Old King's Club

MARK FRANCIS - OKC CHAIRMAN 1998

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R J Todd (1998), K S Nanji (1998) and Miss H L McKissack (Hon) at the OKC Annual Dinner, April 1998

R B Armitage (1961), R F Diacon (1938), and E A Stokes (1948) at the OKC Annual Dinner, April 1998

front cover

M P C Francis (1981), who became Chairman of the OKC earlier in the year

EDITORIAL

Summer 1998 has marked the start of Mark Francis's term of office as Chairman of the Old King's Club. He succeeds Gordon Robson, who has been Chairman for the last three and a half years. Mark, who was School Captain in his last year at School, left in 1981 and went to Lancaster University to read History. During his time there he represented the University in several sports, and was President of the University Athletic Union in 1985. Soon after leaving King's he was elected to the Committee of the Old King's Club, and has served on it ever since. Mark is currently Group Training Controller for United Biscuits. We offer him our best wishes for his Chairmanship.

The Club owes Gordon Robson an enormous debt of gratitude for his steady leadership and wise counsel during the period of his Chairmanship. His particular interests have been the provision of a secure financial and legal foundation for the Clubhouse, and the encouragement of younger members of the Club to take a more active role in its affairs; he has in addition played an active part in the day-to-day running of the Club. Happily, Gordon will continue his valuable work as Old King's Club Careers Advisor, and will remain on the OKC Committee.

A new Chairman is an important event for the OKC, but the most important recent event for our whole community has been the launch of the Centenary Challenge. This is the name given to the School's appeal for funds for its next major development. Money is needed to provide a new building for Art and Design Technology, for improvements in the facilities for Junior School Science, and, most importantly, to provide bursaries to go some way towards replacing the Assisted Places which are being phased out by the present government. Further details are given in the centre pages of this Newsletter.

For the first time we have mailed last year's (1997) leavers who have started a University course with a questionnaire asking for their impressions of their first year. So far we have had about a 40% response - exceptionally good by advertising standards - but we hoped for more! It is clear from the replies already received that the information gained will be of great benefit to those in the School choosing University places - so if anyone reading this has not yet returned his form, please do so now!

B J S

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

OLD KING'S CLUB

25th October 1998	Reunion for 1994 and 1995 leavers: 12.30 pm at the Clubhouse at Motspur Park
16th January 1999	Annual General Meeting: 11.30 am in Collyer Hall
6th May 1999	School Careers Advisors' evening
26th June 1999	Commemoration Day

The Old King's Club Annual Dinner It has been decided that for 1999, the Club annual dinner will revert to its traditional time of late Autumn, after two years during which it has been held in April. Full details, including date, time, and speaker will be given in the next Newsletter, to be published in April 1999.

SCHOOL

Autumn term ends on Friday 18th December 1998. The Carol service is at Guildford Cathedral, at 2.30 pm, and Old Boys are welcome. You are advised to check the details first with the Old King's Club office, 0181 255 5390.

Spring term begins on 11th January 1999 and ends on 1st April; half term is from 15th to 19th February.

Summer term begins on 22nd April and ends on 7th July: half term is from 31st May to 4th June.

OLD KING'S CLUB: OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE

PRESIDENT: Sir Robert Andrew KCB
PAST PRESIDENT: R M Reeve
VICE PRESIDENTS:
R B Armitage (1991), L R Barkey (1985), M Barron (1996), D D C Belchamber (1986), J C Burr (1987), K A Collyer (1974), R E Dawson (1979), R F Diacon (1983), P K Gerhold (1984), J D E Hamilton (1983), A D Hein (1986), D E M Jarvis (1975), J Keeling (1987), H R Lewis OBE (1969), R G Mathews (1995), D M Maxton MBE (1970), E A Stokes (1996), C Taylor (1973), N R Topping (1984), A S Wells (1992). Year of election shown in brackets
CHAIRMAN: M P C Francis
HON SECRETARY: B J Stokes
HON TREASURER: P J Grant FCA
Elected members: R J Bannister, M P C Francis, G R Franklin, R J Hudson, H M G King, A G P Lang, G C McGinn, R J Morris, D W Parry

Representatives of Accredited Activities:

Cricket:	T P Howland
Cross Country:	J P H Smith
Fencing:	D G Tilles
Golf:	M P C Francis
Hockey:	R T H Carter
Rifle Club:	R J Hudson
Rugby Club:	N M Crockford
Soccer:	J Parrish
Squash:	M T Williamson
Swimming:	P J de C Newman
Tennis:	C G Diacon
KCS Lodge:	H M G King

Sub-Committees:
Finance: R B Armitage (Chairman), M Barron, M P C Francis, P J Grant, R J Hudson, B J Stokes
Social: L R Barkey (Chairman), R B Armitage, M Barron, M P C Francis, R J Morris, E A Stokes
Trustees of the Old King's Club: M Barron, L E Glover, A D Hein
Trustees of the Invested Funds: M Barron, D W Parry, M A Smith
Hon Auditors: J H Hole, G P N Phillips ACA
Benevolent Fund:
Management Board: AC V Evans (Head Master, KCS), M Barron, R Lowndes, R J Morris (Treasurer), L D Peters, D V Smedley
Trustees: L R Barkey (Chairman), J D E Hamilton, R J Morris, C Taylor
Careers for School Leavers:
Old King's Club Adviser: J G Robson, 27 Westminster Gardens, Marsham Street, Westminster, London SW1P 4JD (0171 828 9576)

SECRETARY'S NOTES

CLUB OFFICE

The Old King's Club office is in the Lodge (next to the Sports Hall) and is open on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 10.00 am to 1.00 pm; callers are welcome. Our telephone number is 0181 255 5390. In addition, messages can be left during School hours on any day with the School switchboard operator on 0181 255 5300; you can fax us at any time on 0181 255 5439, or send an e-mail to okc@kcs.org.uk.

The office will be closed for Christmas from 1.00 pm on Thursday 17th December until 10.00 am on Thursday 7th January, and for Easter from 1.00 pm on Thursday 1st April 1999 until 10.00 am on Tuesday 13th April 1999.

KING'S ON THE INTERNET

The Old King's Club now has its own e-mail address, which is

okc@kcs.org.uk

The School has a site on the World Wide Web; its address is

http://www.rmplc.co.uk/eduweb/sites/kcswimb

The site is at present being revised, and it is hoped to include an Old Boys page, with current information, which we hope to update at regular intervals.

SCHOOL SHOP

A wide range of OKC items is available from the School Shop in the Lodge. A list of these, together with the opening hours and other information, is given at the end of this Newsletter.

THE NEWSLETTER

This issue of the Newsletter was edited by B J Stokes. 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 0181 255 5439 or sent by e-mail (see above). Material for inclusion in the next issue, to be published in April 1999, must reach the Editor by 1st. March 1999.

LOST ADDRESSES

The Hon Secretary regularly receive enquiries from a variety of sources for the current addresses of Old Boys. The policy of the OKC is never to pass these addresses on unless

(i) we are completely satisfied that the person enquiring is a member of the OKC, who is, of course, entitled to purchase a copy of the Membership Register and read the address for himself, or

(ii) we have first contacted the Old Boy concerned, and obtained his permission to pass on the address.

In addition, if asked, the office will undertake to redirect correspondence sent to an Old Boy care of the Old King's Club at the School.

From time to time enquiries are received for Old Boys who for one reason or another are 'lost addresses'. We feel that some of these contacts would be welcomed by the Old Boys concerned, and we are therefore publishing a short list of such lost addresses in this issue of the Newsletter. If it proves successful, it is intended to make this a regular feature. If any reader knows the address of anyone on the list, or any other information about him, please write to the Hon Secretary and let him know.

The missing addresses that we would like to trace at this time are as follows.

John D Barraclough (1956) who graduated from Exeter College Oxford (P.P.E.) in 1959.

David S M Collier (1949) who joined the Merchant Navy on leaving School, and spent many years on oil tankers.

Simon J Quarrell (1967) who read Geography at Oxford.

Raymond M Page (1965) a former scholar in Classics at Exeter College Oxford.

Ian A Stuart (1974) who graduated in Modern Languages from Queen's College Oxford, and subsequently became a student at the National Centre for Orchestral Studies, Goldsmith's College London.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

16th January, 1999

All members are invited to the Annual General Meeting of the Old King's Club, to be held in Collyer Hall on Saturday, 16th January 1999 at 11.30 am.

AGENDA

1. Minutes of the AGM held on 17th. January 1998 (circulated, see Newsletter No. 92, April 1998, pages 4 - 7).
2. To receive the Honorary Secretary's Report.
3. To receive and approve the Club's accounts to 31st August 1998 - 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 31st August 1998 - 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 Resolution submitted within the Rules.
9. Subscription rates.
10. Any other business, notice of which shall have been submitted to the Chairman prior to the meeting.

Bryan Stokes
Honorary Secretary

Nominations for Officers and Committee Members should reach the Honorary Secretary by 31st December 1998, 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 1998.

CHAIRMAN'S ENTRY
From Mark Francis

Begin with the end in mind, a mentor once told me. So here it is:

'A thriving network of young Old Boys enjoying the occasional, well-attended reunion'

You see, we fail to use the vast knowledge bank the OKC has. We don't talk and we don't share.

On October 25th this year, there is a roast lunch at our Clubhouse for the two years of School leavers now finishing their degree courses. A fantastic chance to swap ideas, dreams, and business addresses, and to start an invaluable and lasting network.

When I step down as Chairman I want to have added value to the OKC like Gordon Robson, my predecessor has; new ideas, new impetus, and active young members.

I would like to be handing over to someone in his thirties like me and I want to be thought of as a giver, just like I remember Mike Tampin. Mike, who so tragically died playing for the Rugby Club in September, is a hero to me - not just because he looked after me in the line-out! Well into his third decade as a player, he would finish a game for the 1st XV away from home, race back to the Clubhouse, where the 2nd XV had had a game. He would help behind the bar and then clean up and close up.

An extraordinary man.

SCHOOL NEWS
EXTRACTS FROM THE HEAD MASTER'S NEWSLETTER
Summer 1998

After my first year here, I should like to thank parents for their support and warmth of welcome, particularly at the time of my bereavement in October. I am much indebted to Andrew Lang, the Second Master, and to my teaching, administrative and office colleagues for their personal guidance and kindness. I have found KCS much as I expected: a vibrant, courteous community, confident and varied, with a clear sense of purpose and standards.

Colin Holloway

Colin Holloway retired from his post as Headmaster of the Junior School after 22 years' outstanding service. Thousands of pupils are in his debt and the distinguished status of KCJS is in no small degree a tribute to Colin's humanity, leadership and vision. He served as Chairman of IAPS, in itself recognition of his qualities, and enjoyed a most successful and happy partnership with my predecessor, Robin Reeve, over seventeen years, during which both schools developed remarkably. We wish Colin and Angela a long, healthy and enriching retirement.

Common Room

John Evans, who has been appointed Headmaster of King's College Junior School in succession to Colin Holloway, came to KCS in 1970. In addition to teaching French and German and helping to organise exchange visits to Tubingen and Paris, he was Officer Commanding in the CCF for some years and has also been involved with Ten Tors, drama, hockey and his great love, the Chamber Choir. He was appointed Assistant Housemaster of Layton in 1974, became its Housemaster in 1978 and was Senior Housemaster from 1988-92. He was appointed Senior Master in 1992 and in that capacity, amongst many other responsibilities, has been the Master-in-charge of State Occasions, most memorably and remarkably during the Wimbledon Centenary year and including such occasions as the Westminster Abbey service of thanksgiving. John will be very sorely missed in the Senior School and I should like to record here my considerable debt, as incoming Head Master, to him for his guidance, commitment and unfailing good humour. I much look forward to working with him (despite the risk of confusion to others) in his new capacity at KCJS.

Clive Snashall, who joined KCS as Head of Information Technology in 1985, moves to a new post as Second Bursar. Six members of Common Room have left this summer: **Richard Fysh**, who has been appointed Director of Information technology at Latymer Upper School; **Irina Ninnis**, who will teach Russian and German at St Paul's Girls' School; **Sara Russell**, who has been appointed to the History Department at Alleyn's School; **Duncan Weir** who after 14 years at KCS, six of them as Housemaster of Layton, has left to work full-time in the Baptist ministry; **Jeremy Hepworth**, who moves to Emanuel School; and **Sultanat Hanif**, who has left to have a baby.

Since John Evans moves to the Junior School as Headmaster, some reorganisation has necessarily occurred amongst the senior staff. **Christopher Ray** and **Kevin Hawney** have assumed the posts of Senior Master with academic and pastoral oversight respectively. They will be working closely with **Ralph Cake**, **Robert Gullifer**, **Paul Keyte** and **Heather McKissack** who, as a team of Undermasters, will share a range of administrative responsibilites.

David Mosley, who was absent last term through illness, has decided to stand down temporarily from his post as Housemaster of Major, and **Michael Chambers** has been appointed as his replacement for the next two years. **Alan Thomas** has succeeded Kevin Hawney as Housemaster of Kingsley, assisted by **Graeme Salt,** and **Ros Davis** has succeeded Duncan Weir as Housemaster of Layton, assisted by **Michael Windsor**. **Mark Allen** has been appointed Director of College Court in succession to Alan Thomas, and his assistant is **James Pressley**.

This term the Common Room has welcomed ten new teachers. These include **Reverend Sarah Robbins-Cole**, who has been appointed Chaplain to the Senior and Junior Schools. Mrs Robbins-Cole was educated in the USA, gaining her first degree, in Classical Civilisation and Political Science, at the University of Vermont; her Theology degree was gained at Ripon College, Oxford. She has been working as Assistant Curate in the Parish of All Saints', West Dulwich, and is undertaking an MA in Biblical Studies at King's College London. Her arrival is designed to enhance the Chaplaincy, to ensure a greater degree of involvement with the Junior School, and to ensure specific responsibility for the welfare of the female members of staff, both teaching and non-teaching.

School appointments

The Captain of the School is Nicholas Bianco (Maclear) and the Vice Captain is Oliver Rawlins (Alverstone).

British and International Physics Olympiad

This year 11 members of the Upper Sixth tackled the British Physics Olympiad examination. Over 1000 students from across Britain sat the examination which, by its very nature, is a testing one and by all accounts was seen this year as more difficult than usual. The School team won one silver and two bronze 1 awards as well as four commendations.

Dr Peter Lewis, who has been organising the School's entries to this examination for 10 years, was this year awarded a scholarship to enable him to attend and help with the International Physics Olympiad in Reykjavik. He has since been appointed to the British Physics Olympiad Committee.

SCHOOL EXAMINATION RESULTS

An OK's impression of how the School fared in this year's A-level examinations will very much have depended on which newspaper he takes. The different criteria used to compile the various league tables produced a range of results. The *Daily Telegraph*, for instance, placed us at 38th and cited us as being 'among the leading schools that had a bad year'. (We were nonetheless still 12th amongst boys' schools!) On the other hand, the School came 19th in the *Independent's* 'Top 50 Independent Schools' (10th of the boys' schools) and 32nd overall in the *Times*, where it was listed as 9th in their table of the top ten boys' schools. Best of all was the ranking at 7th among all schools in the *Financial Times* calculations for the most recent five-year period, which many regard as the most reliable indicator.

The reality was that King's did have a slight, but not serious, dip in its results, which was not unexpected as we knew that we were nursing through a slightly larger number of weaker candidates than usual. It scarcely amounted to a 'bad year'. League tables, as is often re-stated, need to be treated with great caution - it is pleasing to come high in them, but it takes more than examination results to make a good school.

At GCSE there was a further set of excellent results. KCS was 5th in the *Evening Standard's* table for the south-east and 6th in the *Times* list of the 10 boys' schools which were 'top of their class' in the country as a whole, although this still left us at 32nd in the full list which was, as usual, dominated by girls' schools at this level.

Andrew Lang

ECUADOR ADVENTURE

Twenty-seven sixth formers travelled in two parties to Ecuador this summer. Under the supervision of three teachers and two professional expedition leaders from the army and the police, they explored the dense jungle, the dramatic mountain scenery, and the unique culture of the Andean people. The boys planned and prepared for the

expedition for over a year before leaving, but they soon discovered that things don't always go to plan!

For a start, some sunshine was expected at the equator! In fact, it was often very wet and cold at altitude and steamy, but cloudy, in the lowlands. Such delights as altitude sickness, hypothermia, and the infamous Montezuma's revenge disrupted many of the best-laid plans. Despite these occasional setbacks the boys managed to complete many of their objectives including climbing peaks, reaching altitudes above 5000 m, carrying out strenuous project work, trekking in the rainforest and, of course, being thrown into rivers while white-water rafting.

The major challenge of the month in Ecuador, however, was for the group to get along in an environment where privacy and space had to be sacrificed. 'Simple tasks' such as feeding fourteen voracious appetites or organising transport for a weary team provided many opportunities to develop leadership and teamwork skills.

A fuller report with photographs will appear in the 1999 KCS Magazine, and the next expedition is planned for the Himalayas in the summer of 2000.

Graeme Salt

CAREERS EVENING

The annual School Careers Evening was held on Thursday May 14th. After dinner with the Head Master in the Dining Hall, around 100 OK volunteers organized by Gordon Robson took part in informal talks with some 120 members of the Lower Sixth form on a one-to-one basis, for about half an hour each. Each boy is allowed to seek information about two careers, and the individual nature of the interviews is very highly regarded.

After the interviews, the Careers volunteers are asked to write short reports in which they may suggest possible courses of action for the boys they have met, and the evening is rounded off with drinks in College Court. Gordon Robson is always pleased to hear of anyone who would like to take part in these evenings, which are held in May each year; volunteers should write to him at the Old King's Club office.

GAUDY 1998

A reunion for those who left King's between 1975 and 1979 was held at the School on Saturday 26th September. It was attended by about 75 Old Boys, together with about 20 members of the teaching staff of the period.

As usual, guests were given a tour of the School, being taken round in small groups by prefects. The tour was followed by a reception in College Court and lunch in the Dining Hall.

Some photographs of the occasion appear inside the back cover of this Newsletter.

The Head Master at the Club's Annual Dinner

OLD KING'S CLUB NEWS

1998 OLD KING'S CLUB DINNER

The 1998 Old King's Club Dinner took place on Friday 17th April 1998, and for the second year running it was held at the School. Numbers were somewhat down on the record of the previous year, but the Dining Hall was comfortably filled and those present enjoyed an excellent meal of the high standard that we have come to expect of the School catering staff. The guest speaker was Sir Stephen Richards, recently appointed a High Court judge, who entertained the diners with his impressions of the first few months in his new office, as well as some remarkable reminiscenses of his life in the Boarding House in the 1960's! As is customary on these occasions, the Head Master, Tony Evans, also gave an address, giving a interesting and witty account of his impressions of his first two terms at King's

For 1999, the Club will return to its usual practice of holding its annual dinner in the late autumn. Anticipating the expected flood of celebrations of the millenium, this will commemorate the end of the second millenium, rather than the start of the third! Full details will be given in the next issue of the Newsletter, due in April 1999.

SPORTS DAY 1998

Start of the Cross Country race on Sports Day

The Old King's Club Sports Day was held on 27th September, and events took place at both the School and West Barnes Lane. Although the number taking part was not large, enthusiasm was high, and everyone appeared to enjoy taking part very much.

Hockey was played at West Barnes Lane, where a smattering of Old Boys played in a mix-and-match run-out, involving most of Gordon McGinn's 1st XI squad for 1998-99. The School were victorious by a small margin, in what was the first use of the new astro-turf surface.

Cross-country was run over the usual Wimbledon Common course. Despite early-season rust both teams, School and Old Boys, shook off summer sloth and enjoyed a competitive run. The School team won, for the first time for several years (probably due to the absence of the OK Captain, Julian Smith!). First home was Andrew Douglas, for the School (see back cover), closely followed by Charles Kerr (School staff); Peter Blair-Fish (1966) was third.

In **fencing** a total of eight OK fencers enjoyed a friendly series of bouts in the Gallery of the Sports Hall, whilst in the courts on the other side of the Hall, an OK **squash** team consisting of John Davey (1963), Peter English (1997), John Spalton (1969), and Martin Williamson (1993) drew their match against a School Staff team.

After the sporting activities, competitors, supporters and their friends enjoyed a buffet lunch in the Mathews Room.

FROM THE ARCHIVES

Hugh Etheridge

The Archives have recently received a slim booklet, privately published for the Royal Regiment of Fusiliers, outlining the activities during the first World War of Second Lieutenant Hugh Dimsdale Etheridge MC, MM and bar, who was at KCS from 1899 to 1904. The booklet was kindly presented by the author, John Booth.

As a private soldier, Hugh served in the 12th Battalion in the dangerous capacity of a runner on the Western Front for over two years, during which time has was twice awarded the Military Medal. He was then commissioned into the 17th Battalion, for the final offensive across the Canal du Nord. He was awarded the Military Cross for conspicuous gallantry in the attack of 2nd September, but was mortally wounded later in the month, and died on October 2nd, just six weeks before the Armistice. Hugh, who was aged 31 at the time of his death, is buried in the War Cemetry at Grevillers, near Bapaume.

Second Lieutenant H D Etheridge, Royal Fusiliers

Norris Patterson

The most prestigious shooting competition for schools on the open range is the Ashburton, which is organised by the National Rifle Association. The competition, which is for teams of eight, began in 1861. The third Baron Ashburton presented a shield which the winning school holds for a year until the next competition takes place, and the NRA presents a silver medal to each member of the winning team.

Shooting as a sport has long been followed at King's, on both open and indoor ranges. King's first entered a team in the Ashburton in 1905, and entry was continued every year (except during the two World Wars, when the competition was suspended) until 1971, and then periodically until 1979. The School won the competition

Sgt Norris Patterson in School Cadet uniform from a group photograph of the School Shooting VIII

three times, in 1932, 1934, and 1938, were runners-up in 1939, and came third in 1950. Each time about 80 schools took part.

Norris Patterson was a member of the winning team of 1938, for which he received the silver medal illustrating this article. He had already been a member of the 1937 team, which came twelfth, and in addition he won a series of other shooting medals - six in all.

On leaving school Norris enlisted in the Royal Navy, to serve in the Fleet Air Arm. In May 1939 he joined the Royal Naval College at Greenwich to commence training for pilot duties. He served as a Sub Lieutenant in the Fleet Air Arm on *HMS Audacity,* a small aircraft carrier designed for escorting convoys, and equipped with six Wildcat fighters. Norris was killed in action whilst on convoy protection duty in 1941.

Earlier this year Norris's sister, Mrs Mary Sturgeon, kindly presented the Archives with Norris's shooting

Obverse and Reverse of the Ashburton medal won by Norris Patterson in 1938

medals, together with several photographs of the shooting VIII. We are very grateful to Mrs Sturgeon for these gifts.

For those interested, an account of the short life of *HMS Audacity* can be found in *Wings on my Sleeve* by Eric Melrose Brown.

Alexander Romanoff

The recent identification and subsequent burial of the remains of Tsar Nicholas II, the Tsarina, and their children in St Petersburg serve as a reminder that there is a descendant of the Russian Royal family amongst the Old Boys of KCS.

Although the Tsar, and a number of members of his family, were murdered by the revolutionaries in Russia, several members of the family escaped. Amongst these were the Tsar's mother, the Dowager Empress, and the Tsar's sister, Grand Duchess Xenia, who were taken from Odessa aboard the British battleship *H M S Marlborough* in 1919. The Dowager Empress returned to her native Denmark, and Grand Duchess Xenia came to live at Wilderness House, Hampton Court. Eventually she was joined by her grandson, Alexander Romanoff, who spent the academic year 1946-47 in the sixth form at KCS. He then left to join other members of his family on the continent.

Alexander has lived in New York for the past 30 years. Sadly, he is in poor health, and was too unwell to join the nearly 50 other descendants of the Romanoffs at the burial in St Petersburg in July of this year.

B J S

BOOKS BY OKC MEMBERS

The Crucible of Creation: The Burgess Shale and the Rise of Animals
by Simon Conway Morris
Oxford University Press

In *The Crucible of Creation* Prof. SIMON CONWAY MORRIS FRS (1969) gives an account of the fossils preserved in the Burgess Shale, a site in the Canadian Rocky Mountains, and in two other similar locations, one in Greenland and one in China. The fossils have been the subject of a research programme at Cambridge University for around thirty years, and it was for his work in this field that Simon was made a Fellow of the Royal Society.

He describes the Burgess Shale as 'the most wonderful fossil deposit in the world'. Fossils are usually only formed if the creatures being fossilized have bones or a shell, but of the 70,000 Burgess specimens 'about 95 percent are either soft-bodied or have thin skeletons, too delicate to survive the normal processes of fossilization'. It is this unusual circumstance that makes these fossils so interesting, and in his book Simon reflects about the implications of these fossils on our understanding of evolution and ourselves. He argues that the evolution of something like humans was fairly predictable, and our uniqueness places graver responsibilities on us to assure the future of the planet.

REPORTS FROM AFFILIATED ACTIVITIES

KING'S COLLEGE SCHOOL LODGE No 4257

At the Installation Meeting held in the Great Hall in May, Michael King was installed as Worshipful Master for the year 1998-99 by Alan Irvine. He was assisted by officers of the Lodge and Neil Farrel, John Carpenter Lodge, Robert Petrie, King's College Hospital Lodge, Mike Kershaw, Economy Lodge, and J P Daniell, George Hamilton Lodge, Assistant Provincial Grand Master East Kent. Richard Norris is Senior Warden and John Callway is Junior Warden. Christopher Rashbrook is now Secretary of the Lodge, from whom details of membership may be obtained. After this meeting members and their guests dined in the Dining Hall where a splendid meal was provided by the catering staff.

The Lodge was consecrated in 1926 and meets three times a year at the Masonic Hall, Surbiton, and once at the School by kind permission of the Head Master. The business of the evening concludes with a dinner. Membership of the Lodge is primarily intended for those educated at the School and others who have rendered special service to the School. Candidates for Initiation have to believe in God, although they need not be Christian; thus Christians, Jews, Muslims, and members of several other faiths may be members.

The KCS Lodge prize this year has been awarded to Peter Burgess, the runner-up of the Rothschild competition. He has accepted a conditional offer of a place to read law at Nottingham University.

Evan Roberts

KCS OLD BOYS RFC

The 1997-98 season

The final results for the 1997-98 season were as follows:

Team	Played	Won	Lost	Points for	Against
1st XV	28	17	11	919	519
2nd XV	23	18	5	804	396
A XV	18	10	8	413	410
Extra A XV	2	1	1	25	30

There were no drawn matches

The Club came seventh in Surrey 1 League winning five of the twelve league matches. In Sevens, the Club was the losing finalist in the Dorking Competition, won the Plate Competition in the Surrey Sevens and lost in the second round of the Middlesex Preliminaries at Thames Ditton to Rosslyn Park, the eventual qualifiers.

The playing season was completed with two games against our French friends from Vernon over Easter week-end, and a game against a college side from Paris University on the following Saturday ... all won by quite a lot of points (see below).

The culmination to the season was the King's Rugby Ball at the Bank of England Club at Roehampton. Attended by 131 members and guests, it was a splendid affair thoroughly enjoyed by the young, the middle aged, and the matured. The Disco was silent until the meal (excellent) and the formalities (breath-taking) were concluded, thereafter the Bank was shaken to its vaults until 1.30 am.

The King's Minis

The number of cups and medals won by the Minis is now such that a special showcase is to be made to display them in the Clubhouse. Their major successes this year include:

Surrey A Mini Festival
Winner of the U8 Group
Runner up of the U9 Group
Winner of the U12 Group Plate Competition

Surrey B Mini Festival
Winner of the U10 Group
Winner of the U12 Group

Bognor Regis Festival
Winner of the U10 Group
Winner of the U9 Group Plate Competition

The Clubhouse

Maintenance and improvements to the Clubhouse completed this year include redecoration of the Club Room and Kitchen, the purchase of curtains for the Club Room, and the installation of additional cupboards and shelving. The Club Room floor has been sanded and resealed during the close season.

Prague tour

The pre-season tour to Prague was a most enjoyable and challenging experience for both the 23 players and the 21 supporters alike. Enjoyable because the company was great, Prague is a wonderful city and the weather was kind, challenging for the players, who played top notch Rugby for the full 70 minutes in both their games, on next to no sleep and beer at 17p per pint, and challenging for the supporters housed on the fifth floor of a 'liftless' hotel, on little sleep and beer at 17p per pint! Both games were played at great pace and in good spirit, the Czech side being stout in defence and quick on the break, the Barbarians emulating their namesake's traditions of open Rugby but lacking a little of the cohesion of a normal club side. The games are best summed up by the spontaneous comment of one of our less enamoured lady supporters during the first game, "Good Heavens, I did not know it was going to be as good as this. It's better than watching England". It was not intended as faint praise.

The 1998-99 season

The remaining 1st XV home fixtures are as follows; (L) indicates a league match:

Date	Kickoff	Opponent
October 31st	2.45 pm	Woking (L)
November 14th	10.30 am	Old Tiffinians
November 28th	10.30 am	Old Cranleighans (L)
December 5th	10.30 am	Old Reedonians
December 19th	2.30 pm	Old Reigatians
January 16th	2.30 pm	Old Paulines (L)
February 6th	10.30 am	Old Wandworthians (L)
February 20th	10.30 am	Old Emanuel
March 6th	2.45 pm	Old Alleynians
March 13th	3.00 pm	Raynes Park (L)
March 20th	10.30 am	
March 27th	3.00 pm	Old Rutlishians
April 10th	3.00 pm	Old Blues

Noel Crockford

OLD BOYS' RUGBY CLUB ENTERTAINS FRENCH VISITORS

The Old Boys' Rugby Club made its own modest contribution to the *entente cordiale* at Easter by hosting a visit from Vernon Rugby Club of Normandy. The Old Boys had played two matches at Vernon at Easter 1997 (see Newsletter no 90), and the French club had responded positively and with alacrity to our invitation to pay a reciprocal visit to Wimbledon this year.

We received advance notice that there would be 38 in their party which, apart from the All England Club fortnight, probably put the greatest recent strain on accommodation in the area. In the event, we had to book them into three separate hotels, which complicated the logistics of getting them to and from our ground and other places of celebration.

Vernon had obviously decided in advance to emphasise their Frenchness because they all arrived wearing black berets and sunglasses, although it was fairly late at night. The absence, however, of strings of onions made them look rather more like delegates to an IRA convention, and this caused the proprietress of one of the hotels to say to me rather nervously "Are these people going to behave themselves?". Drawing deeply on my now rapidly fading knowledge of the principles of English law, I said, "Madam, when I booked this hotel, I did so merely as agent for Vernon Rugby Club whom you should regard as your principal. Under these circumstances neither I nor KCSOBRFC are to be held liable, nor be deemed to be held liable, for any damage caused." By the time she had said "You what?" I was heading towards the A3 and home. As it turned out, all was sweetness and light.

The match on Easter Saturday was played in conditions more redolent of North Utsira then north-east Surrey. Spectators umbrellas were blown inside-out but the game was played in good spirits enhanced, it has to be said, by the magnum of champagne which the French brought onto the pitch by way of refreshment at half-time. The Old Boys eventually won by 65 points to nil in a game which was more even that the score would suggest. In the evening there was a fine dinner in the clubhouse, prepared under the direction of Roy Dawson, who is now widely known as the Marco Pierre White of Motspur Park. This was followed by some decorous singing and then adjournment to a local hostelry.

Sunday followed a similar pattern save that the home team was styled the President's XV. Weather conditions were much better and the game was more even, with the final score 44 to 17 in favour of the Old Boys. At half-time in this match we provided Guiness to mix with the champagne. We translated this as *Velours Noir* for the benefit of our guests. They looked bemused and subsequent research in Collins French Dictionary revealed that the correct, if rather less alluring, translation is *Le cocktail de champagne et de stout.*

The match was followed by an informal meal of bangers and beans which our guests appeared greatly to appreciate, and yet more (but rather hoarse this time) singing. All then repaired to that well-known pub *Le chien et Renard* in Wimbledon Village.

On the Monday morning the rather jaded, but apparently happy, party of French climbed slowly onto their coach to Newhaven. As it pulled away and I waved them off, the driver slowed down, leant out of the window and shouted "Oy Guv, d'you know the French for no smoking?"

Cavan Taylor

OLD BOYS CRICKET

The Old Boys fielded a strong side against the School on Commemoration Day but neverthless lost by eight wickets, in what was a thoroughly enjoyable match. The Old Boys declared at 220 for 5 wickets, with Paul Redwood making 74 and Hasnain Malik 50. The School replied with 222 for 2, Iain Pay making 91 and Dan Bowen 81.

The School also beat an MCC team which included four Old Boys, Russell Cake, Marcus Wight, Tom Howland, and Richard Luddington. MCC declared at 160 for 8, after an innings in which Ben Woodbridge, the School's medium-pace opening bowler took six wickets for 61. The School replied with 162 for 4, winning by six wickets.

OLD BOYS FENCING

Commemoration Day

The annual School v Old Boys Epee match can be described as a 'lose-win' situation. The 'lose' element was the match result, where a very strong School Epee team comfortably defeated the Old Boys. The 'win' element is that this strong team will be available to represent the Old Boys next Commemoration Day!

The School team was led by Thomas Cadman who is probably the strongest Epeeist the School has ever produced. Tom, who started fencing in the Junior School, is now a full international who represented Great Britain in the World's Epee Championships in South Africa earlier this year, and England at the Commonwealth Fencing Championships in Malaysia during the summer. Ralph Coffey and Richard Elks fenced alongside Tom for the School and are both strong and skilful epeeists. The Old Boys' Epee team of Leslie Charles (1971), Alp Orge (1996) and David Tilles (1971) were defeated by a respectable but clear margin of 35 - 45.

A Foil match also took place and Paul Engeham (1968) was joined by David Tilles and they defeated the School team of Paul Cavill and Luis Sundkvist by three bouts to one.

Saturday Fencing

The School Fencing Club meets during term time between 9.00 am and 12.00 noon each Saturday and Old Boys are always welcome to join in. More information is available from the KCSOB Fencing Club Secretary, David Tilles, 19 Burghley Road, London SW19 5BG, telephone 0181 946 5042.

The Old Boys Fencing team (kneeling), Alp Orge, David Tilles, and Leslie Charles, after their defeat by the School team (standing) Ralph Coffey, Tom Cadman, and Richard Elks, on Commemoration Day

OLD BOYS GOLF

Results

The Spring Meeting at the Malden Golf Club took place on 8th May in beautiful weather. Peter Crowther won the Blades Cup (scratch) with a round of 75, John Oliver won the Bill Cox Cup (Stapleford) with 36 points, and Graham Cox was second with 35.

The Old Boys team reached the final of the Royal Wimbledon Putting. We were runner-up to Epsom in our group of 8 Old Boy teams of 4, on 4th June. In the final on 11th June (composed of the winners and runners-up of each of the four qualifying evenings) we were undistinguished (with 27 points) but came fourth out of the eight teams, behind Sherbourne (34 pts), Harrow (32 pts), and Cranleigh (29 pts). This event is now so popular that the Final is liberally sprinkled with County and ex-County players. The last team out of the 8 who compete each night is relegated. For the following year's event, those relegated do not play, but go into a Pool of waiting Old Boy teams. Players on the nights were Peter Crowther (1972, Captain), Paul Mortlock (1996), Robin Clark (1975), Andrew Fordyce (1993), and Howard Soutar (1975).

The match against the School at Royal Wimbledon was held on 19th June. There were eight players a side, and the School just beat us in a close match.

In the Grafton Morrish Competition we qualified for the national finals (48 schools out of 108) to be held in

October. We were 4th out of 17 in the London area, behind Charterhouse, Dulwich, and Harrow. We have a bye in the first round, and are drawn to play Sevenoaks at Hunstanton in the second round.

Current team selection

This year I am bringing in more new KCS blood. Chris Gems (1972) has agreed to stand down after 24 consecutive years of play. I would like to thank him for his continuous support of the team throughout this time. Without that support KCS would not be such a well-known and feared golf team!

Paul Mortlock (1996) who is at University, will play (off 6 handicap) with me. Guy Chesser (1993) will play with Robin Clark (1976). Their handicaps total 6. Andrew Fordyce cannot play as he is in South America. Michael Wale (1975) and Howard Soutar (1975) are still a pair, total handicap 9, and will play either at number one or number three in the team.

Peter Crowther

OLD BOY'S RIFLE CLUB

Visit by the School

I am pleased to report that we have had a number of successful meetings during the year. Of particular success was the Gallery Rifle event with the School Shooting Club. Nearly twenty boys came down to Bisley with Mike Chambers and John Grayson. They were introduced to the Winans range which had turning targets for both deliberate and timed shoots, using underlever and self loading .22 rifles.

At the end we entertained the boys to a Team Tea at the Surrey hut, a most enjoyable day soon to be repeated...we hope.

NRA Imperial Meeting 1998

Six members of the club took part in this year's Imperial Meeting: Geoff Atkinson, Gavin Franklin, Michael Hook-Sinclair, Richard Hudson, Chris Leighton and Richard Murphy.

These intrepid six joined nearly 2000 other competitors in the target rifle events. As well as the home competitors, there were teams and individuals from more than a dozen countries, including Australia, Nigeria and the Falklands.

Gavin Franklin and Richard Hudson entered the new gallery rifle competitions, Gallery Rifle Centre fire Match and 1500 competitions. Much to my own delight I came second in the 1500 and third in the Match.

Coming Fixtures

There will be the traditional Christmas shoot on the 5th December, where we will compete for the Winter Rose Bowl. This will be followed by a Xmas lunch in the Surrey Hut. Visitors are most welcome to join in the shoot and the traditional fayre.

The AGM is scheduled for March next year. There will be other shoots in January and February next year for Gallery Rifle (as these are under cover). Details will be available later in the year.

Club Membership

The Club will be pleased to take applications for membership from Old Boys and non Old Boys alike, ladies are equally welcome and at present we have a number of lady members amongst our ranks. If on the other hand you have not shot before, do not worry, we have a number of skilled marksmen who will be pleased to introduce you to the sport.

If you have an interest in joining or in coming down to Bisley to have a look please contact the Club Secretary, Richard Hudson, through the Old King's Club by letter or phone on 0181 255 5390; or you can email me direct at: Richard.J.Hudson@btinternet.com

Richard Hudson

OLD BOYS SWIMMING

Although the Club has not taken part in any competitions over the last couple of months, it continues to thrive and the membership has again increased.

On Commemoration Day, John Seabrook assumed responsibility for the programme at the pool in the absence of David Mosley. In place of the usual competition, a demonstration training session took place with coaching from James Parrack, a former British Commonwealth and Olympic swimmer and cousin of Tim Parrack. Four Old Boys were in the squad of 8 that were put through their paces for nearly an hour.

The next competition in which the Cormorants will be entering a team is the Berks and South Bucks Open Meeting at Maidenhead on 31st October.

OLD BOYS' NEWS

Dr JONATHAN ANDREWS (1983) is now a full-time principal in General Practice in Eastbourne. He has recently taken up running, and was successful in completing the 1998 London Marathon in 4 hours and 2 minutes. In doing so he raised over £2000 in sponsorship in aid of breast cancer research. Jonathan is married, and has three children.

Revd Dr WILLIAM ATKINSON (1978) has been appointed Principal of Regents Theological College in Nantwich.

KCS CENTENARY CHALLENGE

Introduction by the Chairman of the Governing Body and the Chairman of the Development Committee

In 1997 we celebrated the centenary of King's College School's move to Wimbledon. This was a notable milestone in the history of the School and was marked by a variety of events, ranging from the memorable service of thanksgiving in Westminster Abbey to the enjoyable Summer Ball of the Friends of KCS. Now we must turn to the future and to the challenges which the School will face in the next century. It is to help equip ourselves for this future that we are launching the Centenary Challenge described in this brochure.

KCS is now established as one of the country's leading academic schools. But we pride ourselves that we are not narrowly academic: we aim to provide an all-round education which enables boys to develop their potential for sport and cultural activities, as well as to pass examinations. This will remain our objective whatever political, economic and social changes the future may bring. To achieve it three things are needed; and they are interdependent. The first is good staff; and we are fortunate in having at KCS a team of able and dedicated teachers and administrative staff. We must continue to attract the best.

Secondly, we need first-class, modern facilities. With the building of Collyer Hall and College Court in the 1980s, the extension of the Sports Hall and the acquisition of Rushmere and the Boathouse in the 1990s, the School's physical assets have been greatly improved. We now badly need a new Art School and better facilities for Design Technology to meet the evolving requirements of the modern curriculum: a building to house these activities is the centrepiece of our development programme. It is an attractive and exciting project which will be accompanied by improvements to the Junior School science building, on which work has already started.

The third requirement is to continue to attract able boys, which means persuading their parents that an education at KCS represents a good investment. Providing top quality education is an expensive business and over the years school fees have risen faster than inflation. We believe that, compared with other similar schools, KCS offers excellent value for money; but there are bound to be talented boys whom we would like to take but whose parents cannot afford the fees. With the phasing out of the Assisted Places Scheme it is important that we should be able to offer more bursaries of our own, so that boys from less affluent backgrounds, who have much to contribute to KCS, are not excluded. The provision of bursaries is the second objective of the Centenary Challenge for which we now seek your support.

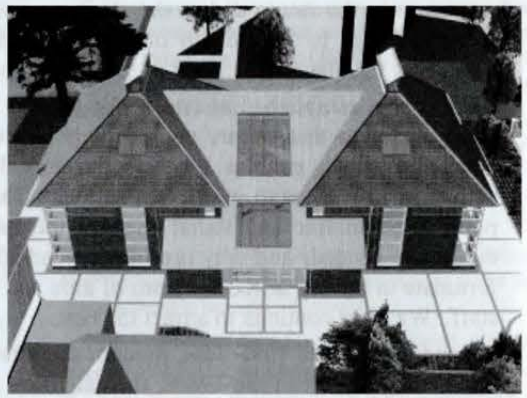
Sir Robert Andrew and Cavan Taylor

The KCS Challenge target

The KCS Centenary Challenge is planned to raise at least £2 million towards the cost of the building works and the provision of bursaries.

Approximately one quarter of the net proceeds of the Challenge will be allocated to the provision of bursaries and will be invested in the School, rather than as a separate fund. A sum calculated by reference to a notional interest rate on the monies so allocated will be expressed as a proportion of net fee income and the resulting sum will be made available for bursaries.

The same proportion of net fee income will be earmarked each year for bursaries additional to those already provided by the School. In this way, the value of the bursaries will keep pace with fee increases.



Aerial view of new Art and Design Technology building

Rear of Art and Design Technology building and Junior School science building

Art and Design Technology at KCS

The quality of work in Art and Ceramics is a tribute to our able boys and our dedicated teachers alike, despite studio facilities which are significantly inferior to provision in comparable schools. By their restricted size, poor light and inflexibility, our studios disadvantage our Junior School and Senior School pupils whereas departments commonly offer a far wider range of options, including sculpture, photography, printing, etching and History of Art in a bright, stimulating environment.

Design Technology is in its infancy at KCS, yet today's world illustrates how vital it will be for talented, knowledgeable young people to be encouraged in schools such as ours and to enhance life with their ingenuity and creativity. A new confidence and a great enthusiasm for Design Technology have emerged at all stages of education and the time has surely come for KCS to take an imaginative step on behalf of its pupils in both schools.

By moving Design Technology to its logical place in the same building as Art and Ceramics, we shall be able to use the existing space to upgrade the much-needed science facilities for the Junior School.

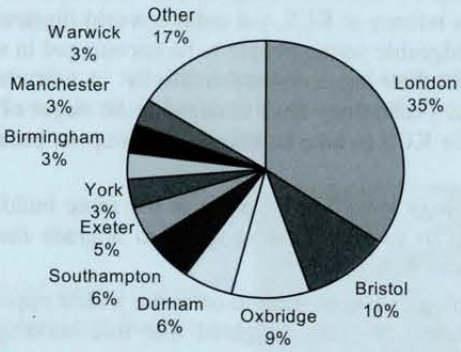
For Art and Design Technology we now wish to offer the widest opportunities in the best possible accommodation. We are delighted that this building will provide exactly what our pupils need and deserve.

Tony Evans, Head Master
John Evans, Headmaster, Junior School

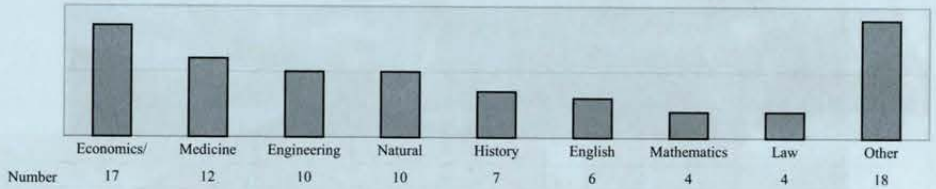
Art and Design Technology building from Clifton Road

Assisted Places

A survey of 88 boys on Assisted Places who left between 1990 and 1997, and on whom we have complete records, shows that they moved into higher education at the following universities:

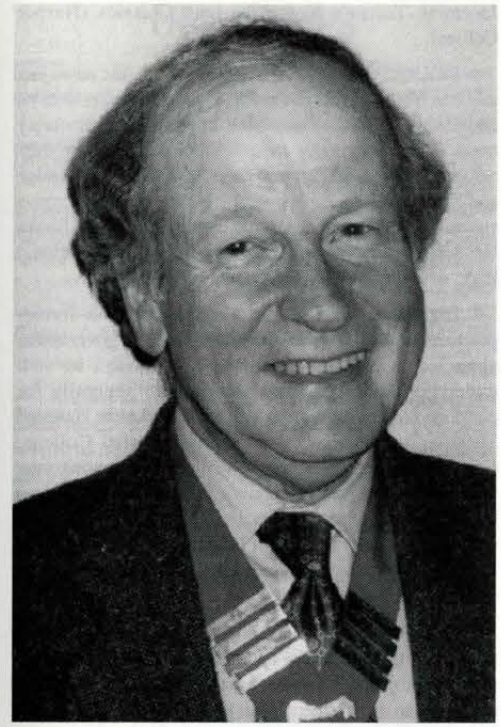


The degree courses which they followed were:



KCS has for many years provided bursaries. The KCS Centenary Challenge recognises the need to increase that provision in the light of the phasing out of the Government scheme

For further information please contact John Fleming or Natalie Hore-Mayhew, Development Office, King's College School, Wimbledon Common, SW19 4TT or telephone 0181 255 5427.



Michael Bailey (1948), President of the Magic Circle

MICHAEL BAILEY (1948) has recently been elected President of the Magic Circle. Michael had an interest in Magic and conjuring tricks from an early age and it was in the summer of 1948, when the School had a splendid Summer Fair, that he first performed to a large audience in one of several shows in the Great Hall, together with the late Jimmy Edwards, the comedian, and the late Herbert Collings, a founder member of the Magic Circle. Both were Old Boys of KCS.

It was shortly after leaving school a few months later that he was able to join the Magic Circle through the auspices of Herbert Collings, and his interest in Magic then went ahead in leaps and bounds, and he became a very competent performer. Michael spent a number of years in advertising which stood him in good stead later for using the art of Magic with business, delivering presentations neatly combining business messages with Magic. He is still active in this field.

Over the years he has been responsible for organizing large shows, Festivals of Magic, and the fostering of good relations with magicians in other countries. Latterly he became vice-president of the Magic Circle, where he led the appeal for the new premises, and helped to arrange the acquisition and refurbishment of the Circle's present property near Euston Station. He was elected President with a large majority on September 7th.

THOMAS CADMAN (1998) has achieved international status, representing Great Britain in the World's Epee Championships in South Africa earlier in the year, and then representing England at the Commonwealth Fencing Championships in Malaysia during the summer. The English Epee team finished fourth in the Commonwealth Championships, and in the individual events Thomas finished ninth. On his return, he succeeded in winning the Essex Open Epee Championship.

CHRISTOPHER FRAZER (1977) was appointed a Deputy District Judge of the County Court and the High Court last year, sitting on the Western Circuit.

BRUCE GARRETT (1968) has returned to the marine and energy risk business, having recently secured a position as Vice President with J & H Marsh & McLennan, the US-owned risk solutions advisory firm.

DORIAN GERHOLD (1974) has produced *Villas and Mansions of Roehampton and Putney Heath,* to be followed by a definitive history of Roehampton. For good measure he has compiled, with M J Bull, a standard collection of William Field's Photographs of Putney, taken in the 1880s, and a history of Westminster Hall is awaiting publication.

JOHN HARRISON (1971) graduated in Russian and Chinese, and has had a career mostly in journalism and the media. He is living in Moscow where, amongst other activities, he has been working on the creation of a guide to schools, universities, and English language courses in Britain suitable for Russian students.

MICHAEL HARTLAND (1989) has been appointed Head of the English Department at Clayesmore School, in Dorset.

DOUGLAS LAW (1997) is studying Business Administration at Cardiff University. Earlier this year he played at scrum-half for Scotland U19 against Romania U19.

CHRISTOPHER LEIGHTON (1972) has worked for a number of years in a variety of positions concerned with safety. After a few years with BNFL Sellafield he joined Union Railways Ltd as Safety Manager, working on the Channel Tunnel Rail Link. He has now moved to Railtrack, where he is Project Safety Manager on the ThamesLink 2000 group of projects.

THEO MILLS (1996), who studies Classics at Trinity College, Oxford, has been elected President of the Oxford Union. We believe that this is the first time that an Old Boy of KCS has achieved this remarkable distinction. Theo takes up his office in January 1999.

NORMAN PLASTOW (1946) has retired as Chairman of the Wimbledon Society, a position he has held for over two decades. He was unanimously elected President of the Society at its annual general meeting in May of this year.

ANDREW SHAW (1979) is now working in Brunei, in an accountancy capacity.

RICHARD SHUTE (1975) has been doing chemistry research with Zeneca for a number of years, and is currently working in the new and rather unusual branch of the discipline, combinatorial chemistry.

NICK TOPPING (1944) writes to tell us that his grandson Oliver Topping, second son of his son Giles (1971), has joined the Junior School this Autumn Term. This will make the third generation of Topping to go to King's; Nick's three brothers, Roger, Peter, and Tim were pupils in the 30s and 40s, and his three other sons Francis (1973), David (1977), and Crispin (1979) also went.

OLD BOYS ABROAD

In the last issue we included a round-up of news from Old Boys now living in California. News of a number of our members on the west coast of the United States came by e-mail, an increasingly popular way of communicating with the OKC, particularly from overseas. In response to the appeal for news of those who did not reply, John Smith (1962) who was in Weycroft at the same time as Jeremiah (Jerry) and Jonathan Tower, tells us that Jerry is referred to on a number of pages on the Internet. The following is an extract on Great Chefs:

American-born JEREMIAH TOWER has a strong academic background, with his early schooling in England and his master of architecture degree from the Harvard Graduate School of Design. Yet biographically speaking, the phrase that best describes Tower might be 'present at the creation'.

Tower was one of a handful of chefs whose passion and discipline helped to make American cuisine worthy of global attention. Now, as chef-owner of Stars, and Stars Cafe in San Francisco, as well as of Stars Oakville Cafe in Napa Valley, Tower can look back over the terrain he helped to discover in the early 1970s.

In 1976, Tower conceived and prepared a California regional dinner at Chez Panisse that brought the restaurant and its chef almost overnight fame. Tower moved on eventually, opening Santa Fe Bar and Grill in Berkeley and, in 1984, Stars Restaurant in San Francisco's Civic Centre area. Today, Stars and its spinoff cafe serve a changing menu of innovative dishes in the style Tower helped create: new American cuisine. In 1986, that label became part of the title on the cover of his cookbook, Jeremiah Tower's New American Classics (Harper Collins).

DOUGLAS DUNCAN (1949) sent us his news just too late for inclusion in the last issue. He writes that he and his wife Martha have lived in the hills of Berkeley north of the University campus since 1961, where they enjoy views of San Francisco Bay, the Golden Gate Bridge and the Pacific Ocean beyond. He particularly enjoys summer wilderness camping trips in the high Sierra Nevada range (above 8500 ft) north of Yosemite National Park, occasional snow skiing, and travel generally.

Douglas is currently semi-retired from his former practice as a City Planning consultant to local government agencies in Northern California, although he still undertakes the occasional assignment, generally for previous clients. When he left KCS, and after National Service, he read History at Corpus Christi College, Cambridge, graduating in 1954, and the following year was accepted at the University of California (Berkeley) in the graduate school of City and Regional Planning. He completed his course work in 1958 and his Master of City Planning degree was conferred in 1964 after completion of his thesis.

He first worked for the City of San Diego, but later set up his own practice, undertaking a wide variety of different projects. These have ranged from detailed small-area plans to more general policy-oriented studies for very large jurisdictions.

MARTIN GERHOLD (1970) is also now in California. He has been seconded by British Aerospace at Farnborough to the Lockheed Corporation at Palmdale near Los Angeles, where he is engaged in aircraft research.

BIRTHS

MICHAEL HARTLAND (1989), a son, Robin Peter, born on 6th April 1998.

DEATHS

R N CHIGNELL (Hon Life) 5th April 1998
M H CLIFFORD (1929) 28 July 1998
F M COALES (1927) 10th February 1998
W W DIMON (1937) 26th April 1998
J G HANCOCK (1935) 15th June 1998
R W J KEAY (1939) 7 April 1998
H G N LEE (1925) 14th April 1998
R LUSH (1948) June 1998
Revd J D R RAWLINGS (1943) 24th November 1997
C J V RINTOUL (Hon Life) 5th February 1998
G A SEEL (1928) 23rd December 1997
M P TAMPIN (1965) 12th September 1998

OBITUARIES

Old Boys will be sad to learn of the deaths of two former members of the KCS teaching staff, R N Chignell and C J V Rintoul, both of whom had been Honorary Members of the OKC for many years.

ROD CHIGNELL died on Palm Sunday. Educated at Sherborne and Cambridge, Rod earned a considerable reputation as a cricketer there and in the Lancashire league before being Master in Charge of Cricket at Emanuel School. From there, he came to the Junior School in 1965 to be Head of History. During his sixteen years with the Junior School, he took Minimus and helped David Warburg with the building-up of Hockey.

Known as Walky-Talky for his peripatetic progress round the classroom, he engendered a love of History with his gift as a story-teller. He delighted in P G Wodehouse and relished any type of *bon mot*. He was a Ximenes crossword winner and delighted in Gilbert and Sullivan. He still enjoyed conversation when the School day ended, sometimes in near-Rabelaisian circumstances. He regularly expressed exasperation with what he considered preposterous behaviour whether it was the asininity of boys - in early days he taught B5 and A5 Latin - or the antics of I T Botham, but he always spoke and acted with charity and humour.

All types of sport interested him. He was remarkably difficult to beat at golf and he was a very canny bridge player. But it was as a cricketer that he will be particularly remembered. He bowled for Wimbledon well into his fifties, where he ran the youth team for many years. Numerous cricketers, by now approaching middle-age, owe him a huge debt for his coaching and encouragement in the game. When he retired, he and Vivien settled in Wiltshire where he scored and umpired for Lacock, and followed Gloucestershire loyally and enthusiastically. Appropriately, his funeral was on the first day of the 1998 season.

C L Day

CHARLES RINTOUL, who died on 5th February 1998, taught Chemistry at King's for a quarter of a century, from 1958 until his retirement in 1983.

Charles was educated at Rugby, and, after a short spell in an Assurance office, served in the RAF throughout World War II. After the war he went on to Birmingham University, graduating with honours in Chemical Engineering in 1950. He then spent eight years teaching Chemistry and Technical Drawing at Oundle, before joining the Chemistry Department at King's in 1958. His was an additional appointment created to deal with the increase in the number of pupils that took place at that time.

His practical ability, honed in the workshops at Oundle, was swiftly brought to bear on the improvisation of Chemistry apparatus at a time when budgets were particularly tight. As well as his Chemistry teaching, at lunch times and on one afternoon each week he transformed his laboratory into a woodwork shop, passing on his skills to generations of pupils. Ouside normal school hours he taught Technical Drawing to those who expressed an interest, and played a noteworthy part in the development and testing of the Nuffield Metallurgy Special Study, an optional part of the A-level course. He designed, and built by hand, the Head Master's chair and the lectern used in the Great Hall, which stand as a permanent reminder of his life at King's.

B J Stokes

We have also learned of the death, some two years ago, of HARRY WILSON, who was handicraft instructor for many years, and who left King's in 1956.

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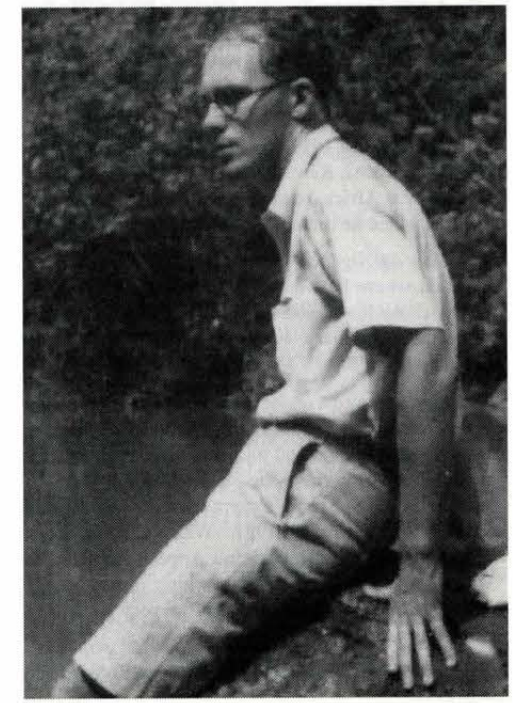
RONALD W J KEAY CBE(1939), who died on 7th April 1998, was one of Britain's leading botanists, an expert on the trees of West Africa, and a strong advocate of the sustainable use of forests long before the idea became widely accepted by conservationists.



Ronald Keay in the Sonkwala mountains, December 1948

It is not often that one can say that a single teacher and school influenced the complete career of a pupil, but this was very much the case with Ronald. At his preparatory school he was alleged to have known just how little work he needed to do to get by, but at King's he discovered Science in general, and Biology in particular, through what he himself called the inspirational teaching of Billy Barker, who taught Biology at King's from 1921 to 1962. However, he said that his general interest in Biology was dampened by being required to dissect a rabbit; his enthusiasm thereafter was focused on plants!

Ronald's interest might easily have been extinguished in 1936 when the Keay family business ran into difficulties. Ronald's father applied to the Governing body, and was granted a reduction in fees, and he continued at the School until he went up to St John's College Oxford on a scholarship in 1939.

On gaining a shortened wartime degree in Botany he was selected for a Colonial Forestry Scholarship and, after a short course in forestry at Oxford he was sent to Zaria, in Northern Nigeria. There, aged 22, he became Assistant Conservator of Forests.

In 1944 he returned to Oxford to take a B Sc in Forestry, and was married. He then went back to Nigeria as Head of the Forestry Training School in Ibadan. Finding that there was too little known about the trees of Nigeria to fill the timetable, he took his students into the forests as a kind of research team, and together they discovered and published a lot of ecological information.

From 1951 to 1957 Ronald worked at the Royal Botanical Gardens, Kew, on the revision of the Flora of West Tropical Africa, returning to Nigeria at the end of this time, where he became Director of Forest Research.

Following Nigerian independence, Ronald returned to Britain where he was appointed Deputy Executive Director of the Royal Society. In 1977 he was promoted to Executive Secretary, a post which he held until his retirement in 1985.

Religion played a major part in the Keay's lives, and whilst living in the Royal Society's premises in Carlton House Terrace Ronald and his wife attended their local parish church, St Martin-in-the-Fields. Joan Keay became a key figure in St Martin's crypt canteen, and Ronald became Churchwarden in 1981. Whilst Churchwarden Ronald launched the Renovation Appeal, jointly with Viscount Caldecote of Bristol, which raised nearly £500,000 for the refurbishment of a very run-down establishment.

He served as President of the Institute of Biology from 1988-1990.

He leaves two daughters, a son (Martin Keay, who was at King's 1965-69), six grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

HAROLD G N LEE (1925) was a house prefect and won the KCS Tennis Singles Championship in 1925. On leaving King's he trained as a Chartered Accountant, becoming FCA in 1932. It was however as a leading amateur lawn tennis player that he is best remembered. In 1930 he won the hard-court championship at Bournemouth, and was selected for the British Davis Cup team. He played in seven Davis Cup ties between 1930 and 1934, with players including Fred Perry and Bunny Austin, and was a member of the teams which won the Cup in 1933 (for the first time since 1912) and retained it in 1934. Amongst his other notable achievements in tennis he reached the fourth round at Wimbledon in 1933, 1934, and 1936. He was one of the eight seeded players in the men's singles in 1933, the first year that the seeding system was instituted, and was ranked No 3 in the LTA ratings in that year.

ROBERT LUSH (1948), who died in June aged 67, will be remembered by his contemporaries as a prominent oarsman, and a talented artist who used his skills in the design of programmes, posters and other items for school productions, as well as the stage scenery for Victoria Regina. On leaving school he continued these interests by working as a set designer for the theatre, but subsequently took up interior design with conspicuous success. At first he worked on opulent houses, but later he designed hotel interiors. His company, the Richmond Design Group, became the biggest hotel interior designer company outside America, and his work included the redesign of the Grand Hotel Brighton, after the IRA bombing, and the design of hotels of the Grand Metropolitan group throughout Europe.

Revd JOHN D R RAWLINGS (1943) died on 24th November 1997 at the age of 72. On leaving KCS he went to Worcester College Oxford before joining the RAF, where he trained as a pilot in South Africa. After demobilisation he joined Esso until 1962, when he left to attend Oak Hill Theological College, and was ordained in 1965. He became Chaplain to the Royal Aircraft Establishment, Farnborough, where his enormous knowledge of both military and civil aviation gave him a natural affinity with both staff and aircrew. In 1983 he was awarded the C P Robertson Memorial Trophy for services to RAF public relations.

John, known to many in the aviation world as 'The Flying Vicar', was a prolific writer, his most notable works being *Fighter Squadrons of the RAF* and *Coastal, Support and Special Squadrons of the RAF.* Many hundreds of articles in aviation magazines bear testimony to his meticulous research and detailed record keeping. He leaves a widow, Helen, and two sons and two daughters.

Mike Tampin

MIKE TAMPIN (1965) died suddenly at the Old Boys' Ground on Saturday 12th September. The following reminiscence has been contributed by Kelvin Walton.

"It's September. It's Saturday afternoon. It's time for rugby!"

Mike Tampin greeted me with these words when we met at the club last Saturday. An hour later, he had collapsed and died during a junior XV game against Bec Old Boys. This terrible event was handled with the greatest care and compassion by the Red Cross team on site and by the emergency services; and those of us who were at the club were caught in a wave of shock and grief than can only echo the experience of Trish and their children, and of Alan, Sue, Darryl, Sue, Phil, and Janie.

Mike joined the club in the late 60's, shortly after leaving school. His relative lack of size resulted in his playing in some odd positions - full back against the Old Millhillians, I recall - and he was quickly accepted as a popular and versatile member of the club. His arrival coincided with one of the periodic declines in the club's fortunes, and Mike's loyalty and commitment, and guaranteed good humour, were as vital to our survival and renaissance as were the efforts of Chris Diacon and Lawrie Glover.

Mike served as Club Captain and Committee Chairman, and also in a position which he insisted on calling Chief Bar Steward. As a player, he was a brave, committed and above all a technically-excellent prop, who understood and dominated in the arcane world of the front row, without recourse to foul play or macho threats. The highlight of Mike's career was, of course, his key contribution in the victorious Surrey Cup campaign in 1982-83. My abiding memory of the last few minutes of the final was of Guildford & Godalming's pack battering at our line, and Mike's example and exhortations inspiring Darryl and the others to heroic defensive efforts, and to ultimate success. Mike captained the side, deputising for the injured Alan Hancock, and it was with characteristic generosity and modesty that he insisted that Hancock, as Club Captain, should be the one to be presented with the Cup. But the memorable photograph of Mike brandishing the Cup shows that he was rather pleased that day.

Mike was a big, generous, and strong man, and a true Corinthian. His benign influence will be enjoyed by the club for many years to come, as we struggle to make sense of our loss.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Trish, Victoria, Clare, and Mark.

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M A Rowson (Hon) with a group of 1975 leavers

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