buying something from the shop at *www.afcwimbledon.co.uk*, to simply taking an interest and spreading the AFCW word. The club is very family oriented and my son's season ticket cost only £25 or around £1.20 per game.

If you need more information or if you do come to games already and would be interested in meeting up at a game please contact me via the email address below.

Martin Fielding (OK 1973)
m.fielding@thecardawards.com

ACCREDITED ACTIVITIES

There are numerous Old Boy activities which are organised and run under the umbrella of the OKC and often with its financial assistance. At the present time, the list comprises careers, cross-country, golf, hockey, Masonic lodge, rowing, rugby, shooting, squash, swimming, tennis and university liaison.

The Committee of the OKC is always happy to receive proposals from Old Boys for other activities in which the OKC might be similarly involved. Non-sporting activities are currently under-represented so ideas for these (eg music, chess, theatre, bridge etc) are particularly welcome. It would be expected that those making a propoasal for a particular activity would themselves, and with the support of the OKC, be involved in running the activity concerned.

Detailed accounts of most of our Accredited Activities can be found on the Old King's Club web site, using the links to the individual Activity site. Go to *www.okc.org.uk* and follow the links.

OLD BOYS CRICKET

On Commemoration Day the Old Boys made the perfect start to the day by winning the toss and deciding to bat first on a good track. Unfortunately things then started to go wrong, with wickets tumbling at regular intervals in the face of good consistent bowling from the school. Only Michael DuPlessis and Elliot Brown salvaged some pride for the OKs, with 38 and 39 runs respectively, and in the end they could only muster 175-9 in 40 overs. This was never likely to be enough and 1st XI captain, Daniel Newton, and Ed Hyde put on 167 for the first wicket, making victory for the School a formality. Newton was only denied his 4th century of the term by one of the most spectacular catches ever seen on the ground by Brown off the bowling of Tom Dugarin. What Ed Clarke was thinking when bringing Dugarin on to bowl nobody will ever know, but the result just demonstrated what a shrewd captain he had been for the school for the previous two years!

Overall, it was great to catch up with old faces and see glimpses of the talent and heart that served so many of the OKs in their time representing KCS cricket. Thanks should go to Tom Eaves for organising the Old Boys so well, but he should be warned that another 9 wicket loss and he will have to be dropped!

OLD BOYS GOLF

Because of the differing playing levels of the OK golfers we have set up two groups. The 'elite' players, with single-figure handicaps and better, are looked after by Michael Choong, and the other players, who adopt a more relaxed approach to their golf, are looked after by myself, Graham Cox. All Old Boys are welcome to play in any of the events however, due to the number of activities each year, it eases the organisation of the society to have two people taking on the work. Chris Diacon and Peter Taylor have taken on board the investigation of new events by contacting the secretaries of other schools' Old Boys Golf societies with a view to setting up other games at other courses in the area.

Rupert Rea is captain of our Scratch team, who attend events such as the Grafton Morrish and the Queen Elizabeth Commemoration Trophy in Edinburgh. We have enjoyed mixed success this year, experimenting with and bleeding new pairings. We can look forward to a very rosy future, with players such as Alex Gems and Hunter Daly, still in the schooling system, playing a very good level of junior golf.

The first event of the season was a Triangular match against Kingston Grammar School OB's and a team from the Raynes Park Former Pupils club. This was played at Wimbledon Park GC in April with each team having 6 players and the best 5 stableford scores aggregated. The result was that our team won by a very small margin – the players being Ralph Cake, Micky King, Paul Druckman, Martin Fielding, Chris Diacon and Graham Cox. As winners we (I) get to organise next year's event, which will be played at the Leatherhead GC on Tuesday 28th April, teeing off at 2:00 with soup and sandwiches afterwards.

The Spring Meeting was played at Royal Wimbledon GC on the 9th May. There was

the usual good turnout with a few new faces and the competition for the prizes was very close. Ian Hay won the Bill Cox Cup for the best stableford score of 33 with Micky King just one point behind. Tom Howland won the Blades Scratch Cup with a score of 79. Two boys from the school played and Hunter Daly scored 32 points off a handicap of 6 but the star performance of the day was by Alex Gems, who plays off a handicap of 4, and went round in 69 strokes – one under par for the course. Next year's meeting will again be at Royal Wimbledon GC on Friday 15th May teeing off after lunch.

The Triangular match organised by Gordon McGinn again at Royal Wimbledon was played on the day before Commemoration Day with the usual teams of Old Boys, Schoolboys and Staff/Parents. The format always makes for a very enjoyable game however play was very competitive and the Schoolboys won on the day.

The Surrey Schools Old Boys Golf Societies competition was played at Clandon Regis GC in July with nine teams of Old Boys from schools in the area. Chris Diacon was our best player with 37 points closely followed by Peter Taylor with 36. Unfortunately the other members of the team, myself included, did not score as well and we did not win any prizes.

The final event this year was a game against the Old Tiffins at Betchworth Park GC on October 27th. It was a beautiful sunny autumn day for us to play on this fine Parkland Golf Course. It is always a pleasure to meet and exchange news and banter with our fellow OK's and this time also with our very welcoming and hospitable hosts and opposition. The coffee and bacon roll on arrival were very good and the meal after excellent. With the leaves turning their autumn colours and splendid views to the North Downs and over English countryside we played four ball better ball so that we all played the whole course. Altogether it was a most enjoyable event, very little marred by our losing narrowly by 3 matches to 2. Peter Grant won our internal competition with Peter Taylor runner up. Many thanks to Chris Diacon for organising this event. Played J Axe, G Cox, C Diacon, M Fielding, M Francis, P Grant, M King, P Taylor, and A Todd. It is hoped to repeat this event next year.

There are a couple of new triangular matches in the pipeline planned for August and September 2009. Details of the events for next year will be put onto the KCS web site under the Old King's Club area and I shall be emailing details of the events to the people in my KCS OB list. To join the list please email me at *grahamcox@ntlworld.com* or ring me on 0161 427 5930.

OLD BOYS ROWING

The Old King's Rowing Club, which has been renamed 'Cabbages BC' by its members, has come a long way in the past year. Having convincingly won the OKC vs KCSBC cup last September, the club now has almost 60 members and has been fully registered with the Amateur Rowing Association. This development means that KCS alumni can now enter public regattas across the country for the first time. We are confident that we can field an eight for

2009's Head of the River Race on March 21st and there are plans for an entry to Henley Royal Regatta in the future. The annual KCS vs. Old Boys Race will be taking place on December 14th at 1:30pm by Putney bridge. If you are interested in competing or just want to come along and support on the day please go to our Facebook group 'KCSBC Old Boys' or website *www.cabbagesbc.org.uk* for more details.

David Lock

OLD BOYS RUGBY

The Old Boys Rugby Club continues to thrive at Motspur Park. After over 15 years at our 'new' home, it is appropriate to reflect briefly, and to pay tribute to the generosity and foresight of the School and the OKC, which together secured the future of Old Boys' rugby after our previous base at Robin Hood Way had been destroyed by vandalism. We should also recall the efforts of the Tony Hein and the late Jerry Keeling to raise essential funds, and of the leadership of our President at the time, John Hamilton. Over the years, the Rugby Club has invested significant funds in improving field and clubhouse facilities. This King's joint venture continues to yield so many benefits, evidenced by the closeness of our relationship with the School, and the very high numbers of recent leavers who are active members, and who represent the club with impressive levels of skill and enthusiasm.

The Club's playing success means that our senior XVs are now playing at the highest levels of amateur rugby, and this has proved to be challenging in the first part of the current season. The vast majority of our opponents are well-funded and sponsored town clubs, and we continue to play attractive, attacking rugby. There are no old boys clubs in our current league, and old opponents such as the Whitgiftians, Paulines, Wellingtonians, and Alleynians are presently one or more leagues below us. It is to be hoped that the efforts of the players and coaching team generate more positive results as the season progresses. The club consistently fields several successful reserve teams, who are well worth watching when the 1st XV are travelling long distances.

The Mini and Junior sections continue to thrive, rewarding the substantial and dedicated efforts of the management and coaching teams involved.

We should all look forward to the next campaign of our National Champion Under 21s, as they move from Old Boy to open opposition in pursuit of the Surrey Under 21 Cup, in which we were runners up in 2007-08. The initial rounds will be played in the Christmas holidays, with the finals at Easter. All King's enthusiasts who haven't yet seen this exceptional team in action should really make the effort to do so, as they represent a group that is (so far) unique in King's rugby history.

There is much more information on *www.kings.org.uk*, including news about fixtures and events, and a membership application mechanism.

The Past Players' Luncheon will be held on Saturday 14th February at the clubhouse, and ticket applications will be available via the website. All OKs will be welcome.

Kelvin Walton
President, KCS Old Boys RFC

OLD BOYS TENNIS

For several years the School has been unable to make up a tennis team on Commemoration Day because of the on-going A-level examinations. This year, however, with the majority of candidates taking IB examinations, which were all finished before Commemoration Day, a team of good players was available The School and the Old Boys fielded teams of four players, and the match consisted of 4 singles and two doubles. The games were highly competitive and by no means a walk-over, though the final result was 6 – 0 in favour of the Old Boys. It is hoped to repeat this new formation in future years, now that all School candidates will be taking the IB.

As usual, Old Boys have through the summer been playing in the d'Abernon Cup competition. Once again they reached the finals of the competition, which is, of course, a notable achievement in itself, but unfortunately they were defeated in the finals by a very strong Old Reedonians team.

KCS MASONIC LODGE

If when I left School and Wimbledon House in 1955 anyone had told me that I would return voluntarily half a dozen times a year, I don't think I would have believed them. However, the School Lodge of which I have been a member for over 40 years provides a wonderful opportunity to reinforce what should be our standards for life, as well as enjoying the company of Old Boys in an atmosphere of fun and comradeship, all rounded off with a delicious meal provided by Jan Belcher and her ladies. OKs who have only just left School as well as a pre-war member ensure a depth of interest and it is perhaps pertinent that at this time of global turmoil our numbers are certainly increasing. If any Old Boy is interested in finding out more about Freemasonry and the School Lodge, he is most warmly invited to contact me, 01962 868400, or Peter Methley, who is the secretary, on 01403 753 036.

Chris Rashbrook

UNIVERSITY ACTIVITIES

Nottingham University

At the start of the 2008 Summer term 20 Old Boys met for dinner, kindly subsidised by the Old King's Club. The event was a pleasure to organise and it was great to get King's leavers from five different years together. The party included freshers enjoying their first year at Nottingham right through to Nottingham graduates doing law conversion courses at Nottingham Trent. For some the evening came towards the end of a frenetic freshers year whilst for others it came in one of their last weeks at Nottingham. The evening was a great success and with such a steady stream of King's boys studying at Nottingham it is hoped that events such as this well be held more often in the future.

(See photograph on inside back cover.)

James Hawken

Undergraduates' Dinner at Pembroke College Oxford

On Saturday November 15th, the Old King's Club held a dinner for undergraduate OKs and current members of staff at Pembroke College, Oxford. In all, over fifty people attended – predominantly undergraduates from Oxford and Cambridge, but also including other OKs from as far afield as London, Warwick and Nottingham. Among the staff were many familiar faces from across the departments, but the dinner also provided the first chance for many OKs to meet the new Headmaster, Andrew Halls.

A pre-dinner drinks reception was held in Pembroke's plush function room, Broadgates, with the beautiful Chapel Quad as a backdrop. In spite of the best efforts of the staff minibus' Tom-Tom to derail the evening almost before it had begun, everyone finally arrived, and we moved on to the college's nineteenth-century Hall for the meal itself. Pembroke's staff produced a delicious three-course dinner for us, which was greatly appreciated by everyone. The meal itself offered an ideal opportunity for former students and teachers alike to reminisce about the good old days in SW19: the atmosphere was palpably one of pleasant nostalgia.

After the meal, the Headmaster gave a speech, in which he updated the OKs on some of the recent news from King's. He spoke in particular about the imminent introduction of girls to the sixth form, which is unsurprising given that this was such a major topic of discussion at the meal itself! The chance to hear all about the welfare of our alma mater was very welcome, and I would like to thank the Headmaster for joining us at the dinner. After the speeches we moved from the Hall to the college bar to continue proceedings, before finally going our separate ways. All in all, the event made for a memorable evening.

Thanks must go to: all those who attended, some despite considerable journeys; David Lock in Cambridge, who managed to persuade a very good number of 'Tabs to make the dreaded journey across to Oxford; the Events Manager and staff at Pembroke for their kind hospitality; and, above all, Micky King and the Old King's Club, who made the evening possible by subsidising both the coach from Cambridge and the dinner itself. The tradition of a biennial meal at Oxbridge is now in its eighth year, with previous dinners having been held in the past at, among others, Balliol and Magdalene Colleges. Based on the evidence of this evening at Pembroke, it is my sincere hope that the event will become a permanent fixture of the OK calendar.

(See photograph on inside back cover.)

Thomas Westwell

Huge thanks are also due to Thomas for all the work he put into arranging the evening and whipping in the Oxford contingent, including a lot of last minute dashing about on the evening itself.

OLD BOYS NEWS

J STUART ADDISON (1950). We have recently received news, from his sister, of Stuart Addison, who left King's in 1950. After training as an engineer in 1957 he joined Hawker Sidley, where he was assisting in the design of the famous Hawker Harrier aircraft. From 1963 to 1970 he worked as a Colombo Plan advisor for the British Government, on loan to the Indian Government, setting up foundries and tool rooms in India.

In 1970 he moved to Australia, to become Chief Engineer for T R W Stainless Steel. From 1974 to 1977 he was manager of A P V, and then retired to set up his own company, Letford Engineering, as a consultant to the food and pharmaceutical industries.

Stuart has been married to Jane for 55 years, and has two children, four grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

JONATHAN BRADSHAW (1982) has been living in Paris, on and off, for the past eleven years, working for various banks in the financial brokerage world. He did a four-year stint in Asia, came briefly to the UK, and then returned to Paris. His wife is from Paris, and they have four children.

BEN CAIRNS (1993) is a chartered building surveyor and lives in Wimbledon. He has previously worked for several Building Consultancy firms in the West End, and now specialises in professional work for a London-based firm of building surveyors and project managers.

JONATHAN ISABY (1996) has now left the Telegraph, where he has been a regular columnist, and is now the co-editor of www.ConservativeHome.com. He will continue to write his monthly column for GQ magazine, and to undertake freelance political commentaries.

Earlier in the year Jonathan co-authored *Boris v Ken: How Boris Johnson Won London*, which tells how Boris went from being a TV personality-cum-politician to the man with the biggest electoral mandate in the UK.

MARTIN JOHN (1974) has lived in the Far East since 1981, and has studied and become fluent in the Chinese language, and to a lesser extent Japanese.

He has worked for various international companies in the region, both as an employee and, presently, a consultant to assist with marketing and purchasing.

REVD BRIAN RICE (1950) marked the tenth anniversary of his diagnosis of Parkinson's in May of this year with a party, and an interview for *The Parkinson*, the magazine of the Parkinson's Disease Society. He has good days and bad days, he says, but approaches everything with humour and passion. We wish him well.

SIR STEPHEN RICHARDS (1968) has been elected an Honorary Fellow of St John's College Oxford, his old college.

NICK TAYLOR (1988) after living in Boston, Massachusetts for almost 15 years, has relocated with his family to Chapel Hill,

North Carolina, to work as the controller at Morgan Creek Capital Management, a fund of hedge funds, which had been founded by a former colleague of his. Chapel Hill is the home of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, which has about 23,000 students, a beautiful campus, and is the oldest state university in the US.

He writes that he "suspects there are very few OKs in the tar heel state, but they are most welcome in Chapel Hill".

ROY TEED (1945) is to be congratulated on celebrating his eightieth birthday in May of this year. On leaving school, and completing his National Service, he studied at the Royal Academy of Music for four years. From 1953 he then worked as a free-lance teacher, composer, organist, piano accompanist, examiner, and adjudicator.

Roy taught at the Royal Academy of Music from 1966 to 1996, and was elected a Fellow in 1977. Living in Colchester, he also taught at the Colchester Institute, where there is now a Roy Teed Cup for Composition, which is competed for annually.

JEREMY WARMSLEY (2001) is working as a singer/song writer and producer, and has just put out his second album 'How we became' on Transgressive Records. He will be on tour in Japan during December.

DEATHS & OBITUARIES

DEATHS

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

D M P BURFORD (1955) 2008
J V BURGESS (1935) 15th July 2008
K J BURTON (1952) 3rd October 2008
M COSTERTON (1960) 6th September 2008
C H C EDWARDS (1942) 2008
D H EDWARDS (1955) 14th July 2008
D KING (1930) 2008
G M LAMBERTS (1945) 15th January 2008
G E MILNER (1923) 1995
D W PARRY (1948) 29th September 2008
I RANGER (1942) February 2008
C E SHINN (1945) 7th November 2008
MAJOR J P STILES (1936) 2nd March 2007
D A VARLEY (1924) August 2006

OBITUARIES

DAVID PARRY (1948) died on 28 September 2008 after a short illness.

David came to King's in 1944, and particularly distinguished himself in his rowing activities, an interest which he kept up all his life. Active in Old Boys' affairs, he had been a trustee of the invested funds for the last 23 years, where his professional expertise has been greatly valued.
Sian Hassan, one of David's daughters, has written the following obituary for her father.

David was born on 7 February 1932 of Welsh parents living in the Walton on Thames area. Growing up, he was an active child who participated in various sports, particularly enjoying rowing and rugby. When he felt there was a need to make a choice between them, he chose rowing and served the sport in many capacities with great dedication. He had been a member of Walton Rowing Club since the age of six and during the 1950s he was captain for seven years while his father was president. To further his rowing career he did compete in crews for other clubs, and won the Prince Philip Challenge Cup at Henley Royal Regatta in 1964, competing for Molesey Boat Club. The same year he competed for Great Britain in the European Championships. When he stopped top-class rowing he became an international selector for the Amateur Rowing Association, and was awarded its Centenary Medal. He was elected a Steward of Henley Royal Regatta in 1976 and served on the Committee of Management from 1989 until 2001. He was a Freeman of the Company of Watermen and Lightermen of the River Thames.

He was also a member of Thames Valley Skiff Club, through which he met Wendy. They were married in 1961 in Barbados, and had three daughters.

On leaving Kings at the age of 16, he followed his father into the City where he spent his career as a stockbroker, retiring from full time work in 1986 and consultancy roles in 1992. He served on the Stock Exchange Council from 1981 to 1987 and was Chairman of the London Traded Options Committee in 1986 and 1987.

He did National Service as an officer in the Royal Welch Fusiliers, serving in Jamaica and Belize. This is probably why he had such an appetite for travel.

He was very generous with his time and expertise, particularly towards some of the charities which were close to his heart. The Rowing Foundation is probably the outstanding one, though he also helped to raise hundreds of thousands of pounds for the Reed's School Foundation .

He is survived by his wife, Wendy, three daughters and four grandchildren.

PETER GERHOLD (1934), who died on 7th May 2008 age 93, was a former Hon. Secretary of the Old King's Club, and later Vice President of the Club.

Peter entered the Junior School on a Junior Entrance Scholarship in 1928, and followed that with a Senior Entrance Scholarship in 1930. On leaving school in 1934 he achieved seventh place in the Civil Service Executive Examination and entered the Estate Duty Office of the Inland Revenue. He gained a degree in Law in 1937. In the Second World War he served in the Royal Navy in Iceland and in the Mediterranean. He retired from the Estate Duty Office in 1975, after 38 years service.

Always a keen supporter of the Old King's Club, with a deep sense of the importance of preserving records of past and present Old Boys, he agreed to take on the Secretaryship of the OKC in 1978, a post which he held until succeeded by Alan Wells in 1982. He was later made a Vice President of the Club.

Until he moved to Devonshire in 1983 Peter had lived all his life in Putney, where he was active in the local community. He founded the Wandsworth Historical Society in 1954, and the Putney Society in 1960, in which he was Membership Secretary, Treasurer, Chairman, and finally President. For a number of years he was an elected Conservator of Wimbledon and Putney Commons.

Peter is survived by his wife Nancy, two sons who came to King's, Martin (1969) and Dorian (1974), and two daughters, Penny and Melinda.

JOHN VERNEY BURGESS (1935), who died on 15th July aged 90, started at KCS in 1931 having been at Rokeby School.

He was a very competent mathematician and received the London University School certificate in six subjects on leaving in 1935. He represented the School at cricket, rowing and rugby and was a founder member of "The King's Rhythm Boys" (Flute and Vocals).

He remained a keen supporter of the School and Old Boys throughout his life. On leaving KCS he embarked on a career in commodities, which involved working in various parts of the world. At the outbreak of the war he joined the Gold Coast Regiment and was mentioned in dispatches for bravery during the Italian conflict in North Africa. He then fought in Burma ending the war as major. He resumed his career in 1945, joining Guthrie Corporation, becoming managing director of Guthrie Estates and Chairman of the Rubber Growers Association. He enjoyed 28 years of retirement. He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Tricia, son Patrick (also Rokeby and KCS OB) and daughters and numerous grandchildren.

Patrick Burgess

PROFESSOR CLIFFORD EDWARDS (1942), who died earlier this year, left KCS to study Law at King's College London, and graduated with first class honours in 1945. He became a solicitor in practice in London, but soon became a lecturer in Law at Kumasi College, Ghana, and then, in 1958 at the Manitoba Law School, Canada where he was to spend the rest of his life.

At Manitoba he became Professor in 1962 and Dean of the Law School in 1964. One of the most respected authorities on legal matters in Canada, he was President of the Manitoba Law Reform Commission from 1979 to 2006. His expertise was rewarded by being named as a Member of the Order of Canada in 2006, and a year later, the Order of Manitoba, its provincial counterpart. The citation read "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".

A regular correspondent, he took a keen interest in the affairs of the Old King's Club, and we were pleased to welcome him in 2006, accompanied by his two sons, on his first visit to his old school for over 40 years.

B J S

DAVID EDWARDS (1955), who died on 14th July 2008, is remembered as one of a talented group of post-A-level students who in 1954 remained at school for a further year to attempt to gain entry into Oxford, Cambridge, or other prestigious universities. Of the class of 11 scientists, all were successful; nine gained entry to Oxford or Cambridge, of which eight (including David) gained Open Scholarships or Exhibitions, one entered Imperial College, and one the Royal Veterinary College. After graduating, David went on to a distinguished career in Medicine.

Ann Edwards, David's widow, has sent the following account of his life.

David arrived in Stoke as a Consultant Orthopaedic Surgeon in 1975. His main interest was children's orthopaedics and he set up a clinic for children with various disabilities. During this time he visited monthly three schools for children with special needs and most of these children required orthopaedic treatment.

During his early years at Stoke he operated once a week at Biddulph Grange Orthopaedic Hospital which is now owned by the National Trust. He used to have his picnic lunch in the gardens. Later he became a senior lecturer in Orthopaedics at Keele University.

He became Clinical Director in Orthopaedics from 1994-1996. During this time he managed to secure funding for a Chair in Trauma and Orthopaedics. He was also involved in the planning for a new orthopaedic hospital which opened after he had retired. He retired from being a Reader in the Lichfield Diocese in 1998. He was also a Freemason and had been charity steward for ten years.

Other leisure activities included bird watching and sailing. He was a RYA race officer and sailed for many years at Abersoch.

He is survived by his wife Ann, a Radcliffe nurse whom he met while working at the Whittington Hospital, a daughter who is a psychiatrist, a son who is a consultant thoracic surgeon, and four grandchildren all of whom share his love of sailing.

Sadly David died from lung cancer never having smoked!

LOST ADDRESSES OF LEAVERS 1946-1955

The OKC office does not have current addresses for the following OKC members who left up to and including 1955, and to whom we would like to send invitations to the next Gaudy. If any reader knows the present address of any of the following, or has news of them, please write to the Hon. Secretary, OKC, at the School and let him know.

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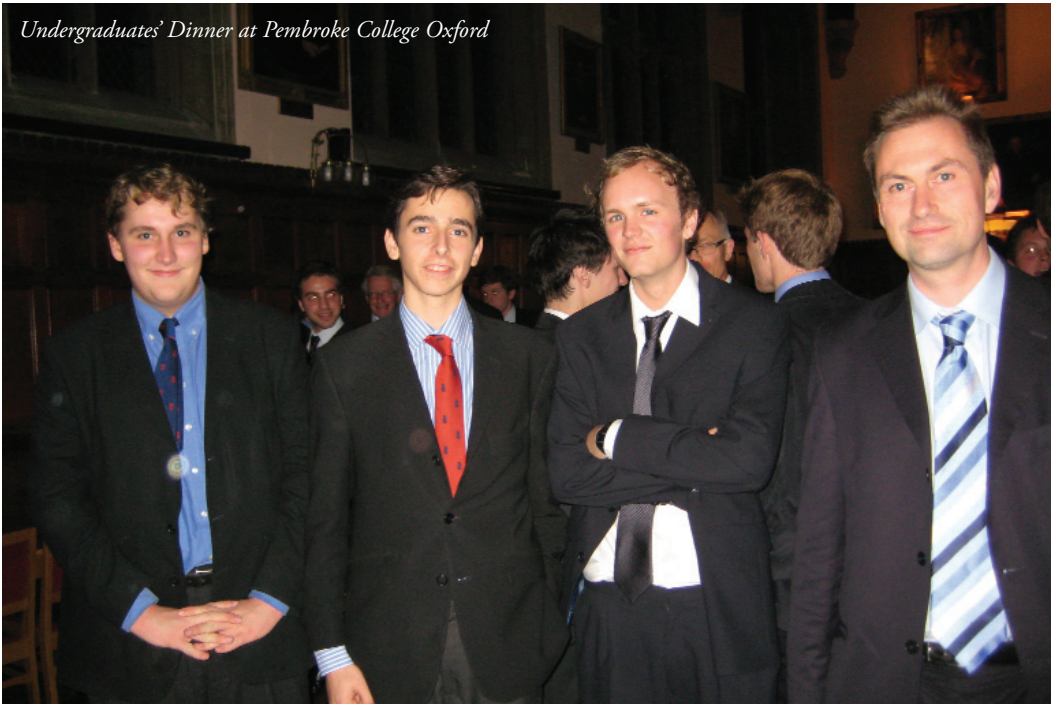

Undergraduates' Dinner at Pembroke College Oxford

KCS Old Boys Golf Society Spring Meeting at Royal Wimbledon Golf Club on 9th May 2008

Byron Theo, Julian Axe, Ian Hay won Bill Cox Cup, Chris Diacon, Alex Gems KCS – Best Score, Paul Brooks, Tony Clark, Peter Taylor, John Coleman, Gordon McGinn
Seated Martin Fielding, Ralph Cake, Nigel Gibson Horrocks, Graham Cox, Micky King (also played Tom Howland won Blades Cup & Hunter Daly KCS)