Old King's Club

JUNIOR SCHOOL ENTRANCE

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OKC Sports Day, October 3rd 1999

The start of the Cross Country

James Lander (1995) was first to finish the Cross Country

John Cann (1992) and Alp Orge (1996) after the fencing session

front cover The front of the Junior School, which has recently been remodelled

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

OLD KING'S CLUB

12th November 1999	Old King's Club Dinner: 7.00 pm at the School
15th January 2000	Old King's Club Annual General Meeting: 11.30 am in Collyer Hall
11th May 2000	School Careers Advisors' evening
24th June 2000	Commemmoration Day

SCHOOL

Autumn term ends on Friday, 17th December 1999. The Carol Service is at St John's Church, Spencer Hill, at 11.00 am, and Old Boys are welcome. You are advised to check the details first with the Old King's Club office, 0181 255 5390.

The School Music Department will give a Concert of Christmas Music and Carols by Candlelight at St Martin-in-the-Fields on Saturday December 4th at 7.30 pm. Admission is by pre-booked ticket, available from the box office at St Martin's, telephone 0171 839 8362.

Spring term begins on Monday 10th January 2000, and ends on Tuesday 4th April; half term is from 21st to 25th February.
Summer term begins on Tuesday 25th April 2000. Easter falls very late in 2000 and, consequently, the day term begins is the day after Easter Monday.

OKC BENEVOLENT FUND

Volunteers to join the Management Committee of the Benevolent Fund will be most welcome. If you are interested, or would like further details, please contact the Chairman, Len Barkey, on 0181 874 9826.

Reminder

OLD KING'S CLUB DINNER

THE DINNER WITH A TOUCH OF MAGIC

Friday 12th November 1999
at the School, 7pm for 8pm

It may be rather premature to bill the forthcoming Dinner as a Millenium event, but nevertheless it will take place as close to the end of the century as we can decently get it - and it **will** be a special occasion because of the Guest Speaker we have been fortunate enough to attract.

Regular readers of this Newsletter will have seen the article in last October's issue about Michael Bailey (1948) on the occasion of his election to the Presidency of the Magic Circle. Michael has not only agreed to speak at the Dinner but also to demonstrate a little of his skill as a magician. He is both an accomplished speaker and performer, so we can look forward to a memorable evening.

Previous participants at Dinners at the School will know the very high standards that Janet Belcher and her staff set in terms of food, service, and ambiance - please tell your friends.

An application form was included in the last Newsletter. If you do not still have it, just write as soon as possible to the Dinner Secretary, Old King's Club, King's College School, Wimbledon, London SW19 4TT, giving your name and address, and enclosing a cheque for £28 payable to 'Old King's Club'. Alternatively, just phone - 0181 255 5390 - on a Tuesday or Thursday morning.

Cash Bar from 7.00 pm Dinner in the Dining Hall at 8.00 pm
Tickets: £28 excluding wine Dress: Dinner jacket or dark suit
Car parking on the hard play area next to the Great Hall

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), 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). Year of election shown in brackets
CHAIRMAN: M P C Francis
HON SECRETARY: B J Stokes
HON TREASURER: P J Grant FCA
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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: A C 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, 16th December 1999 until 10.00 am on Thursday, 6th January 2000.

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 to okc@kcs.org.uk. Material for inclusion in the next issue, to be published in April 2000, must reach the Editor by 1st. March 2000.

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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 OK C, 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 in previous Newsletters we have published a short list of such lost addresses which has proved quite successful. If any reader knows the address of anyone mentioned in this section, 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:

Dr Robin H Davies (1952), the Oxford Chemist and rugby blue, who we think must have moved a short while ago and forgotten to tell us.

Angas Struthers (1990)

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

15th January, 2000

All members are invited to the Annual General Meeting of the Old King's Club, to be held in Collyer Hall on Saturday, 15th January 2000 at 11.30 am.

AGENDA

1. Minutes of the AGM held on 16th. January 1999 (circulated, see Newsletter No. 94, April 1999, pages 4 - 7).
2. To receive the Honorary Secretary's Report.
3. To receive and approve the Club's accounts to 31st August 1999 - 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 1999 - 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 1999, 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 1999.

SCHOOL NEWS

EXTRACTS FROM THE HEAD MASTER'S NEWSLETTER

Summer 1999

This has been another active and successful term, with great success in the full range of extra-curricular activity and a very good sense of corporate purpose.

The term was inevitably dominated by the HMC Inspection from 10th-14th May, the first such inspection at KCS since 1952. Over such a substantial period of time any major school which functions independently will develop great strengths and relative weaknesses and it is extremely useful to have the benefit of an external assessment even if, inevitably, judgements are formed on the basis of a brief visitation and cannot always fully define or espouse the more subtle aspects of the philosophy of a school. This inspection was thorough and, in addition, there were separate reviews of the School's finances, governance and management, and its games provision.

We await the final report in the Autumn but know, unofficially, that reactions have been very favourable with particular areas of excellence stressed and some suggestions made for the future. We shall apprise parents of the final report after studying it next term.

Common Room

Eight members of Common Room are leaving KCS this summer: **Graeme Salt**, who has been appointed Head of Biology at St Paul's School, Sao Paolo, Brazil; **Ian Robinson**, who has been appointed Head of Physics at The King's School, Worcester; **Robin Harskin**, who has been appointed Head of French at Magdalen College School, Oxford; **Neal Parker**, who has been appointed Director of Music at The Royal Grammar School, Newcastle; **Ian Chapman**, who after eleven years at KCS, six of them as Head of Economics, now leaves teaching and London for the West Country, where he and his wife will run a small business; **James Egert**, who is also leaving teaching, for the world of taxation; and **Paul Turner** and **Jacqueline Mew**, who have now completed their year in the ICT Department. Dr Turner returns to Johannesburg to take up the post of Principal of Dainfern College from January, and Miss Mew will take up a permanent position as ICT teacher at Tamworth Manor High School in Mitcham.

Tony Brook, who has been Head of Design Technology at KCS since 1989, now stands down from his teaching duties in order to devote himself to school rowing and to the commercial development of our Putney boathouse.

I should like to thank them all and wish them success and fulfilment in the future.

I am pleased to announce that from September the new Assistant Housemaster of Kingsley, in succession to Graeme Salt, will be **Craig Langley**.

David Mosley, who has been absent this term through illness, will return in September. **Mrs Jayne Purslow** will be absent next year on maternity leave. **Timothy Young** will remain with us next year to teach **William Waugh**'s PE classes while the latter continues to undertake his England hockey captaincy.

In September the Common Room will welcome nine new teachers.

School appointments

The Captain of the School is Thomas Try (Kingsley) and the Vice Captain is Thomas Richards (Glenesk). The Captains of House and Senior Prefects are Christopher Macklin (Alverstone), Phineas Hirsch (Glenesk), Christopher Fuller (Kingsley), Robert Coombes (Layton), Edward Smith (Maclear), and Luke Finch (Major).

SCHOOL EXAMINATION RESULTS

The School had another good year both at A level and GCSE. In the former, A and B grades made up 81.93% of the total. This gave us 21st place in the *Daily Telegraph* league table, top of the first division and 6th among boys' schools. Last year we were 37th in the full list. Other methods of calculation made us 18th equal in the *Times* (5th equal among boys' schools), 23rd in the *Independent* and 22nd in the *Financial Times* (ninth in its ranking over a four-year period). A particularly pleasing outcome of such results was that a record number of 49 boys have had Oxford or Cambridge places confirmed.

There was a steep rise in the number of top, A*, grades at GCSE (39.2%). Consequently KCS was 28th equal in the *Daily Telegraph* GCSE table (5th of the boys' schools) and 39th in the *Times*, which was calculated on the basis of A*s and As combined.

Each newspaper tries to find its own distinctive way of assessing examination results, which can be confusing. Nonetheless, in the case of KCS this year there emerges a consistent pattern of success with which we can be quietly and justifiably pleased.

Andrew Lang

CAREERS AND UNIVERSITY ADVICE

The annual School Careers Evening will be held at the School on the evening of 11th May 2000. As usual it will consist of a dinner hosted by the Head Master, followed by a few words of wisdom (!) from Bob Hiller, after which the volunteers will have two 30-35 minute sessions with boys on an individual basis, who have expressed a particular interest in their career. Last year we had almost 100 speakers, over 80% of whom were Old Boys, most of whom met old friends there.

Gordon Robson is always on the lookout for new and especially younger volunteers. If you would like to help, please contact him either through the Club Office, or phone him on 0171 (soon 0207) 828 9576. If some 'regulars' do not get an invitation, it is either because the demand for that particular career has dropped, or we are giving a chance to a younger person.

We are trying to develop another service, which has been going for just two summers. We have been writing to all the very recent leavers, who have just completed their first year at University, to get them to comment on the course they have been doing. We ask them to tell us if it is interesting, well taught, what the accomodation, and social life, are like at their University; also if they took a 'gap year', what they did, and if it was worth doing. We have had quite a good response, with replies from nearly half those written to. We have this information available in the Careers Library for any boy to look up, particularly when making his UCAS application. If anyone just finishing at University would like to send in their views, we would greatly welcome them. We realise that the views expressed can be subjective (the same course has been both praised and damned by two different students) but it is far better for those applying for courses than no information at all. The Club Secretary, Bryan Stokes, eagerly awaits your comments.

Gordon Robson

GAUDY 1999

A reunion for those who left between 1980 and 1984 was held at the School on Saturday 25th September. It was attended by about 75 Old Boys, together with over 20 members of the teaching staff of the period. The Head Master, Tony Evans, welcomed his guests, which included Robin Reeve, whose seventeen-year term of Headmastership began in 1980. It is interesting to note that the present Chairman of the OKC, Mark Francis, who was also present, was Robin Reeve's first Captain of School, 1980-81.

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. Many old friends met for the first time in years, and the event was greatly enjoyed by all who took part.

FROM THE ARCHIVES

John Milne

Adam Hart-Davis, the television presenter of the BBC2 programme 'Local Heroes', in an article in the *Daily Telegraph* in July this year entitled 'The best boffins on earth' selected his top ten scientists and engineers. One of these was an Old Boy of KCS, John Milne. Milne left King's in 1866, and went to the Royal School of Mines and, after qualifying and gaining practical experience of mining, went to Freiburg to study mineralogy.

He was appointed Professor of Geology and Mining at Imperial College, Tokyo, in 1875, and during his 20-year stay in Japan he became the world's leading expert on earthquakes. He helped to found the Seismological Society of Japan, which eventually embraced 968 seismic stations to record earth tremors.

On his return from Japan he travelled all over the world to investigate earthquakes, helping to establish a seismic survey of the world for the British Association. He was made a Fellow of the Royal Society, and awarded an honorary D.Sc. by the University of Oxford. He died in 1913.

King's has produced no fewer than twenty-seven Fellows of the Royal Society, a remarkable record by any standard. A booklet describing the work of all of them will shortly become available, and will be advertised in a future issue of the OKC Newsletter.

Lionel Stanbury

The Archives recently received a request from Michael Renshaw, a military historian who was writing an account of the Battle of Mametz Wood, one of the Somme battlefields in the First World War. Mr Renshaw was looking for a photograph of Lionel Stanbury, an Old Boy of King's, to include in his book*. Stanbury was an officer mentioned several times in the book, and who was killed during the battle.

Lionel Stanbury was one of seven brothers who had attended King's during the period 1903-1914. They lived in Worcester Park. Finding a photograph of an Old Boy from so long ago was very much a long shot, but as it happened Lionel was Captain of the School 1st XI in 1914, and the Archives holds a group photograph of the team. We were thus able to supply a photograph, which is reproduced here.

**Mametz Wood, by Michael Renshaw; one of the Battleground Europe series published by Leo Cooper, Pen and Sword Books Ltd.*

Gilbert Szlumper

Evan Roberts (1933) recently drew our attention to an article in an Army Newsletter concerning the late Major General G S Szlumper CBE (1900). Szlumper had a distinguished career on the railways; as early as 1913 he was Assistant to the General Manager of the South West Railway, and was Senior Railway Officer, British Army, throughout World War I. After the war he remained in the Territorial Army. He became General Manager of the Southern Railway in 1937, and on the outbreak of World War II was appointed Director General of Transportation and Movements at the War Office. This caused a most unusual entry in the *London Gazette*, namely ' 2 Lt G.S.Szlumper to be Major General'!

During his distinguished wartime career Szlumper acquired a remarkable collection of medals, including Officer of the Crown of Belgium, Officer of the French Legion d'Honneur, and the Order of the Crown of Roumania. The main point of the article was to report that these medals have now been bought by the Friends of the Royal Engineers Museum, where they will henceforth be exhibited.

Szlumper was for many years a Governor of the School, and at least one meeting of the Governing Body was held at Waterloo Station in the General Manager's office! He joined the Governing Body in 1936, and was soon Chairman of the Finance Committee. He played a major role in the development of the School, including service throughout the momentous times when the School became fully Independent, and retired as a Governor in the 1950s.

MICHAEL LANGLEY'S PARACHUTE JUMP

Michael Langley (1952) was Captain of Boarders House, Editor of the School Magazine, and member of the School athletic team. He graduated in Law from King's College London, and read for the bar at Grays Inn. He served a number of years with the Colonial Service in Africa, and for four years in the sixties was with 21 SAS Regt.

Michael became partially sighted in 1993. Here he writes about his recent parachute jump on behalf of the Royal National Institute for the Blind.

I made the sponsored jump on Friday, 28th August 1998 at the Red Devils (Parachute Regiment) Camp at Netheravon, Wiltshire. The cloud was particularly bad so that, although we arrived at 0830 hr we did not take off until 1602 hr. Even then, there was some doubt as to whether the flight should have proceeded.

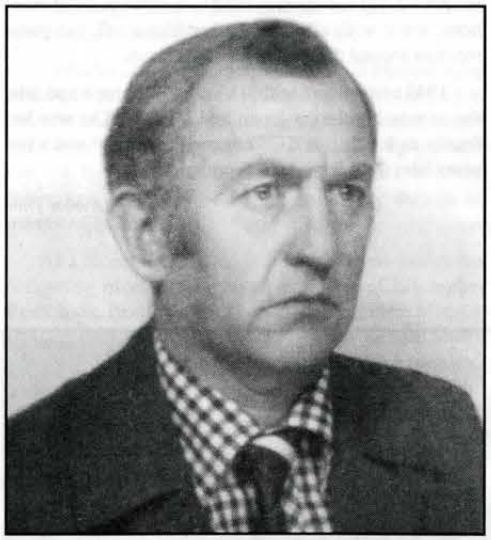
There were six of us parachutists, together with six tandem instructors, flying in an Islander. It took ten minutes to reach 12,300 feet. We jumped freefall (of course) straight into cloud, from which small chips of ice flew and hit us in the face. There was a brief gap in the cumulo nimbus and the top of the next layer sparkled as if lit by a myriad of diamonds in the sunlight.

We fell at 120 mph (hardly noticed, of course) and 45 seconds later, at 3,000 feet, our parachutes were deployed. At this height the cloud had dispersed so that we could see the Isle of Wight, the Bristol Channel, and the coast of South Wales. The landing was miraculous - I touched down like a ballet dancer! This was my 51st jump, but I have made none for over thirty years when our parachutes were rough old animals. The last 3,000 feet were covered in four and a half minutes.

The photograph shows Michael Langley standing at the point of exit prior to his jump. By jumping, he raised almost £600 for the RNIB. If any of his friends or contemporaries (or anyone else for that matter) would like to add to this total, donations can be sent to the Charities Office, RNIB, 224 Great Portland Street, London W1.

ONE PUPIL'S LIFE AT KCS DURING THE 1939/45 WAR

BYRON THEO was at King's from 1939 until 1949. A short while ago he sent us these brief reminiscences of the way the war affected his schooling.



Recently I was standing at the window of a flat overlooking the School playing fields and saw, with a great deal of nostalgia, a group of young King's boys playing rugby on the same pitch where, 59 years earlier, I too had learned to play the game.

I had arrived at the School on 9th September 1939, resplendent in my red blazer and cap, with my satchel, pencil case, protractor, and all the paraphernalia of a student hopefully destined for great academic achievements. This was literally as war broke out, and the German bombers arrived within hours.

The School authorities, rather like the aircraft industry, had planned for this ominous event, and rows of air-raid shelters lay in pairs in neat rows in a long line near to where today the hard play area exists, running down towards the old gymnasium building, now the site of Collier Hall.

When the sirens sounded, the boys trooped obediently into the shelters, form by form, and only the prefects could stand in the entrances, where they could watch Spitfires and Messerschmitts wheeling around each other in daily dog-fights. We small boys found ourselves at the rear of each shelter, where we could see and hear nothing until the all clear sounded and we were then returned to our classrooms for further lessons.

In the next year or two, apart from the Battle of Britain being fought in the skies during the day, the Luftwaffe came over night after night blitzing London, including Wimbledon. Each morning boys arrived at School eagerly showing each other jagged pieces of shrapnel from the previous night's anti-aircraft barrage, which they had collected on their various routes to School. The height of achievement was to discover the nose cap of a shell with the brass firing rings still attached, showing the timing and height at which the shell had exploded. I expect a number of these still adorn many an Old Boy's mantlepiece. At break and lunchtimes, lines of boys would walk up and down the rugby pitches looking for neat round holes in which, six to nine inches down, one might be lucky enough to find one of these prized items.

One morning, following an overnight raid, boys coming to School from the direction of Wimbledon Common brought in even more impressive objects - unexploded incendiary bombs with fins and magnesium cases about two feet long! These had been made by slave labour in Czechoslovakia and under the noses of the German supervisors the workers had filled many with sand rather than high explosive. The Science Sixth form boys found that if one could ignite some of the magnesium, it would burn with a fierce white heat, and it was impossible to extinguish the flame until it burned itself out. Obviously these were rapidly confiscated by the School authorities! I wonder what modern-day parents would have felt about the matter.

Near the end of May 1941 the boys were summoned to a rapidly-convened assembly to be given the great news that the German battleship *Bismarck* had been sunk by British ships, and a great hoarse roar went up from the assembled throats. Other good news included the crippling of the German battleships *Scharnhorst* and *Gneisenau* by naval vessels and the Fleet Air Arm, and the sinking of the pocket battleship *Graf Spee* following a courageous battle with the smaller and more lightly armed British cruisers *Ajax, Exeter,* and the New-Zealand manned *Achilles* in the Battle of the River Plate.

The war years gradually passed without our realising that we could be killed or maimed at any moment, and aerial dog-fights and the sound of falling bombs and anti-aircraft guns were all highly exciting rather than frightening events.

One grey, overcast day a Heinkel, or was it a Dornier bomber, suddenly emerged out of the low scudding clouds about a hundred feet above the School quadrangle building. Some of the School Cadet Force had set up a bren gun on the roof and blazed away as it roared past, apparently lost.

One day there was great excitement as a German bomber had crashed on the Royal Wimbledon Golf Course. Many of us trooped over to try to obtain souvenirs, but the latecomers were turned away by police.

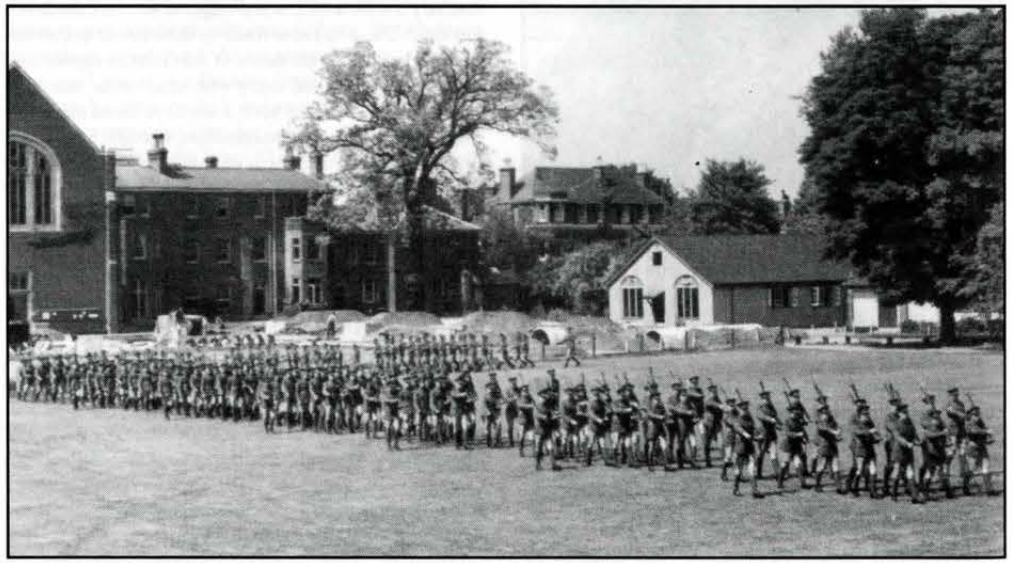
By the time 1944 arrived, news started to filter through that the Germans were sending over pilotless aircraft - the dreaded V1 or flying bomb, the nose of which contained a large quantity of high explosive. To start with, this seemed to be merely rumour, but before long we had first-hand experience of this new terrifying weapon. The warning sirens would sound and then the hateful noise of a throbbing engine, rather like a VW Beetle with a perforated exhaust pipe, would be heard. When the engine cut out, there would be a pregnant silence while one fearfully speculated as to where the bomb would crash, and then a huge explosion close by.

One V1 fell just outside the old gymnasium buildingand another on a cricket pitch near the swimming baths.

As opposed to the start of the war where we were all congregated in hundreds in air raid shelters (and thank God no bomb ever landed on one, as the carnage would have been dreadful) during the flying bomb offensive we came to School, were given 'prep' and despatched back to our own homes. Unfortunately for me, on one such day a V1 landed two doors away from our house in Cambridge Road, killing the owner, and all our windows wre blown out, the house badly damaged and my Father lacerated and shocked. I escaped with cuts and scratches. I can remember no explosion, merely a blinding flash and finding myself on the floor of our breakfast room covered in glass. Our two cats who had been sleeping on the window cill must have been blown through the window, but reappeared unscathed, but our chicken shed was destroyed and many hens, some with all their feather blown off, ran panic stricken around the garden for some hours.

1945 arrived and with it Victory in Europe and later the atomic bombs on Japan and VJ day. The war had finally ended, life at KCS returned to normal and a few years later my education was complete.

Byron Theo



The photograph shows the parade at the Corps Annual Inspection in 1939. The piles of earth in the background come from the digging of air-raid shelters; the building on the right is the Junior School Assembly Hall, which was destroyed by bombing later in the War.

REPORTS FROM AFFILIATED ACTIVITIES

KING'S COLLEGE SCHOOL LODGE No 4257

As the result of negotiations which have taken place with the School authorities, the Lodge in future will hold all its meetings there. Three will be in the Dalziel Room, and one in the Great Hall. It is hoped that these arrangements will encourage new members. All meetings will be held on Fridays; they will be the fourth Friday in January and April, and the second Friday in June and December.

The Lodge prize has been awarded to Daniel Goldman as the School's most promising Hispanist.

At the Installation Meeting held in April Michael King installed Richard Norris as his successor as Master, and John Calway and Nicholas Auger were appointed Senior and Junior Wardens respectively. Michael King has been elected Treasurer and Christopher Rashbrook is the Secretary. He will be happy to supply details of membership.

At a recent meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge the following members received honours: Christopher Rashbrook, Past Provincial Grand Warden; Peter Methley and Graham Bulkeley, Past Provincial Grand Sword Bearers (it is interesting to note that these three members were at one stage in the same form together); and Richard Norris, Past Assistant Grand Registrar.

Evan Roberts

OLD BOYS CRICKET

In the annual Old Boys v the School match on Commemoration Day the Old Boys batted first, and declared at 234 for 7 wickets. Tom Howland scored 45, Daniel Bowen 43, and Jimmy Parrish 58. The School replied with 239 for 6 (Zahir Mir 76, Nick Bianco 66) and thus won the match.

Three Old Boys were in the MCC team to play the School this year: Marcus Wight, Russell Cake, and Richard Luddington (Captain). The match was drawn, the scores being MCC 239 for 6 declared; KCS 183 for 9 (Oliver McGinn 45, Marcus Wight 6 for 41).

Samir Sheikh is to be congratulated on gaining his Cambridge Blue, in his second year at the University.

OLD BOYS FENCING

Commemoration Day on Saturday 26th June 1999 saw the regular Old Boys match against the School. James Baldwin (1993), who has mainly focused on coaching while studying at Manchester University, rather than competitive fencing, teamed up with John Cann (1992), Alp Orge (1995), and David Tilles (1971) to represent the Old Boys. The School had been weakened by the departure of a number of strong fencers and offered limited resistance to a 14-2 win by the Old Boys. Nicholas Perry, a very promising 14 year old who is doing well in the Junior National Epee Rankings, won the only two bouts for the School with spirited contributions from Jon Fittle, James Kelly, and Rodney Kelly. Ralph Coffey (1998) made a special guest appearance to help referee as did Alan Perry, father of Nicholas Perry.

Thankfully for the School fencers, Tom Cadman (1998) was unavailable to fence for the Old Boys as he is dedicating a year before University to Epee training with the Hungarian National Squad. This has helped him achieve considerable success in various UK and foreign tournaments and become Great Britain's No 1 Men's Epee Fencer. Just prior to the Old Boys' match, Tom competed in the World Epee Championships in Italy, at which he was the only British qualifier, and came 42nd. An excellent result for a nineteen year old.

An Old Boys Sports Day is planned for Sunday October 3rd 1999 and will include fencing in the Sports Hall from 10.30 am followed by a buffet lunch with other Old Boy Sports Clubs. All Old Boy fencers are welcome to attend. Old Boys are also welcome to join the School Fencing Club's training sessions during term time on Saturday mornings in the Sports Hall between 9.00 am and noon.

David Tilles

OLD BOYS RIFLE CLUB

Of necessity, the Rifle Club report is very much based on highlights, should you wish to be placed on the Club circulation list for fixtures and events please contact the Club Secretary.

AGM - 20th March

The AGM shoot was held in the morning and the AGM was held in the Surrey at 2 pm in the dining room. The morning, Jackson Tankard, competition was won by Chris Leighton with 48.3.

At the AGM the only change to the main Committee was that Jack Hedditch's previous offer to stand down was reluctantly accepted. Nick Holiday accepted the proposal to become the President of the Club. Although Gavin Franklin was unable to be at the AGM his declared position to stand down from the next AGM was restated.

The Astor Competition - 18th April

I am delighted to report that we defeated the BBC by a clear

12 points and 10 V bulls in the first round of the Astor and we were in the final in July. I am sorry to report that despite the storming performance we did not win the Astor in July, next year……..

Gallery Rifle – 15th May

We had twelve boys come down to shoot gallery rifle, accompanied by both John Grayson and Mike Chambers. We used the well-established formula of .22lr self loading rifle and under lever Winchester for both deliberate and snap shooting.

Afterwards our visitors were treated to a tea-and-sticky-bun tea. I would like to extend my thanks to the School for helping this very successful event to continue, especially Mike Chambers and John Grayson. We very much hope to repeat it next year.

Captain BBQ – 31st July

Our Captain hosted our annual BBQ at his home. I am pleased to report that there were a considerable number of non-members present which is very pleasing. As with any Club we recognise the importance of involving spouses and partners in social events as it helps to make the absences on shooting days easier to handle.

We also have an annual Wappenschaw dinner (25th Sept) and our Christmas lunch (4th December) as our principal social events. Non-members are always most welcome, information is available on request.

11th September Gallery Rifle – Old pistol competition

A number of guests and visitors came to compete in this rapidly expanding shooting sport. This competition has replaced the old pistol competitions that were held prior to changes in legislation.

All the Club pistols have been replaced with carbines which are far more accurate. This in itself has created problems with the 'pistol' type competitions having to be shot at longer distances to cope with the increased accuracy. We still fully embrace turning/snap and rapid shooting which makes the shoot very challenging and stimulating.

Forthcoming Events:

Remaining for 1999

25th September - Annual shooting festival (Wappenschaw)

13th November – Club shoot

4th December - Xmas shoot (Action Rifle) and Lunch

2000 – none are yet booked

Club Membership and activities:

The Club will take applications for membership from Ladies, Old Boys and non-Old Boys alike. 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 after trying the sport you find that you don't like it, there is no obligation, but thank you for trying. We recognise shooting is not right for everyone.

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 me on 0181 587 5740 or you can email me direct at: Richard.J.Hudson@btinternet.com.

Richard Hudson, Hon Secretary

OLD BOYS RUGBY CLUB

1st XV home fixtures for the rest of the season, with starting times, are as follows. (L) indicates League match.

October 30th. Old Reedonians (11.00 am)

November 13th. Chipstead (2.30 pm)

November 27th. Merton (L) (2.30 pm)

December 4th. Old Whitgiftians (2.15 pm)

December 18th. Streatham and Croydon (L) (2.15 pm)

January 1st. Old Guildfordians (2.15 pm)

January 15th. Kingston (L) 2.15 pm)

February 5th. Cranleigh (10.30 am)

February 26th. Farnham (L) (2.30 pm)

March 18th. Old Rutlishians (12.00 noon)

March 25th. Chobham (L) (3.00 pm)

April 1st. Old Wimbledonians (3.00 pm)

April 15th. Old Blues (3.00 pm)

All Old Boys are cordially invited to come and support the team.

OLD BOYS SWIMMING

The year started well for the King's Cormorants with the Club competing at two new venues. The first was at the 'local' Chelsea and Kensington meet on 30th January where 11 swimmers took part. The team did very well with medals for all and a good appetite was worked up for the usual post-meet curry back at Southfields. We had a splendid weekend on the Isle of Wight in February, where 5 of us took part in the first meet at the Heights Centre in Sandown. We again netted a good haul of medals and were indebted to one of the team members for accommodating us all in their island holiday home.

We had good turnouts for the BLDSA one hour postal swim at the end of February, in which Jane Asher secured an age group record, and the BT Swimathon towards the end of March, where Jane was again a ladies age group winner. It is likely that the Club will be involved in organising at least one of two planned individual speed sessions at the School pool next year, so we can ensure that the lanes do not get too crowded and that better times are achieved. In between these two distance meets, 4 swimmers made the trip to the popular spring event at Bracknell, where Jane won 8 gold medals to become the top lady swimmer at the meet.

Amongst other events we were represented at the Guernsey meet in March, the Surrey Championships in April (where the Club was 9th out of 17 Clubs), Reading in May (7th out of 41 Clubs) and Eastbourne (7th out of 40 Clubs). Perhaps the most encouraging result was at the Godalming Inter-Club meet in July. A record 18 of us turned out for the Club, some for the first time, plus spectators and timekeepers, and while we only came 6th out of 10 teams, there was a great Club spirit and everyone swam really well. At the Barnet Spring Meet in early September several personal best times were recorded, which is most encouraging as in training we have been concentrating on stroke technique, and have had a couple of sessions videoed so that we can watch our own strokes, which has been quite enlightening.

On the open water front Chris Hains unfortunately failed in his attempt to complete a two way Channel crossing due to rough seas but still managed a single crossing for the second year running. Philip Newman made a charity swim across the Solent on behalf of the Ryde Inshore Rescue Centre on the same weekend, and was pleased with his time of 1 hour 26 minutes, which is the fastest crossing time for the year. He also took part in the Brighton Pier to Pier race in July and the Sandown to Shanklin Pier to Pier race in August, where he finished a creditable 4th and 5th respectively in the over 40's age group.

Six swimmers will be taking part in this year's two mile sponsored swim at the Shell Centre on behalf of the Imperial Cancer Research Fund on 15th September; we shall enter a team in the Berks and South Bucks Open Meet, and be taking part in the ASA half hour postal swim which we shall hold in the School pool in December; results will be included in the next Newsletter.

Philip Newman

OLD BOYS' NEWS

ROBIN REEVE (Past President) has become Chairman of the Lancing College Council. Old Boys will remember that Robin went to Lancing after his first period on the staff at King's, in 1962, subsequently becoming Deputy Headmaster there, and returned to us as Head Master from 1980 until his retirement in 1997.

GERRY ACHER (1961) was awarded CBE in the Queen's Birthday Honours for services to transport for the disabled. Gerry, in addition to his work as KPMG's head of audit and accounting, is Vice Chairman of Motability, which provides transport for the disabled. Newsletter readers will remember his account of his adventures in his 1932 Aston Martin during the Peking to Paris rally, which appeared in the April 1998 issue.

SHUJA ALI (1983) qualified in Medicine at St George's Hospital and served for two years as a physician. He then spent two years at Yale, graduating as MBA, and joined McKinsey & Co in London. He is now a Management Consultant with the Mitchell Madison Group, working in Los Angeles. He is married, with one daughter, born in March of this year.

MICHAEL BARRETT (1987) is a partner in Goodman Derrick, Solicitors, of Fetter Lane, London EC4.

PAUL BARTON (1983) is currently Associate Professor of Chemical Engineering at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and lives in Cambridge, Mass. His teaching responsibilities include process design and simulation, and his research includes the development of software for large-scale simulation of chemical processes. 'Life is good in the US', he writes, 'but I miss trips to country pubs on Summer afternoons'.

DAVID BONTHRON (1976) was last year made Professor of Medical Genetics at Edinburgh University.

PETER BRIEN (1981) is a partner in the law firm Slaughter and May, currently working in the Hong Kong office.

BILL BRITTEN (1980) directs TV and Film, and 'still does the occasional bit of acting'.

DAVID BURBRIDGE (1992) took a year in industry and a four-year Mechanical Engineering course at Imperial College, London. He now works as a Project Engineer for AEA Technology Rail (formerly BR Research) based in Derby. He works mainly on software development for rail monitoring systems, as well as carrying out maintenance visits to sites around the country and, recently, for four weeks in Hong Kong.

ANDREW CECCHERINI (1980) has had a succession of hospital appointments including some seven years in Nottingham working in Radiology, and is now a Consultant Radiologist at East Surrey Hospital, specializing in Magnetic Resonance Imaging.

DAVID COLLIER (1949) whose address had been missing for very many years, has now been located following an appeal for information in Newsletter 93. He wrote telling us that after leaving school he served at sea for 4 years with BP Tanker Co, returning to BP after National Service to join their Aviation Branch. This

expanded rapidly, and he spent the whole of his working life with BP Aviation, retiring in 1986. He now lives in Cornwall in the summer, and Portugal in the winter.

RICHARD EVANS (1977) since leaving Cambridge University has worked continuously for J P Morgan, the American Investment Bank. He was Treasurer and Head of their Sydney Office in Australia 1990-93; returned to London till moving to Belgium in 1996; and has now relocated to New York following his appointment to the Wall Street Office as Head of the Internal Risk Management division. He writes of his early experiences in 'American culture', finding the right new church to join, settling children into new schools, working out how to programme air-conditioning machines and coping with the longest commute of his working life - let alone managing a large group of employees in a stressful banking environment!

DORIAN GERHOLD (1974) has had another book published, this time on the history of Westminster Hall, to mark the 900th anniversary of its foundation. It was launched at a party in the Hall on the 24th May.

SALIM GULAMANI (1980) spent five years in Abu Dhabi as Finance Director of a construction and distribution company. He then (1997) enrolled in the MBA programme at the Graduate School of Business at Georgetown University, Washington DC, and graduated in May of this year. He is now working with the Executive Vice President of the Fairchild Corporation, in a project consulting role, and is based at the corporate headquarters in Dulles, Virginia.

PAUL GULBENKIAN (1958) was recently appointed by Her Majesty the Queen as a Recorder, on the recommendation of the Lord Chancellor.

JOHN HAMILTON (1953) has been elected President of Surrey Rugby Football Club. He is the first member of KCS Old Boys RFC to have been elected to this position.

JAMES HUMPHREY (1989) is currently Company Training Manager for Birdseye Walls Ltd., a branch of Unilever.

ALEXANDER HUTCHINSON (1989), after working for 4 years as an accounts assistant at the National Portrait Gallery, has recently moved to be an administrative officer at the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries, and Food.

JONATHAN ISABY (1996) graduated from York University in 1999. During his time there he continued to immerse himself in politics, becoming Chairman of the University Conservative Association, and in 1998 was invited by Lord Parkinson to be a member of the inaugural management executive of Conservative Future, the newly united youth wing of the Conservative Party, which he served on until April 1999. Also while at York, he served as Vice Chairman of the Debating Society and became Deputy Editor of the student newspaper, 'Vision', getting an exclusive interview with William Hague the week before he became Conservative Party leader.

On graduation, he began work as a Political and Parliamentary Affairs Analyst and Researcher for BBC News, based in their Westminster newsroom - a job which he is relishing, since it is one of the few places where his mind for political trivia, minutiae, and election results is of use to somebody!

IAN LONG (1979) has been appointed Second Deputy Head at the City of London Freeman's School, in Ashtead.

DANIEL JONES (1978) is now a member of the United Kingdom Council for Psychotherapy.

MARC LAMAH (1981) is currently a Senior Registrar in General Surgery, with a special interest in colorectal surgery. He would be delighted to hear from other old boy contemporaries who have also become surgeons.

RICHARD LEE (1984), after five years with Bankers Trust in Hong Kong, has returned to London as Treasury Director, Europe, for MediaOne International, a US-based broadband cable company. In the UK, their interests include the mobile telephone company *one-2-one*, and the cable operator *Telewest*. After a well-publicised bidding contest, the company was recently bought by AT&T.

SIMON MARKS-ISAACS (1980) is now in Perth, Western Australia, where he is Head of Strategy and Planning for the chemical and fertilisers division of Wesfarmers, one of Australia's 'Top 40'.

ANDREW MORLEY (1980) has returned to the United Kingdom after over three years working at the Chinese University of Hong Kong as Lecturer in Anaesthesia. He is now a Consultant Anaesthetist at St Thomas' Hospital. He is married, and has a seven month old daughter.

DUNCAN MOSS (1981) has for the last 15 years worked at the British Board of Film Classification, where he is currently the Research Officer. The job, he says, 'is a film buff's dream'. He attends St George's Church in Ashtead, where he is involved in the ministry team and an ongoing youth project.

CHARLES MOWBRAY (1982), after spells at the Universities of Exeter, British Columbia, and Nottingham, joined Pfizer Central Research in Sandwich, Kent, in 1992, which he describes as an exciting, thriving company. He would be pleased to hear from any old friends.

DAVID NOTT (1958) is one of three KCS Old Boys of the same year who are on the staff of Lancaster University (the others being Prof Keith Soothill and David Shotter). David Nott has recently had two books published, both by Hodder and Stoughton; *Points de Départ,* an undergraduate French language course, and *French Grammar Explained,* an undergraduate French grammar book, for practice and reference. He writes that he has not yet taken early retirement - a sly reference, we think, to DAVID SHOTTER, who *has* taken early retirement, but is nevertheless back in the History Department on what he (Shotter) describes as 'part-time buy-back'.

PAUL REINISCH (1980) gained a B Sc in Chemistry at Edinburgh and a Ph D at Cambridge, and then worked for Hoechst in Frankfurt am Main, Germany, for a number of years. He is now a partner in a chemical trading company, which sells organic and specialty chemicals, and is based about 60 miles to the east of Frankfurt. He is married, and has a two-year old daughter.

KIM REYNOLDS (1975) is a Quantity Surveyor, and has worked as a Project Manager for Slough Estates, the property developers, for the past 11 years. He has just taken 3 months off work to do a leg of the Clipper Round the World Yacht Race. His leg went from Nassau in the Bahamas to Honolulu *via* Cuba, Panama, and the Galapagos Islands. He describes it as a tremendous experience, though extremely testing both physically and mentally, and reports that more information about the race can be found on the website www.clipper-racing.com.

PAUL REYNOLDS (1982) works for Nitronics, an electronics business consultancy service, and retails heavily discounted computer hardware and software up and down the country at weekends.

CHRISTOPHER RITCHIE (1989) who has followed a career as an insurance broker, has recently become a Divisional Director with Lambert Fenchurch.

PROF ROGER ROBINSON (1958) of Victoria University, Wellington, New Zealand, is now Deputy Vice Chancellor of the University. He has completed editing the *Oxford Companion to New Zealand Literature,* (see Newsletter 91) and this major work has now been published.

JAMES SCOTT (1993), who graduated from University College London, has been awarded a Senior Scholarship at Gray's Inn.

MATTHEW SHERIDAN (1995), who graduated from Queen's College Cambridge, has gained a Junior Award at Gray's Inn.

STEVE STURGESS (1964) recently visited the School, but not, unfortunately, on a day when the OK office was open. He now lives in California, where he works for Newport Communications as Editor of *Roadstar.* The subject of this magazine can presumably be guessed from his e-mail address, which is Ssturgess@heavytruck.com.

TIM VOTIER (1984) after five years with the BBC has, since 1995, been working for British Sky Broadcasting as a Presentation Director.

DROSTAN VYE (1987) since graduating from Clare College Cambridge, has spent some years managing producer-artists, DJ's, and labels in the record business, and has now become a producer himself of music for media. Adage Music, Notting Hill, makes music for commercials, TV, and corporate videos, and Drostan would welcome contact from OK's needing music or sound design for any medium.

ALAN WHITELAW (1980) has worked in the software industry, and is now consulting in the European space industry. He is married, with two sons, aged 6 and 4.

DAVID WIGHTWICK (1983) whilst teaching English in Bosnia, in 1998 was approached by the International Medical Corporation to obtain funds and set up mobile medical centres in Kosovo. He is now Country Director. He had been successful in setting up a network of medical centres, both static and mobile, when he and his team had to leave Pristina to avoid the bombing. He headed over the mountains to Skopje in Macedonia where he was able to set up further medical centres and install the first field hospital. He is, at the present time, based in Skopje and is working in the border refugee camps.

MICHAEL WILSON (1977), who works at the Rutherford Appleton Laboratory in Didcot, was granted the title and status of Visiting Professor of Computer Science at the University of London in January 1999.

KENNETH YOUNG (1931) recently appeared in a Wimbledon local newspaper, which reported that he had just completed 80 years as a member of Trinity United Reform Church in Mansel Road, Wimbledon - the longest-serving member of the Church.

MARRIAGES

DAVID BUCKLEY (1980), who recently returned from New Zealand, was married to Kate in June 1999. The marriage, which was conducted by Robin Stevens, the Chaplain, took place in the Chapel at the School, by Archbishop's special licence, and was the first ever marriage to be held there. It was very much a King's occasion; the bride was given away by an OK, and the two 'best men' were also OKs.

IAN LONG (1979) married Gwyneth Rogers in April 1998. This marriage took place in the Chapel of King's College London, where Ian graduated after leaving KCS.

DEATHS

R F ARNATT (1925) 9th April 1999
A W BLACK (1951) 19th May 1999
T R BLAMEY (1924) 16th March 1998
D J W BROUGH (1934) 29th June 1999
A E A CHARLTON (1930) 23rd January 1999
E J CROCKER (1923) 22nd January 1999
R A CROMARTY (1934) May 1999
K H DE COURCY (1926) February 1999
C B DE LAUNAY (1930) 27th June 1999
V N ELY CBE (1919) 4th May 1999
J P FLEMING (1977) 27th May 1999
R A M HALLAM (1925) 2nd August 1999
J D HIGGINS (1952) August 1999
R S HURCOMB (1939) 3rd May 1999
C V JOHNSON (1944) 23rd November 1998
M T McDONOUGH (1960) 27th July 1998
R RICHARDS (1959) 17th September 1998
P J RICHINGS MBE (1944) 24th December 1998
D J RUGG (1943) 23rd May 1999
R L VERGETTE (1929) 15th February 1999
N E O VON KNORRING (1932) 26th February 1999
D A YAPP (1936) 2nd November 1998

OBITUARIES

ANTHONY WILSON BLACK (1951) died peacefully after a short illness in May 1999, aged 65. Anthony was the son of the late Sir Cyril Black (1920), an Old Boy and Governor of KCS for many years, and father of Andrew (1980) and the late Kevin (1984). On leaving King's, Anthony qualified in Estate Management, and worked for Allangate Estate Co Ltd. He leaves a widow, four children, and six grandchildren.

THOMAS BLAMEY (Junior School, 1924). We have recently heard of the death, in March 1998 in Australia, of Thomas Blamey. Son of Australia's highest-ever ranking officer, Field Marshall Sir Thomas Blamey, Thomas and his elder brother were both pupils in the Junior School until they returned to Australia in 1924. Thomas then went to Melbourne Grammar School and Melbourne University. He served in the Australian Army during World War II, rising to the rank of Lt. Colonel and being awarded the MBE. After the war he played a key role in the emerging Australian mining industry, preparing the legal agreements to establish Commonwealth Aluminium.

COL ROBERT BLOTT (1937) who died just over a year ago, joined the Westminster Dragoons (TA) on leaving school, and was commissioned in March 1940 into 46 Royal Tank Regiment. He served in North Africa, and was badly wounded in July 1942 at the Battle of Ruisat Ridge, following which he spent many months in hospital in Pietermaritzburg, and later in the UK. Invalided from the Armed Forces in 1944 he joined the family firm of Waters and Blott, Manufacturing Jewellers. He was able to rejoin the Westminster Dragoons in 1947, and commanded the Berkshire and Westminster Dragoons 1961-64, following which he was awarded the OBE.

Robert's business career was with Longman and Strongi'th'arm, and in 1973 he joined the board of Northern Goldsmiths Co Ltd. On retirement he formed his own Trophy Consultant company, and for over 20 years he was associated with supplying trophies for all the most prestigious race meetings - the Grand National, Derby, Newmarket, and Goodwood meetings.

Robert's first wife, Mary, died in 1985. He is survived by his second wife, Kate, his daughter, and his son Jeremy (1965), who is also a Colonel and holder of the OBE, and is currently serving in the Middle East.

Commander DAVID LAURENCE COBB, CVO, DL, RN (1939) died in Australia on 23rd February 1999 just short of his 77th birthday. From the time he entered the Junior School in 1931 it was David's avowed intention to follow a career in the Royal Navy and he achieved his ambition when he entered Dartmouth by Special entry in 1939 shortly after the start of the second World War. David's career at King's was relatively distinguished academically but he did not show the promise of the distinction he was to achieve in later life. In these years he was well known for his hobby of amateur dramatics which was one of his main interests right up until the time of his death. He made many friends and was one of a group of four of us who met regularly once a year from the end of the war up to 1998. While still at school he learnt to sail and became a member of the Little Ship Club in London and was joined by those same three friends on memorable sailing holidays during our last two years at school.

David's Naval career was accelerated by war; he was promoted Midshipman in January 1940 and almost immediately saw service in HMS *Renown* and later in HMS *Sheffield* with Force H in the Mediterranean. He was twice mentioned in despatches for 'undaunted courage and endurance' and narrowly escaped with his life when his ship was sunk by a mine in 1944. After the war he specialised in gunnery and saw some service in Korea. He obtained his first command in HMS *Cockade* and later, in this ship, he joined the escort to HMS *Britannia* taking Prince Philip to the Commonwealth Games in Melbourne. In 1958 he took over, at very short notice, the post of Pageant Master of the Royal Tournament and enjoyed great success, being highly commended for his great initiative.

He retired from the Navy in 1961 with the rank of Commander and was appointed as Secretary to the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme; this was a job he loved and did superlatively well, being created CVO in 1977. He later served as Deputy Lieutenant of the London Borough of Kensington and Chelsea from 1985 to 1987, following which he took up the post of Honorary National Secretary to the Award Scheme in Australia. He settled well in that country which he loved. He became an Australian citizen and was eventually made Honorary Treasurer and Honorary Consultant to the Scheme in the Australasian Region. Right from the start of David's time in Australia he was able to return to the UK and to travel widely in Europe for at least two months in every year.

During his time with the Award Scheme he became one of the first skippers and a trustee of the London Sailing Project, and was navigator in the first Atlantic Tall Ships Race, finally becoming Chairman of the Association of Sea Training Organisations. David's life was one of hard work and enormous enjoyment, and he is sadly missed by a large circle of friends world wide.

David Bailey

ERIC JOHN (TIM) CROCKER (1923) died on January 22nd 1999, aged 92. Eric was at KCS from 1920 to 1923. He made a career in engineering, on the sales side, and became a consultant to the oil industry. He was in the Royal Navy during World War II, serving as a Sub Lt. on minesweeping duties. He is survived by his wife Margaret.

KENNETH DE COURCY (1926), self-styled Duc de Grantmesnil, who died in February 1999, was a remarkable man whose extraordinary activities gained him a half-page obituary in the *Daily Telegraph*. On leaving School he joined the army, becoming by 1930 a 2nd Lt in the Coldstream Guards, but he resigned in 1931. He made a substantial sum of money by buying small shops in the North, obtaining licences for them to operate as sub-post offices, and selling them on at a profit. He became Hon Secretary of the Right-wing Imperial Policy Group in 1934 and was soon confidant of Cabinet ministers and a dining companion of the Duke of Windsor. In 1938 he began to write and publish the *Intelligence Digest*, a private subscription newsletter, which gave him the ear of Chamberlain - as well as considerable wealth from the subscriptions of the large number of readers, many of whom were American.

After the war he continued to write books and papers on strategy and foreign affairs, and became an Hon Citizen of New Orleans (1950) and Companion of Western Europe (1979) amongst other honours. In 1960 things went seriously wrong when his scheme to build a garden city in Rhodesia failed, and he was sentenced to seven years in jail for fraud. Here, he became friendly with George Blake, who, in his memoirs, thanked de Courcy for not revealing his escape plans. On release from prison he lived in a small cottage in Gloucestershire, where he continued to write books, including *The Great Marshal Philippe Petain* (1995). He left a large collection of historical documents to the Hoover Institute, Stanford University.

VERNON ELY (1919), who died on 4th May 1999, joined the Junior School in the Autumn of 1916, and remained until he was sent as a boarder to Berkhampstead in the Autumn of 1919. Thirty years later, in 1949, he was back at KCS for another three years, this time as a Governor of the School.

Vernon's grandfather Joseph founded the family firm, Ely's, on the corner of Wimbledon Hill Road and Worple Road, in May 1876. His father Bernard became responsible for the business between the wars, and Vernon took control on his father's death in 1947. In addition to running Ely's, Vernon played a full part in trade association work, both commercial and recreational; was selected as Leader of the Retail Productivity Team to the United States in 1952; and was a member of the Halsbury Decimal Committee. Amongst many other appointments in later life he was President of the Draper's Chamber of Trade, and a Trustee of the Draper's Institution and Cottage Homes, the leading retail charity. He was made CBE in 1972.

In 1976, on the occasion of the centenary of the foundation of the family firm, he published his autobiography, *Fifty years hard*, a fascinating account of the life of this man of great kindness and good humour. The title was taken from his own fifty years in the retail trade, interrupted only by service in the RAF, mainly in India, during World War II.

JEREMY FLEMING (1977) died tragically in a car accident on 27th May 1999. After leaving King's Jeremy went to Sheffield University, gaining a BSc in Sociology. After a short time in Insurance he took up a management post with Odeon Cinemas, and for many years was Senior Assistant Manager at the Wimbledon Odeon. He was very fond of foreign travel, and the accident which lead to his death took place during a holiday in Canada and the USA. His inate love of music, fostered at King's, was combined with a great interest in films and film music, and he was travelling the country and watching movies not yet shown in the UK. He is survived by his father (Dr P R Fleming, 1942) and mother, two brothers (Robert, 1971, and David, 1983), and a sister.

HAROLD JOHN (JACK) FRY (1925), whose death was recorded in Newsletter 94, played Rugby in the 1st XV in his last year at School. He joined the Bank of England on leaving School, and played Rugby for the Bank - his favourite game. In later life he became an enthusiastic golf player, right up to the age of 85. Jack married in

1932, and had two daughters; his first wife died in 1964.

He is survived by his second wife Peggy, who he married in 1969.

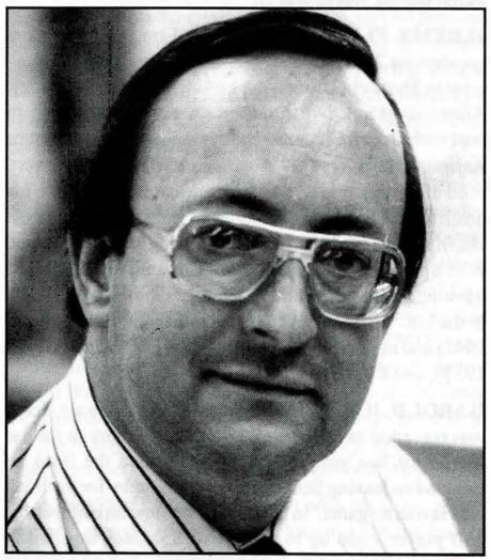
MOLLY GREEN (Honorary Life Member), whose death was reported in Newsletter 94, served in the OKC office for a period of some 20 years.

Molly trained as a secretary, and spent most of her working life with a firm of solicitors in Bloomsbury. On her retirement she began part-time work for the Old King's Club, where she assisted a succession of Hon Secretaries, typing correspondence, dispatching Newsletters, and helping to maintain the membership records. She was a person of wide interests, being an accomplished pianist and accompanist, active in the Baptist Church, and, as a maiden aunt, devoted to her two brothers and their families. Through acting as a sighted assistant to a blind friend, with whom she went to conferences and on holiday, she also became involved in work for the Royal National Institute for the Blind.

Molly was a much-loved and respected figure at King's, whose sterling work for the OKC was greatly valued. Even after her final retirement, at the age of 84, she continued to maintain an interest in our activities, sending newspaper cuttings to the office whenever Old Boys were mentioned in the press.

PETER HERON (1982) We are very sorry to have to record the death of Peter Heron at the early age of 32. Peter was in the Junior School for five years, and then in the Senior School, leaving after the Upper fifth form year.

JOHN HIGGINS (1952) went to Worcester College Oxford to study French and Russian, and followed this



with a distinguished career as a journalist and opera critic. He joined the *Financial Times* in 1959 and was its arts editor 1963-69 and literary editor 1966-69. He then joined the *Times,* serving as arts editor from 1970 to 1988, and chief opera critic and obituaries editor from 1988 onwards. He was a member of a number of cultural committees, the recipient of several awards, and a contributor to, and editor of, a number of works on opera and theatre design. The *Daily Telegraph* wrote of him that 'he had an enviable gift for the pithy, telling and happy phrase to pinpoint a performer or performance..'.

JOHN PICKWELL (1937) whose death was recorded in the last issue, died on Boxing Day 1997. He was in the Navy during World War II, and then pursued a career in advertising, eventually joining Dimbleby Newspapers working at the *Richmond and Twickenham Times* on circulation and promotion. On retirement ten years ago he moved to the Isles of Scilly, where he spent time on his two great loves, animals and walking. He also enjoyed researching local history. Wilfred Olsen (1936) recalls the days when he, together with John Pickwell and Boris Borresen (1936) used to cycle to King's each morning from East Sheen, *via* Wimbledon Common, from time to time being joined by Ronald Keay (1939), whose obituary appeared in Newsletter 93.

PETER RICHINGS MBE (1944) went to Trinity College Oxford and then to RMA Sandhurst. He was commisioned and served with the Devonshire Regiment in Austria. He then transferred to the Royal Artillery as a Regular Army officer, and served in Korea, Germany, and Northern Ireland before attending Staff College in 1959. Thereafter he held staff appointments in Singapore, Scotland, and Chester. Here he was a co-ordinator on the military side of the Investiture of the Prince of Wales in 1969, for which he was awarded the MBE. His last appointment was at the Royal School of Artillery, Larkhill. Peter was invalided out of the Army in 1977, after which he indulged in his hobbies of gardening and the 'turf'!

NILS VON KNORRING (1932) died in Salo, Finland, in February of this year, at the age of 86. He was one of two brothers, and will be remembered at King's principally as the Captain, in 1932, of the first KCS Shooting VIII to win the Ashburton Shield.

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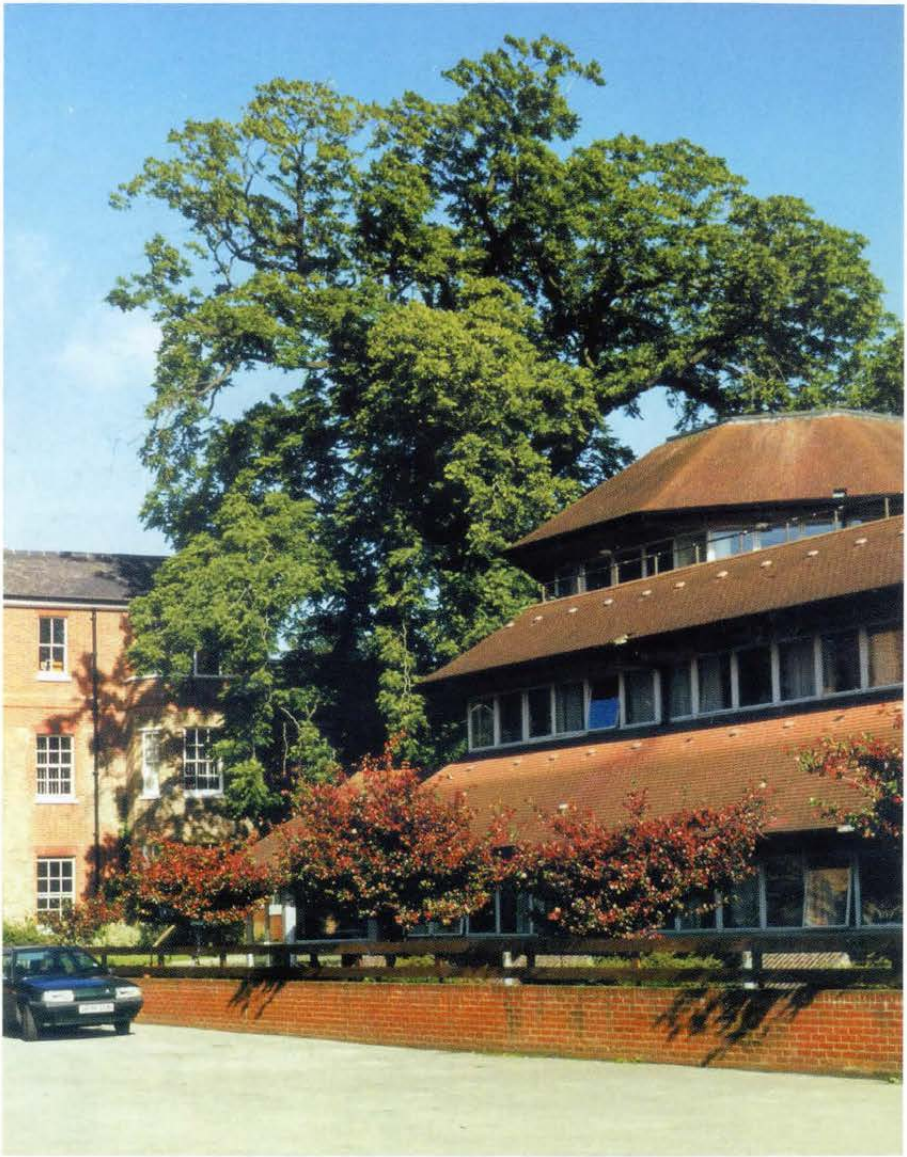
back cover: The north end of College Court, and part of Woodhayes, at the start of Autumn 1999.