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Old King's Club

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OKC Annual Dinner 2009

will be held at the School
on 20th November

Our speaker on the evening will be Christoffer van Tulleken (1996) whose love of adventure, the great outdoors and his subsequent career as a doctor led to him featuring, with his twin brother Xand, in Channel 4's series Medicine Men Go Wild, testing traditional medicine against western practices in remote parts of the world.

Tickets are £33.00

Tickets are now available - please contact the Club on 020 8255 5428

THE OKC OB HOCKEY SQUAD - SEE PAGE 13 - From left to right: James McFarlane (2006), James Eaves (2006), Henry Elks (2007), Ed Wallis (2008), James Midmer (2003), Paul Isaacs (2008), Alex Simmonds (2005), Duncan Ridley (2008), Pete Foulser (2008), James Buxton (2007), Edward Clarke (2007)

Bryan Stokes

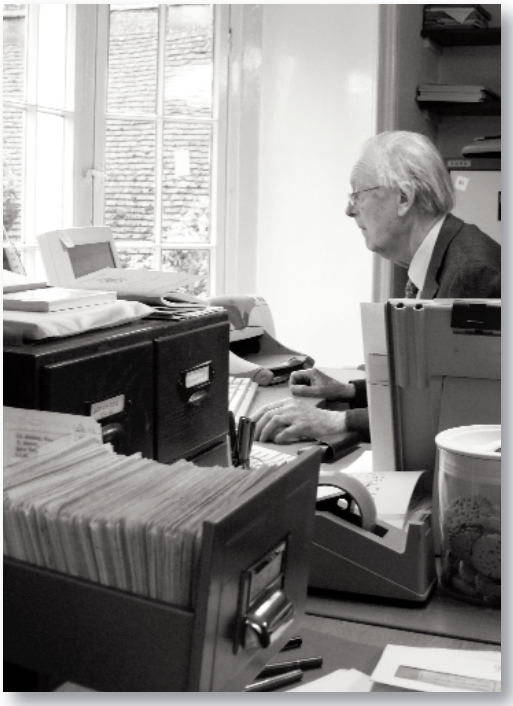
Bryan Stokes retired as Honorary Secretary of the Old King's Club in January 2009 after seventeen years of outstanding service to the club.

Bryan is an alumnus of Whitgift School and King's College London. He joined the teaching staff at King's in 1952 and had a distinguished career at King's, becoming Head of Science. Bryan was also highly regarded elsewhere in the field of the teaching of Chemistry, inter alia writing the Nuffield Textbook.

Bryan became secretary shortly after retiring and transformed the Club's administration and communications whilst ensuring that the Club remained active. Bryan's most noticeable contribution to the Club is the Newsletter transforming it from two printed sheets into the "good read" it has become. Also he ensured that it was a "publication of record".

Bryan brought the Club into the computer age with word processing, e-mail and crucially the computerisation of the OKC database.

Bryan is well known to, and remembers, generations of King's boys, and this has been a major advantage to the Club, especially as he is regarded with respect and affection. He devoted many more hours to the Club than the published six hours that the office



was open, also enlisting the help of his wife Barbara, to whom we owe a debt of gratitude.

Bryan has always been passionate about the School's archives and has now assumed the position of School Archivist.

To mark Bryan's contribution to the Club, the Old King's Club has inaugurated an annual prize in the School; "The Bryan Stokes Prize for Outstanding Achievement in Science".

Forthcoming Events

Old King's Club

12th May - Careers evening
20th June - Commemoration Day
20th November - OKC Annual Dinner

School

Summer term 2009 ends on Wednesday 1st July. (Half Term 25th - 29th May)
Autumn Term 2009 begins on Tuesday 1st September and ends on Tuesday 15th December

From The Archives

Gifts

The Archive has recently been fortunate to receive two important gifts, both from the estates of Old Boys who died many years ago.

The first gift was a collection of seven team photographs from the 1920s, from the estate of G H Mitchell (1930), kindly sent to the Archive by his son. All of these photographs were new to the Archive, and filled important gaps in our collection.

Geoffrey Mitchell was a School Prefect, a member of the 1st XV rugby team 1929-1930, described as 'great value as a defensive player' and a member of the 1st XI cricket team 1930. On leaving School he joined the Nigerian Police Force. He died in 1977.

The second gift was of three silver cups, and a Victor Ludorum medal, all won by A F B Sheldon (1909), who died in 1933 age 42. They were given to the Archive from the estate of his daughter, Miss Daphne Sheldon, recently deceased.

Frank Sheldon was an outstanding athlete at School. The cup illustrated here was awarded for winning the Open Long Jump in the athletic sports of 1907. Frank was a member of the 1st XV rugby team 1906-1909 and the 1st XI cricket team 1908. In the 1909 athletic sports he won the High Jump open, together with the Long Jump open, the 100 yds open, and the 120 yds Hurdle Race. He was rightly awarded the Victor Ludorum medal for that year. Frank went on to graduate in history from Wadham College Oxford in 1913. After a period of war service he was invalided out. The major part of his later career was in business and public service in the City of Leicester.

Desiderata

OKC Newsletters

The Archive is anxious to complete its collection of Old King's Club Newsletters. Issues 1 to 15 inclusive, and 32 to the present time, are currently held, but a gap exists from issue 16 (May 1963) to 31 (December 1968). If any Old Boy has copies of any of these issues that they were prepared to give to the Archive, they would be very gratefully received.

Photographs

The Archive holds a large collection of team and other photographs, but there are a number of gaps. An almost complete run of 1st XV rugby team photographs from 1880 to 1912 is held, for example, but those for 1933-1941 and 1959-1980 are almost all missing. Any offers of team photographs would be most welcome- either as outright gifts, or as loans so that they can be scanned and returned.

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KCS Ryder Cup

For a dozen Old Boys of the 2002 vintage, the "KCS Ryder Cup" returned as a bigger, better and more memorable event in early-March 2009. The inaugural contest of November 2007 (see Issue 113) had been played out over 18 holes at Richmond Park

with 6 points on offer – 'America' beating 'Europe' 4-2. For this year's duel, the two teams left their south west London roots and relocated themselves for the weekend an hour down the A3 at Old Thorns Golf Club in Liphook. Staying overnight, the eagerly anticipated rematch would be decided over 36 holes with 12 points on offer. Double the golf… double the time spent together… double the fun.

Sporting our newly acquired KCS-embroidered team jumpers subsidised by the generosity of the OKC, Saturday's play saw six separate points on offer – three points on offer from three fourball better ball matches on the front nine – then wipe the slate clean before the Texas Scramble back nine. As with the real Ryder Cup, captains Richard Smith and Oliver Bretton, privately chose their pairs and what order they would go out in, revealing their decision to their counterpart only minutes before the first tee. It just so happened that both skippers put themselves in the second group: Smith playing with Tom Pilcher against Bretton and Nick Steiner.

Halving the better ball first nine, Europeans Smith and Pilcher took the Texas Scramble back nine to win their day 1½-½. It was the opposite 1½-½ scoreline for the group in front of them as the American duo of Blake Hutchins and Craig Walker took the better ball honours before sharing Texas Scramble with Jonny Corbett and Mikey Tilles. Thus, it was fitting that the final group pitting Europeans Ben and Henry Jones against Americans Richard Defriez and Frithiof Wilhelmsen (returning from Norway for the event!) shared both points, the last golf of the day being Defriez holing a dastardly putt in front of a gallery of

Kings' boys on 18 to leave the match perfectly poised at 3-3 overnight. An evening of joint celebration followed - eating, drinking and dancing the night away before the crucial second day's golf.

With the scores level and the seeded Sunday better ball worth 2 points per match over 18 holes, two wins for either side

would be enough for the trophy. As holders, America could afford to win one and draw one to retain so Europe had to get off to a fast start. In group two, Corbett/Smith did exactly that, taking an early lead and beating Wilhelmsen/Walker 3 & 2. In the third group, Defriez/Steiner survived a rally from Tilles/H.Jones to win 2 & 1 and, as those 8 players walked the 18th together, the destiny of the cup would depend entirely on the unknown result of the top seeds. Pilcher/B.Jones had led Bretton/Hutchins early but had they held on…? The sight of Pilcher waiting at the green suggested they had done and his confirmation of a 2 & 1 win meant Europe had avenged 2007, winning the 2009 KCS Ryder Cup 7-5. Now at one triumph apiece in such an evenly matched sporting contest, twelve Kings' boys had enjoyed a special social weekend that all would remember for a very long time… and none of us can wait for the third instalment.

Olly Bretton (2002)

Golf Fixtures can be found on the OKC web site - www. okc.org.uk.

STOP PRESS: Saturday 26th April
The Scratch Golf Team won their area qualifying competition to qualify for the finals of the Grafton Morrish Competition organised by the Public Schools Golf Association. The finals are to be held in September at Hunstanton and Brancaster Golf courses. Teams of Alumni of schools from all parts of the country take part in the finals.

Varsity Boxing

There was an unusual occurrence at the 102nd Varsity Boxing match held in the Old Billingsgate Fish Market on the 10th March when two Alumni from the same school were representing their Universities. Not only were they from the same school, and that a school which does not have boxing as a sport, but were in the same House and Tutor Group.

Rob Chapman (2005) fought at Welterweight for Cambridge (see front cover) and Richard Pickering (2007) at Middleweight for Oxford. Rob had a good win stopping his opponent in the second round, but Richard lost his bout being unfortunate in coming up against a very strong middleweight who early on got in some very powerful blows. Congratulations to them both for representing their universities in this and other matches.

Solomon Islands - An OK's Elective

The daily Twin Otter touched down in a grass clearing surrounded by tropical forest, sending pigs and chickens running for cover in a well rehearsed manner. I cautiously stepped down from the plane, about as shocked as the animals that I had unwittingly displaced and onto the Island of Malaita, a rural province of the Solomon Islands with 150, 000 people.

I would spend the following four weeks working with the four doctors of the Kilu'ufi Referral Hospital, each one a competent, if junior, general physician and surgeon who was brought up in one of the local tribes and trained in Papua New Guinea. This team lacked experienced leadership and diagnostic testing equipment such as electrocardiograms (ECGs) and any functional machines to perform routine blood tests. However, these major shortcomings were simply indicative of problems suffered by the island that has sporadic electricity, no running water and only two paved roads.

A child climbing a betel nut tree.
Photographer: Kelly Hughes, AVI volunteer

The majority of the population of Malaita live in the rural "bush" in communal villages with many customs. For these people "custom medicine" is the first point of call at times of illness, which can cause large problems for doctors at Kilu'ufi. During my stay I saw a barely conscious child brought in acutely short of breath. He had a congenital heart defect that had been detected soon after he was born. In the western world this would have been repaired early in life, but here the family chose not to have it treated. The child slowly deteriorated and was presented to the custom doctors in the villages, who told the family that he should not be brought to Kilu'ufi. By the time we saw him he was in end-stage heart failure and there was nothing more that could be done. I doubt that I will quickly forget his relatives wailing and screaming publically on the open ward, as is customary in such a situation in Malaita. This situation highlighted to me that public understanding of health and science plays a large role in the overall health of the population and how lucky we are to be well educated in the U.K.

In my second week I travelled out to the bush to deliver World Health Organization funded anti-retroviral medication to an HIV positive mother and the father. HIV is officially almost unrecorded in the Solomon Islands. However, it seems likely that there is a large hidden problem, as testing for the condition is abnormal, the practising of safe sex

is almost unheard of and condoms are unavailable to most. We weighed this family's youngest child whilst distributing the medicine and advised them about minimising the risk of HIV transmission.

We also met their older son who had epilepsy. In the U.K epilepsy is controlled with medication and many sufferers live full lives unnoticed among us. However, this boy never had such a chance. Due to poor infrastructure and poverty he could not get a regular supply of medication and when he had a fit in his house, he fell onto the communal fire and badly burnt his arms. This was a common presentation at Kilu'ufi and whilst I was there I assisted with 3 skin grafts. Epileptic patients were also highly vulnerable to falls in excess of 30 feet from coconut and betel nut trees. Despite all of his adversity the boy seemed happy to see us, just happy that someone was talking to him as we found out later that he was mostly shunned by the local community.

In this part of the world there are often stories of medical students having to run their own wards or work unsupervised. Thankfully Kilu'ufi is one of the better staffed of the hospitals in the region and so none of the ethical problems with doing this arose. I would assist with simple procedures on the morning ward round or work clearing the backlog of patients in the outpatient clinic, which freed up the local doctors to assess the more serious patients. In maternity the workload was greater so I found myself delivering a number of babies, some with complicated presentations. Twice

Gwaunaruu Airport,
Malaita Province, Solomon Islands

weekly I assisted in surgery and with the anaesthetics. By the end of the attachment, I was performing simple incision and drainage operations on abscesses, which was of real benefit as these operations were numerous. My experiences inside and outside the hospital were unique and will be long-lasting and I think I have returned to complete my final exams in this country with a better understanding of the problems affecting healthcare and society elsewhere in the world. This experience has certainly increased my desire to travel to other less developed countries once I am qualified enough to provide more assistance to them.

A short section here must be dedicated to the four Australian Volunteers International, volunteers who were also based at Kilu'ufi and really helped us adapt to the lifestyle on Honiara. They are currently building a much needed workshop and providing physiotherapy service to the hospital and their website contains a good video of the hospital - *www.golongsolo.com*.

Dr Jack Olangi weighing a child whilst on a visit to the bush, aided by a nurse, Betty.

I would like to thank the Old King's Club for their financial assistance through the Gap Year Award, which helped to cover some of the costs of this amazing experience.

James Fasham (2003)

Global Energy Award

At a Press Conference in Moscow yesterday (April 15) it was announced by Chairman of the Global Energy Awards Committee, Valentin Smirnov, that "the winner of the first (Global Energy) award" was Brian Spalding (1941). Smirnov said that Professor Spalding had won the award for "numerous original conceptions in the processes of heat and mass transfer which have become the basis for practical calculations of the mechanics of fluid flow".

This prestigious Award was introduced in 2002 at the instigation of leading Russian scientists and with the support of major Russian Energy Companies including Gazprom, United Energy Systems and Yukos. It is awarded to scientists for outstanding achievements in the field of energy. It is intended to encourage effective use of energy resources – a global problem – and to promote cooperation amongst international scientists. (http://www.ge-prize.ru).

Professor Spalding becomes one of 17 Laureates to receive the Award to date, chosen

from more than 1500 nominated in 2009 for the main energy prize.

Professor Spalding, who is a Foreign Member of the Russian Academy of Sciences and who works closely with a research group at the Moscow Power Engineering Institute, has expressed his delight in receiving the Award, particularly because of his long and close connection with Russian science and scientists

The award ceremony will take place in St Petersburg in June during the International Economic Forum. Past presentations have been made by President Vladimir Putin who "considers the Global Energy awards in Russia very symbolic because the award was founded by Russia, which is one of the world energy market leaders"

http://eng.globalaffairs.ru/news/143.html

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. The Committee of the OKC is keen 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.

Please contact the Club or Tristan Bradley (020 8255 5428 / 07971 505 767/ t.bradley@kcs.org.uk)

REMEMBRANCE OF KING'S PAST

Geoffrey Jackson (1955) has edited and annotated a collection of prize poems and translations by scholars of King's College School from 1832 - 1905.

This impressive work demonstrates the very high level of literary achievement in the School during that period.

Copies of this work are available for purchase from the School.

For further details please contact Bryan Stokes, the School Archivist, by email at *b.stokes@kcs.org.uk*.

Old Boys Fencing

The club is planning its usual Commemoration Day fencing match against the School on Saturday 20th June (usually from around 3pm in the Sports Hall).

Given sufficient numbers there will be epee, foil and sabre teams. Any Old Boy fencers who would like to participate are welcome to get in touch with the me.

The School armoury will be available. Old Boys who would like to referee, cheer/jeer from the side-lines or just go to the *Hand in Hand* afterwards are also welcome.

David Tilles (1971)
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Rokeby School

Peter Wicker, a former headmaster of Rokeby School, is writing a history of the first 125 years of the school's existence (the school is now over 130 years old) and would like to include as many memories of its old boys as possible from all sources.

The draft of the history has to be completed by July 2009 in order that the launch can take place in November in the original school building in The Downs, Wimbledon.

If any OK who is also an old boy of Rokeby would like to contribute to the project, since time is running out, please will you send your memories direct to:
Peter Wicker, 2 Kingsley Court, Wimbledon, London, SW19 4PZ.

Gaudy 2009

On 21st March the School held a Gaudy for leavers up to and including 1955. This was the largest Gaudy to date with 144 OKs attending.

Fortunately we enjoyed excellent weather which gave OKs an opportunity to take full advantage of tours of the School, led by current Sixth Formers.

Tours were followed by a group photograph (see centre pages) in the International Baccalaureate Sculpture Court, after which OKs adjourned for lunch.

After lunch the Head Master gave a thought provoking speech alluding to both the School's rich history and the challenges of the future. Micky King, Chairman of the OKC, then thanked the Head Master and the School for hosting the Gaudy.

The day concluded with a rousing rendition of the School Song, accompanied by Ronnie Krippner, the School Organist.

London Students Night

A small but highly focused group of OKs met on the 24th March 2009 at the Marquis Cornwallis in Bloomsbury.

The event, organised by Neeraj Shah and Matthew Abraham, was the first OKC London University event and was attended by ten OKs and a number of KCS staff (see back cover).

University events have proved invaluable in keeping in touch with recent OK leavers and the Club has branches in Bristol, Cambridge, Durham, Cambridge, London, Manchester, Nottingham and Oxford

2008 Old Boys Boat Race: Cabbages vs Kings

On Sunday 9 December, crowds gathered on the Putney Embankment for that annual highlight of the rowing calendar, the boat race. No, not the pampered all-blue affair involving carefully headhunted international rowing talent, but the KCS past vs present match. The Old Boys have a proud record in this fixture and were seeking to complete a hat-trick of wins. Furthermore, they were christening the newly constituted KCS Old Boys' rowing club, Cabbages BC (geddit?) The OBs were full of optimistic visions of Henley qualification and suchlike glory being but a few strokes away – once they had this little trifle out of the way.

The usual careful / desperate selection process assembled a fine body of Old Boys – some of those being very recently departed and some being a little more experienced. David Lock returned as stroke to defend the trophy. Jamie Logie, the silky smooth stroke from last year's School crew, swapped sides in the hope of breaking his duck in this event. Richard Stutt brought his experience from this year's Goldie crew to the middle of the boat and GB-trialist Dom Meyrick-Cole travelled 200 yards downstream from Imperial College BC. With this display of glittering talent in the Old Boys' crew, the Cabbages took to the water with a mixture of confidence, confusion and understandable complacency.

Negotiations about the actual length of the race, spurious handicaps and the unyielding competitive instincts of both sides (trying to sneak half a length's start without being detected) meant that the crews had edged well past Putney Bridge before racing proper commenced. A typical midwinter scratch-crew slugfest seemed to be on the cards as they passed

CREWS

Kings' VIII:	Cabbages' VIII:
Bow: Charlie Gardner	1: Sanjay Patel
2: Connor Tann	2: Tim Monger-Godfrey
3: Jack Wharton	3: Jonathon Ross
4: Chris Rivett	4: Dom Meyrick-Cole
5: Rob Fitzgerald-Crisp	5: Richard Stutt
6: Andrew Farr	6: Jamie Logie
7: Toby Parker	7: Rob Chapman
Stroke: Jamie Bennett	Stroke: David Lock
Cox: James Seddon	Cox: Tom Westwell

the boathouse rating about 36 until the School crew did something totally underhand – they started to row rather well! Mr Grimble was left scratching his head in a content but mostly surprised manner. In a matter of 20 strokes, the School demonstrated that rowing is first and foremost a team game and drew away by almost a length. By the time that the Old Boys had noticed and responded with a blistering late burst it was too late and by an unofficial verdict of ½ length the School won the day. Hopefully this will set the 1st VIII up well for the coming head season whilst the Old Boys will return to fight another day. No cabbages suffered (too much) in the running of this race.

Visit the website -www.cabbagesbc.org.uk

Gaudy 2009 - see page 8

KCS Old Boys RFC

The lasting legacy of the superb School rugby squads of 2006-07 and 2007-08 is presently visible in the performance of the Old Boys Under 21 team. Many of these young gentlemen in fact have dual connections to King's, through the Minis and Juniors as well as the School. They are showing their sustained commitment to King's rugby by their support for the Club, in large numbers, during the university Diaspora. The Under 21s are captained by Tom Dugarin (School 1st XV captain 2006-07) and are managed by Mike Humphries (Alex Humphries' father). Following their victory in the National OB's championship in the summer, the Under 21s powered through the preliminary stages of the Surrey open tournament at Christmas, with convincing wins over Chobham, Cobham and London Irish. After Easter, they will contest the semi-final – and, we hope, the final – of this competition. Match details and results will be published on www.kings.org.uk.

The Club has enjoyed a demanding season, with the predictable effects of retirements and injuries being compounded by economic events, with numerous people moving away for work. The 1st XV have held position in London 3 South West (RFU level 7) – and we are the only Old Boys club from SW London, West Surrey, East Sussex and Hampshire operating at this high level. Semi-professionalism begins one promotion away in London 2, and we would probably need the levels of sponsorship more readily available to town and exile clubs (or through an extraordinarily generous OK sponsor) to compete most effectively at higher levels.

The squad is young and mobile, and a number of younger players have stepped up to the required standard of performance this season. The team recently secured attractive, and ultimately decisive, wins over London Irish Amateur and London Cornish, in front of good-sized crowds of King's supporters. The majority of players are OKs of recent vintage – and we of course would be delighted to welcome new recruits and supporters to Motspur Park. The team's preferred style is to

play open rugby, and to try to avoid the aerial ping-pong that presently sullies the professional game under the wretched ELVs.

The Mini and Junior sections continue to thrive. Up to 350 children and youth turn out regularly, weather permitting, on Sundays. The Under 14s (Team Manager Julia Rawlinson, Coach André du Toit) won promotion with 7 victories in 7 attempts, scoring 228 points and conceding only 15. The Under 16s (Team Manager Kathryn Hampshire, Coaches Richard Dale & John Woods) were also promoted; their perfect record was slightly spoiled by one draw punctuating their 7 wins.

The Club has been awarded the RFU Seal of Approval, following a rigorous evaluation process that required meticulous work by Louise Ramshaw. This achievement affirms that the Club is organised and operated in compliance with RFU best practice recommendations. Among the potential benefits of this are a possible increase in our allocation of international tickets for members, and higher priority access to RFU improvement grants – when the money starts to flow again.

For more information about the KCS Old Boys RFC please contact Paddy Ralston (1976), Director of Rugby at: *paddy@kings.org.uk,* or visit *www.kings.org.uk*

We are sorry to see Marcus Blackburn leave King's and congratulate him on his appointment (as Director of Rugby, not Token Pom) at The Scots College, Sydney. Marcus has been instrumental in building on the excellent ties between School and Club, to the great benefit of the entire King's rugby community. We wish him very well, and look forward to seeing him in the future.

Kelvin Walton (1964)
President, KCS Old Boys RFC

Hockey - OKC vs KCS

KCS First XI 2
KCS Old Boys 2

On Sunday 29th March the First XI Hockey side played a KCS Old Boys side captained by Duncan Ridley (2008) consisting of past students who left within the last 6 years. The standard of Hockey was exceptional by both sides and the match resulted in a gentleman-like draw 2-2. Both Old Boys' goals were scored by Ed Wallis (2007); other notable performances came from Ed Clarke (2007) and Alex Simmonds (2005) who was outstanding for the Old Boys at centre back. In the first half the School side were dominated by the superior strength of the Old Boys but eventually the current KCS side's fitness and teamwork shone through and the scores were tied deep into the second half. It was a most enjoyable match and the large crowd of supporters were well entertained.

After the match a reception and a few drinks were enjoyed at the Old Boys RFC. My thanks go to Paddy Ralston and Micky King for assisting me with the organisation of this. I look forward to this becoming an annual event in the KCS calendar.

Mike Thompson
Master in charge of Hockey
See photo inside front cover.

Old Boys Football

When I first attended the Arthurian League Annual AGM meeting for our application to join the league, I was asked whether King's actually played football. Well, three seasons later the answer is a definitive 'yes'. After being the highest placed new side and the quickest promoted side into the top flight, our side has continued to impress. Among the 6 Divisions and 50 or so public schools in the league, King's are the only non-predominantly football school in the Arthurian Premier League. Schools like Charterhouse, Eton, Harrow and Westminster, who are very much football schools, are the norm. Trips down to rival schools reveal a hotbed of football talent with acres of immaculately groomed football pitches.

However, as we always suspected, if given the chance on a level playing field in terms of training time we had the quality of players to be able to compete. After a difficult start to life in the top flight, King's are now beginning to show that they belong in this company. 5 wins out of 6 has turned our season from also-rans to Champion's League contenders. The highlights of the season being a 2-2 draw against run away league leaders Old Carthusians and a 5-2 hiding of Old Harrovians.

The 1st XI has become a gifted side, taking the best few players from each school year to create a very strong team. With nearly the whole of the 1st XI squad not just playing school 1st team football but also university 1st XI football, we are now playing some of the highest level of amateur football and offering a fantastic sporting outlet for those leaving university. The team and club continue to go from strength to strength, and the addition of a second XI this year has allowed us to attract new players. The club now has an enviable setup with a shared ground arrangement with St Mary's University and the first class training facilities at Fulham Football Club .

However, I am most proud of the excellent team spirit that has been created around the club. No matter what year a boy left we are all King's boys with a shared ethos. Boys from all years have been welcomed as peers. We have now had leavers play from every year from 1994 to 2008 and the number grows with every year that passes. Nearly 100 King's boys have now turned out for one of the two sides. A few weeks ago over 10 leaver's years were represented amongst our two sides.

We wait and see what the future holds for the club, but I like to think that we will continue to run for a hundred years like many of the sides in this league. In the short term the old guard from the original 1999 leavers are slowly removed from the side as the young

guns begin to take over (a pleasing but slightly depressing development). We originally set out a 5 year plan and the 4 years so far have all gone to plan. My time in the side will slowly run its course but before it does I hope to see us lift some silverware, perhaps add a 3rd , 4th XI maybe even a vets side and hopefully one day have our own ground.

Finally I would also like to say a big thank you to Micky King for his continued support, to Liam Kane for his help with the training facilities and to the Old Boys committee for their continued support.

Do get in touch with me if you are interested in getting involved, players of all levels required.

Training is on a Monday evening with games on a Saturday afternoon.

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Cross Country

The Old Boys vs School vs Staff vs Governors, Cross Country race was held on December 13th 2008. Rain had fallen most of the night and continued throughout the day making the common very wet and muddy. It is greatly to the credit of the runners and spectators that they came to run or watch the race at all. Even photography and timekeeping was difficult!

There were twenty runners who splashed their way round the two and three quarter miles of the "junior" cross-country course watched by an equal number of spectators some of whom had decided not to run because they were rowing in the School vs Old Boys race the following day.

Andrew Penney for the School won a narrow victory from James Trapmore for the staff. Three Old Boys, James Robertson, Simon Smith and Tom Lettice filled the next three places, this "packing" enabled the Old Boys to win the team race with the School

Glen James (1969 and Governor), Tom Fitzpatrick (Vice-Chairman of the Governing Body) and the Bursar enjoy the weather

second, the Staff third and the Governors team, who may have suffered by not having a young constituency from which to draw runners, fourth.

Special mention must be made of Frank Carpenter who braved the conditions and ran for the Old Boys. Frank has run in this event over 50 years. Also Celia Tedd, running for the staff, the first lady to run in the event. Afterwards we all enjoyed tea and refreshments in the Dining Hall and the Kevin Hawney trophy was presented by Kevin to Andrew Penney.

Many thanks to James Trapmore who organised the event, Jan Belcher for refreshments, and special thanks and congratulations on extreme fortitude to all who ran or watched.

Rifle Club

Our AGM was held on the 21 March and our fixtures list (see OKC website), Officers and Committee members were ratified by the assembled AGM.

In 2008 the popularity of Gallery rifle has grown whilst interest in Full bore Target rifle has been maintained. We have maintained the regularity of our shoots during 2009 with roughly two a month with periodic lulls to allow for holidays and low season.

The Club will be entering the PSV Ashburton in July and has a long-standing short and long range Q match which is held in

April and May. At the Ashburton we will have refreshments available for supporters as this is held after 5pm in the Imperial meeting in July. King's College School has on occasion won the Schools event which is held earlier in the day. Sadly this competition seems to be dominated by Epsom College.

Gallery shooting has attracted a number of new Club members, some of whom have enquired via the OKC website. Gallery Rifle is undoubtedly a great way to be introduced to the sport as the rifles are light and the atmosphere is very informal.

With the advent of new equipment we are hoping to encourage visits by those at

School who are interested in shooting. This would not be restricted to just the boys as parents and teachers are most welcome. So this is a public invitation to attend to those that may be interested – obviously this is subject to prior arrangement and notice. Please see OKC website or email below.

The Club wishes to thank the OKC committee for its continued support and in particular for its assistance in replacing and expanding our available equipment.

Best wishes for 2009

Richard Hudson (1976)
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Darren Talbot (1989)

It's a strange path which takes you from the City to running a sports coaching business but that's the path I've taken over the last 2 years.

After 13 successful but largely unstimulating years in the mutual fund industry culminating in being signed off for 3 months with stress, I decided a drastic change was required and after 4 years cricket coaching as a hobby, I decided that was the way to spend my summer mulling over my next move.

Having been captain of cricket at KCS in 1989 and having played youth cricket for Surrey, cricket was always my number one love but the magnet of earning money somehow detracted from this and it was only when I found myself not wanting to go back to the City that I began to realise I may have missed my true vocation.

In April 2007, Darren Talbot Cricket Coaching was born and far from being a summer of coaching, it quickly turned into a national business. Nearly 2 years on, I now have 25 freelance coaches working for me in over 50 state primary schools across the United Kingdom.

2009 sees the start of a new venture, DT Sports Coaching, and I am looking to build on the work that I have done in cricket to introduce other sports into the state primary schools.

If there are any Old Boys who are qualified sports coaches and available and keen to work in state schools during the afternoons I would be delighted to hear from them.

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DEATHS

It is with sorrow that we have learnt of the following deaths.

BI Borresen - OK 1936
DAW Danskin - OK 1948
WPQ Feiner - OK 1949
RJ Hennessy - OK 1974
JK Holmes - OK 1944
ET Howse - OK 1943
D B Palmer - OK 1947
BK Rice - OK 1950
CE Smith - OK 1945
PB Smith - OK 1940
CE Shinn - OK 1945
AW Southwell - OK 1954
EG White - OK 1935

OBITUARIES

DEREK DANSKIN (1948) died on 2nd November 2008. At School he was a member of the 1st XV, where his even then considerable bulk was of great value. He also obtained his swimming colours, but it was in the School CCF that he was most prominent, becoming its CSM in his last term.

After School he did his National Service, with a commission in the Artillery, and subsequently in the Surrey Yeomanry TA. He then followed his father's footsteps into marine insurance as an Average Adjuster, with the firm William Richards, which was subsequently subsumed into Richards Hogg. Initially based in London, he played rugby for the Old Boys, but his biggest interest was in motor cycle racing, where he performed at Brand's Hatch. His best performance was 4th in a Championship race there, behind John Surtees.

Shortly after his marriage in 1956 he moved to Glasgow, which remained his base for most of the rest of his working life. In 1981 he moved to Seattle for four years, before returning to London, where he remained until his retirement in 1991.

Derek then moved to South Molton, in Devon, where he became heavily involved with many local activities. His ability to get on with everybody proved to be a great asset with the local community. After a very healthy life he fell ill with cancer in 2006, and fought a long battle with it until his death. He leaves his wife, Janice, two daughters and seven grandchildren.

Gordon Robson (1949)

WALTER FEINER (1949) died on 5th December 2008.

After graduation, Walter spent the whole of his working life teaching Geography at Colston's School Bristol. The following obituary is taken, with permission, from the Colston's School website.

The School was sad to hear recently of the death of Mr Wally Feiner, a much-loved and respected former member of staff who gave outstanding service to Colston's over a 37-year career. He will be best remembered as an inspirational Head of Geography and Housemaster of Roundway, but he also administered the games programme very ably, ran cross-country activities, led expeditions abroad, and promoted the religious life of the School by inviting well-known speakers (Cliff Richard included) to preach at Chapel services. Most remarkably,

perhaps, he never had a single day off through illness in his time at the School.

The son of Hungarian Jewish parents who lost their lives in the gas chambers during World War 2, Wally was sent to England for safety in 1938 and was brought up by a Twickenham family. Following an education at King's College School, Wimbledon, he read Geography at St Catherine's College Oxford, before coming to Colston's for what turned out to be a lifelong career spanning the years 1959 to 1996. In retirement he lived locally in Stapleton and maintained an active life of gardening, walking, running, and travelling overseas.

On the door of Wally's classroom was a sign which read "Everyone brings joy to this classroom; some when they enter, others when they leave". In his leaving, generations of former pupils and staff will wish to pay tribute to an outstanding Schoolmaster who brought joy to Colston's School.

Dr ROBIN HENNESSY (1973) died on 23rd November 2008, aged 53. At School he was an all-round athlete, being a member of the 1st XV, Captain of the Athletics Club, and member of the 2nd XI Hockey. He was a School Prefect, and Head of Major House. He left with an Exhibition in Natural Science to Trinity College Oxford, graduating BA in 1977, followed by MSc at University College London and PhD at Birmingham University.

ERIC HOWSE (1944) died on 28th December 2008, aged 83. Eric was born and grew up in Richmond, and attended Richmond Hill School before coming to King's for the years 1939-1944. He was a House Prefect, and a Sergeant in the JTC.

After a long Civil Service career, Eric enjoyed an active retirement. He was a committed member of St Nicholas Church Compton, and a volunteer driver of the village minibus. He loved visiting Austria and Germany, was an accomplished German speaker, and was active in encouraging links between Godalming and its German twin town Mayen. He was a keen photographer and a grower of alpines, and very much loved his dogs.

Recently suffering from Alzheimer's disease and increasing frailty, Eric was cared for at Sunny Heights Residential Home near Godalming. He leaves his wife, Joanna, and two sons from his first marriage, Geoffrey (1969) and Christopher.

Joanna Howse

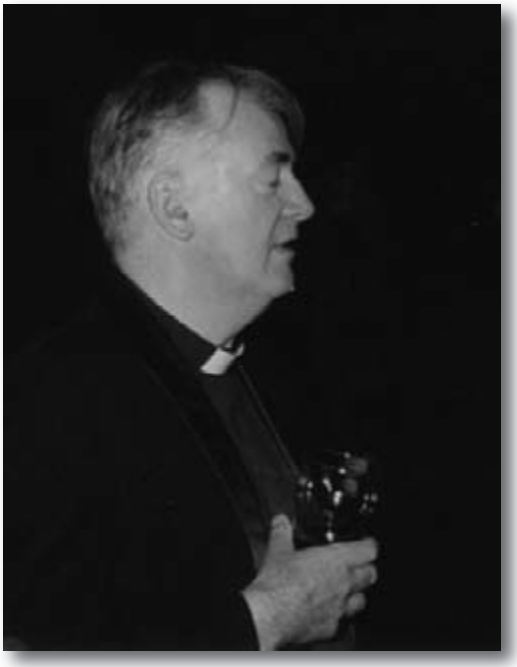
IAN RANGER (1942) whose death in February 2008 was reported in our last issue, came to King's from Brisbane, Australia in 1936 at the age of 12. He quickly established himself as a good rugby player, and eventually became a Prefect, head of Wimbledon House, a member of the 1st XV, and was prominent in the OTC. He qualified as MB BS at Middlesex Hospital Medical School in 1947; FRCS 1952; and MS 1963. He was appointed Consultant Surgeon at the United Norwich Hospitals and Cromer Hospital in 1966, and retired from this post in 1988.

REVD BRIAN RICE (1950) died on Christmas Eve 2008, aged 76, having suffered stoically with Parkinson's Disease for ten years.

Born in Wimbledon in 1932, he had a

very full life, the first item of note being his entry by scholarship to King's in 1943, where he stayed until 1950 to then serve in the Royal Army Service Corps. He was very keen as a young National Serviceman and at eighteen was the best cadet at Mons Officer Cadet School.

On leaving HM Forces he went to Peterhouse, Cambridge, graduating in



Theology in 1955. Knowing that he had a wish to go into the Church of England, he studied at Lincoln Theological College, achieving his ambition, and was ordained at St Paul's Cathedral in 1957, where he met his future wife Val at the ceremony; they were married two years later.

After ordination, his first appointment was in Derby where he stayed for a number of years and during that time he was elected to the General Synod of the Church, on which he served from 1964 until 1980.

Brian commenced his long connection with America on visiting in the late 1950s, and having a remarkable friendship with Dean Rice of Chicago, who was best man at his wedding. He became most attached to Chicago and visited that city every year for fifty years, where he was always made most welcome. Just one of the particular interests which he had in the city was the Fire Service, on a number of occasions he went out with that Service to serious and dangerous fires.

During his ministry Brian was commissioned as the first full-time chaplain to Local Government with the then Cleveland County Council, and was with them for thirteen years until his retirement. He and his wife continued to live in the North East near Stockton on Tees.

Brian had eight years of active retirement, and during that time conducted about 500 services; he always said that the secret of a good service was to craft it and prepare well. He was always cheerful over his illness and was playing his favoured table tennis until a year before his death. He will be remembered by many Old Boys for his regular attendance at the Annual Dinners, where for many years he was called upon to say grace.

Even at the end, he managed to achieve a high spot, because he met the Archbishop of York, Dr John Sentamu, sometime before his death, who agreed to conduct Brian's funeral service "unless there was a pressing matter which intervened". He did so, and the service went well as his wife said. He leaves his wife Val, who he described as a saint, two daughters and a son.

David Smedley (1948)

The KCS OB Football squad on the evening of their victory against the School on Monday 30th March. The final score was 2-0.
From left to right: Back Row,: Jasper Page, Nick Perry, Johnny Corbett, Kumaran Surenthirathas, Dave Hitchman, Eugene Pooley, Rob Macdonald
Front Row: Mike Tilles, James Badgett, Max Camplin, Ed Barrow, Jamie Sargent, Alex Nathanson (see page 14)

OKC London Students Night
24 March

Left to Right: Rupert Yeoh (2006), Imran Bhatia(2006), Neeraj Shah (2006), David Grossel, Chirag Shah (2006), Hugo Grant (2008), Marie-Helene Quaradeghini, Nikhil Sachdeva (2006), Will Ferrier (2007), Allem Meghji (2006), Jasper Welch (2005), Matthew Abraham ('06)