



Old King's Club



WORLD WAR I MEMORIAL

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THE WAR MEMORIAL.

above: The War Memorial, drawn by Edward Scott-Snell (1930), and presented to H L Rogers, then Head Master (see 'From the Archives' in this Newsletter).

front cover: The World War I Memorial, with the new statue, pictured shortly after the dedication of the statue at the Remembrance Service in November 2003.

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

OLD KING'S CLUB

6th May 2004	School Careers Advisors' evening
26th June 2004	Commemoration Day
12th September 2004	OKC v KCSBC Boat Race - see page 12
18th September 2004	Gaudy for the 1970 - 1974 leavers - see below
26th November 2004	OKC Annual Dinner at the School - see below
8th January 2005	OKC Annual General Meeting

SCHOOL

Summer term begins on Tuesday 20th April and ends on Friday 2nd July. Half term is Monday 31st May to Friday 4th June 2004.

Autumn term begins on Wednesday 1st September and ends on Friday 17th December. Half term is Monday 18th to Friday 29th October 2004 (two weeks)

GAUDY FOR THE 1970 - 1974 LEAVERS

Old Boys who left King's at any time between 1970 and 1974 (both years inclusive) will soon be receiving an invitation to a Gaudy at the School, to be held on Saturday, 18th September, 2004. Unfortunately we no longer have the current addresses for a number of OKC members who left during this period; a list of those whose present address is not known to us is given towards the end of this edition of the Newsletter. **Please look through this list, and if you know the current address of any of these members, or any other information about them, please write to the Hon Secretary, and let him know.**

OKC UNDERGRADUATES DINNER

30th Oct 2004 at Balliol College Oxford

The Head Master and several members of staff will attend

Time: 7.30 pm for 8.00 pm *Dress:* Jacket and Tie

Cost: £20 for Undergraduates

All KCS Alumni Undergraduates welcome

Swap university experiences with your contemporaries from school!

Contact: Mark Lowen, mark.lowen@balliol.ox.ac.uk
Richard Hardyment, rwlh2@cam.ac.uk
Micky King, kinghouse@blueyonder.co.uk

OKC ANNUAL DINNER

Advance notice

This year our Annual Dinner will be held in the School Dining Hall

The date is

Friday 26th November 2004

Please make a note in your diaries now, to be sure that you do not miss this event. Full details and an application form will be included in the next Newsletter, which will be sent to you in October 2004.

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),
R E Dawson (1979), R F Diacon (1983), P K Gerhold (1984), J D E Hamilton (1983),
A D Hein (1986), J Keeling (1987), R G Mathews (1995), E A Stokes (1996), C Taylor (1973),
Year of election shown in brackets

CHAIRMAN: H M G King

HON SECRETARY: B J Stokes

HON TREASURER: P J Grant FCA

Elected members of committee: C L Day, R J Hudson, H M G King,
G C McGinn, D W Parry, S K Tester

Representatives of Accredited Activities:

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

Social Sub-Committee: R B Armitage, C L Day, H M G King

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: L R Barkey (Chairman and Trustee), A C V Evans (Head Master, KCS),

M Barron, J D E Hamilton (Trustee), A D Hein (co-opted), R Lowndes,

R J Morris (Treasurer and Trustee), L D Peters, D V Smedley, C Taylor (Trustee)

Careers for School Leavers:

Old King's Club Adviser: J G Robson, 27 Westminster Gardens, Marsham Street, Westminster, London SW1P 4JD
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SECRETARY'S NOTES

CLUB OFFICE

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

SCHOOL SHOP

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

THE NEWSLETTER

This issue of the Old King's Club 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 020 8255 5439 or sent by e-mail to okc@kcs.org.uk. Material for inclusion in the next issue, to be published in October 2004, must reach the Editor by 1st. September 2004.

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

10th January, 2004

The Annual General Meeting was held at 12.00 noon on the 10th January 2004, in Collyer Hall.

Present:

The President	Sir Robert Andrew
Chairman	H M G King
Hon. Secretary	B J Stokes
Hon. Treasurer	P J Grant

and about 30 members.

Apologies for absence were received from D W Parry, J G Robson, and R M Reeve.

1. **The minutes of the last AGM**, held on the 11th January 2003, were circulated in Newsletter No 102, April 2003, on pages 4-8, and copies were available at the meeting. Richard Armitage proposed and Sidney Cowherd seconded that they be approved. All agreed and they were signed by the President.

2. Hon Secretary's report

The Hon Secretary presented his report on the activities of the Old King's Club for the year 2003, as follows.

During the year your Committee has met on five occasions, under the Chairmanship of Micky King. In addition to the usual business of receiving reports from our various representatives, and items to ensure the smooth running of the Club and its activities, the principal subjects discussed at these meetings have been (i) the replacement of the statue stolen from the First World War memorial, which as members will have seen, has now been completed, (ii) possible actions that might be taken to ensure a greater attendance of Old Boys on Commemoration Day, and (iii) the discretionary management of Club investments, about which the Hon Treasurer will have something to say in his report.

Club activities in 2003 began in earnest with the School Careers Evening held on 15th May. This is, I believe, one of the most valuable events in which we participate. About 140 Lower Sixth form pupils are able to choose two careers each in which they have an interest, and Gordon Robson arranges over 100 Old Boy Career Advisors to meet their requests with one-to-one interviews. Thanks are due, of course, to our many advisors, but the sheer scale of Gordon's efforts in gathering together so many advisors, carefully selected to have the requisite knowledge, is immense, and the Club owes a considerable debt of gratitude to him for this.

It was a good year for sport. At the top of the Old Boy's successes must come the splendid win for the **OK Tennis Team** in the 2003 d'Abernon Cup Competition. After having lost to the Old Paulines in the finals of this competition for the last two years, the OK team beat the same opponents by 5½ to 1½ in this year's finals. Congratulations go to the team of Ross and Blake Hutchins, Stephen Morris and James Mustoe, and Peter Ripley and Jack Masri.

The **KCS Old Boys Rugby** first team ended last season as outright winners of the Surrey League, and gained promotion to the London South West 4 League. At the conclusion of 2003, they are now placed 3rd in the higher league. The minis, players from Under 6 to Under 14, go from strength to strength, and now consist of over 250 fully registered members.

A notable first for **Old Boys Rowing** took place on Saturday 13th September when the School 1st VIII raced against a crew of Old Boys. This was the first ever OK versus the School Boat Race. It took place in glorious weather over a 1½ mile course from Wandsworth Bridge to Putney. The OK team, assembled by Richard Wallace, included rowers with Henley victories, and National, Commonwealth, and World Cup championship medals to their name, so it was not surprising that they finished a few lengths ahead of the School team. However in a second race between the School J 16 VIII and an OK team of more recent leavers, the School came from behind to finish first.

Cavan Taylor presented the winning first team with a Cup, to be known as the Reed-Boswell Cup, in recognition of the energetic and inspired work of Pat Reed-Boswell, Chairman of the KCS Boat Club Supporters Association. It is hoped that this race will become established as an annual event.

Commemoration Day on Saturday 21st June as usual saw the Old Boys playing the School at Cricket, Tennis, and Fencing. The Old Boys Tennis put out two teams to play the School, and both Old Boy sides won by 5 matches to 4. The matches were much closer than in previous years. In Fencing, the now regular triangular match took place between the School, the Old Boys, and the coaches who teach at the School Club. This year the Old Boys came first, the School second, and the School coaches were third. In the cricket match, the strong School team beat the Old Boys by 5 wickets. The strength of the School was further illustrated on the Sunday, when they beat the Caribbean Touring XI, another Old Boys' side, who had never previously lost to the School. The School made 261 for 4, including a century by George Peck, beating the Caribbean side by 57 runs.

As usual, the Hon Secretary represented the OKC at the **School Leavers Lunch** on July 2nd to welcome some 115 new members. All the new members were given an information pack about the Club, and an OKC tie. Those few leavers who are not already members of the Club were encouraged to join.

The usual highly successful **Gaudy** was held on Saturday

20th September, this year for all those who left King's 1965-1969. Just under 90 Old Boys attended, together with about 15 members of the School staff, past and present. Guests were given a tour of the School, lunch in the Dining Hall, and an opportunity to talk to old friends. As last year, the Development Office organised the taking of both group and individual photographs, copies of which have since been presented to all those who attended. As a result of the Gaudy, over £650 was raised for the Benevolent Fund.

Following the success of the **dinner for OKs at Oxford and Cambridge Universities** which was held at St Catherine's College Cambridge in November 2002, a similar dinner is being planned to take place at Balliol College Oxford in 2004. A smaller, informal social gathering took place at Nottingham University during 2003, and efforts are being continued to hold similar social events at other Universities.

The **School Remembrance Service** was held on Friday 7th November, when Vincent Farley (1939) laid a wreath on behalf of the OKC, and Major Michael Gibson-Horrocks MBE (1937) read the Binyon words. This year the service included a dedication of the new statue, about which more will be said later in this meeting.

The Club's **Annual Dinner** was held on Friday 14th November at the House of Commons, sponsored by Sir Paul Beresford. This was undoubtedly the most successful and well-attended dinner in recent years, with a total of 182 members present, including representatives of all age groups. The speakers were the Head Master, who gave a report on the state of the School in his usual informative and witty style, and Sir Neil Chalmers, Director of the Natural History Museum, who described how interests that he developed at school had influenced him in later life.

In addition to our speakers, our thanks go to our Chairman, for his strenuous organizational efforts, and to Sir Paul Beresford for conducting tours of the Commons, and for his able Chairmanship on the evening; together their efforts ensured the success of the event. After the dinner a collection was made in aid of the OK Benevolent Fund, which raised the remarkable sum of £1470.

Sadly I have to report the **death of a number of members** of the Club during the year under review, and I should like briefly to mention some of them here.

During the year, we have lost one of our Vice-Presidents, Nicholas Topping, and three Honorary Life Members, Graham Tingay, Christopher Priston, and Joan Wells.

Nick Topping was a well-known and much loved figure in School and Old Boy circles for well over 50 years, and was made a Vice President 20 years ago in recognition of his considerable services to the Club.

Graham Tingay taught Classics at King's for 35 years, and made notable contributions to school life in many other ways. He was a prolific author of classics text books, setting new standards of approach and attractiveness.

Christopher Priston was Bursar for seven years, following a distinguished career in the Civil Service. In the words of the Head Master, he was a Bursar of rare ability, humour, wisdom, and compassion, and he was very supportive of the OKC.

Joan Wells was the widow of Alan Wells, my predecessor as Honorary Secretary of the OKC, and since his death had maintained interest in, and support for, the OKC.

Several well-known Old Boys died at a comparatively early age; they included Tim Attridge, a farming consultant with an international reputation; David Horrobin, medical researcher and founder of pharmaceutical companies; and Gaby Rado, the widely-respected foreign affairs correspondent for Channel 4 News.

However, on this occasion I wish particularly to mention David Williams, a quiet and unassuming young man who, after 16 years in the RAF, had become one of the most experienced and respected Tornado navigators. David, who left KCS in 1982, gained an Aeronautical Engineering degree, and joined the RAF. He qualified as a navigator, and was posted to a front-line Tornado squadron. He served in the Falklands, the Gulf, and as an instructor during a widely varied Air Force career. As most of you will know, David was killed in action in the Second Gulf War, on March 22nd, when his RAF Tornado, returning from a successful mission in Iraq, was shot down by a US Patriot missile. He leaves a widow and two young daughters.

More detailed obituaries of all these members have appeared in the OKC Newsletter.

The usual two **Newsletters** have been published during the year, containing reports of Club social and sporting activities, news of our members, information from the Archives, and feature articles. These are sent to Life Members for ten years without further charge, after which they are invited to subscribe the modest sum of £20 for four years. The Newsletter has a circulation of about 2200; another 3100 members who do not subscribe to the Newsletter receive an 'annual mailing'

giving notice of the AGM and other forthcoming activities, together with brief news of the School and the Old Boys.

Finally, I must record my personal thanks to Tony Stokes, Gordon Robson, Peter Kirman and others who have helped in the OKC office during the year, and particularly to Marie Armitage, who left us at the end of November after many years of valuable work in the Club office. I am especially glad to report that the year has seen continued fruitful cooperation with the Development Office in so many ways, for which I am grateful to David Bradley, the Development Officer. I have also been fortunate to have the support of our President, Sir Robert Andrew, and Micky King, our Chairman, which I am very pleased to acknowledge here.

Mr President, that concludes my report for the year 2003.

3. Hon Treasurer's report

The Treasurer presented the Accounts for the year ended 31st August 2003, copies of which were given to all those attending, and proceeded to comment on various items.

On the Receipts and Payments he highlighted the OKC Bursary payment to the School of £15,000. Initially it had been decided to make a Bursary payment of £3,000 per annum for five years, but in view of the availability of funds, and to assist the School further with tax free income on the fund, the Committee made the full five year payment in its entirety. He also mentioned the loss on disposal of investments of £4,778, which related principally to the demise of Marconi.

At the end of the year there was a net deficit on receipts and payments of £1,890.

After allowing for the market value of investments, the Club's Funds at 31st August 2003 amounted to £225,393.

The Treasurer replied to comments from the floor and he ended his report with his thanks to the honorary auditors, John Hole and Graham Phillips, for their continued support.

Note: If any member of the OKC would like to have a copy of the audited accounts of the Old King's Club he or she should apply to the Hon Secretary.

4. Elections

(i) The Chairman, Micky King, proposed that Sir Robert

Andrew KCB, be re-elected President, and that the Hon Secretary, Bryan Stokes and the Hon Treasurer, Peter Grant also be re-elected. The proposal was seconded by Tony Stokes and approved unanimously.

(ii) The President, Sir Robert Andrew, then introduced the following elections:

(a) **Trustees.** The present trustees of the invested funds, David Parry, Mark Smith, and Michael Barron, and the trustees of the Old King's Club, Michael Barron, Laurie Glover, and Tony Hein were standing for re-election. Their re-election was proposed by Len Barkey and seconded by Derek Harding, and all agreed.

(b) **Committee members.** Three members were retiring on completion of a three-year term of office, namely Christopher Day, David Parry, and Stephen Tester, and all offered themselves for re-election; no other nominations had been received. Their election was proposed by Tony Hein and seconded by Len Barkey, and all agreed.

(c) **Honorary Life Members.** The Committee recommended that Vernon Barnes, John Harvey, Michael Jenkins, and Revd Robin Stevens, all Honorary Members, be elected Honorary Life Members, following their retirement from the School teaching staff, as well as Mrs Marie Armitage, who had resigned from the OKC office after many years of service to the Club. This was proposed by Tony Hein and seconded by Tony Stokes.

(d) **Honorary Members.** The Committee recommended that the circulated list of Honorary Members be re-elected, and in addition J A Galloway, Miss F C Hutchinson, S Marshall-Taylor, Revd S Robbins-Cole, M P Stables, N P Tetley, and T S Young, all of whom have been members of the School teaching staff for more than five years; and Sir Paul Beresford MP, in recognition of his services to Careers, and his sponsorship of this year's OKC Dinner at the House of Commons. John Hamilton proposed, and Sidney Cowherd seconded this election, and all agreed.

5. Election of Honorary auditors

The Committee recommended that the present auditors, G P N Phillips and J H Hole be re-elected. This was proposed by Peter Grant and seconded by Derek Harding, and all agreed.

6. Benevolent Fund

Len Barkey, the Chairman of the Management Board of the Benevolent Fund, presented his report on the activities of the Fund during the past year. He reported that at the start of the year the Fund was supporting two boys at the School with 25% of the fees each, but one of them left in September 2002 and the other has left since then, so no boy is being supported at the moment.

He then took the meeting through the accounts for the year ended 5th April 2003. The value of the investments was very low in April, in common with most of the Stock market, but since then the fund had risen to £130,000, about £96,000 invested and the rest in cash.

In order to maximise the income from the Fund, and to overcome the disadvantage of not being able to respond to market situations quickly, it had been decided to appoint Charles Stanley as Discretionary Managers of the investments.

Len Barkey then invited questions, which prompted a discussion about the use of Investment Trusts; Len Barkey said that they were not appropriate to the Fund; the management charges were too high, and the Fund primarily needed income.

Adoption of the report was proposed by Micky King and seconded by John Hamblin, and unanimously approved.

Note: If any member of the OKC would like to have a copy of the audited accounts of the Benevolent Fund he or she should apply to the Hon Secretary.

7. Election of Trustees, Officers, and Members of the Management Board of the Benevolent Fund

The Committee recommended the re-election of the present Management Board, consisting of Len Barkey (Chairman and trustee), Michael Barron (member), John Hamilton (member and trustee), Tony Hein (member), Robert Lowndes (member), Richard Morris (Treasurer and trustee), David Smedley (member), and Cavan Taylor (member and trustee). The Head Master and the Treasurer of the OKC are *ex officio* members of the Board.

Approval was proposed by Richard Armitage and seconded by Roger Mathews, and all agreed.

8. Old King's Club Bursary

The Chairman reported progress on the Old King's Club Bursary, which had been set up to provide assistance

with the fees for a boy or boys selected for entry into King's College School. He reminded the meeting of their decision at the last AGM to approve the payment of £3,000 per year for the next five years, for this Bursary.

The Committee had since decided to transfer the whole £15,000 in a single payment, as the Club had the funds available, and the School, as a charity, would not be subject to any tax on interest for which the Club would be liable. He announced that a boy had been selected and was now in receipt of the Bursary.

Roger Mathews asked in which form the boy was placed, the answer being the Lower Sixth form.

Richard Armitage asked how the distinction was made between those who might be awarded the OKC Bursary and those who would qualify for support from the Benevolent Fund. The reply was that the Benevolent Fund was primarily intended for support of boys whose parents get into financial difficulty.

9. Replacement of the World War I Memorial Statue

The Chairman said that, as those attending will already have seen, the new statue was now in place on the War Memorial and was, he felt, a very fine replacement for the original.

Simon Fletcher called for a vote of thanks to Micky King for his considerable efforts in achieving the objective of a new statue, and this was passed with acclamation.

10. Subscription rates

The President announced that there were no changes to the subscription rates proposed at this time.

11. Any other business

The President announced that the next Annual General Meeting would be held on 8th January 2005, and he thanked the Chairman, Hon Secretary, and Hon Treasurer for their efforts on behalf of the Club. In the absence of any other business he then declared the meeting closed, and invited all present to drinks in the Cotman Gallery.

CHAIRMAN'S LETTER

As anticipated in my last letter, the new statue on the First World War Memorial was dedicated at the School Act of Remembrance with a very appropriate prayer by

the chaplain. I was grateful to Major Michael Gibson-Horrocks MBE and Vincent Farley for taking time off from their preparation of the Garden of Remembrance at Westminster Abbey for Michael to say the Binyon words and Vincent to lay the wreaths.

The OK Club hopes to arrange for a memorial to David Williams, who died on active service in Iraq. We do not know of any other OKs who have died on active service since the Second World War Memorial was completed, and we would be grateful if you would tell us of any others that we should remember.

I am pleased to report that there is now a pupil at the School supported by the OK Club bursary. The beneficiary is in the Lower Sixth and shows much promise. We wish him well.

The dinner at the House of Commons seemed to be much enjoyed by the capacity number who attended. I was particularly pleased to see good representations of those who left school in the 1980's and 1990's. I think that it proved that when OKs think of having a reunion, the OK Club dinner is the ideal venue. The atmosphere is one with which they are familiar with the added bonus of often meeting staff they know and friends from different generations. The next OK Club dinner is on the 26th November 2004 at the School. If you want to organise a get-together of your contemporaries, do contact us and we shall do our best to help you with contact details, address labels etc.

The Head Master's tour of Australia and the Americas (of which details elsewhere) looks very exciting not to say exhausting. He is taking the opportunity to meet as many OKs as possible in those places. The response from the OKs in those parts of the world that have been contacted has been very enthusiastic.

Mark Lowen and Richard Hardymant are making good progress with organising the dinner of KCS Alumni Undergraduates on the 30th October 2004 at Balliol College, Oxford. All OK undergraduates are welcome.

Luke Blackall organised a less formal get together of OKs at Nottingham University. This was much enjoyed and I believe it was quite a late night.

The OK Club subsidises events such as the Undergraduates dinner and the Nottingham get-together and I would be pleased to hear from Undergraduates at other Universities who would like to organise similar events for OKs at their University.

I would remind OKs that Commemoration Day this year

is Saturday 26th June. There will be a tea tent reserved exclusively for OKs on the lawn outside the Lodge. Do come along on the day. With the large numbers of OKs involved with the School in the shape of Parents, Governors, and those taking part in sporting events, I would be surprised if there was not someone there that you know. The OK Club will send a programme of events of the day by post to those OKs who live close to the School. If you would also like us to send the information to you, please let us know.

The scheme to encourage legacies to the School or the Old King's Club is gathering momentum, and letters have been sent to all of those who left the School before 1961. I hope that the response to this appeal is substantial. Many charities find that legacies provide a major source of income for their work.

Eugene Pooley would like to form a regular OK Club football side, and as a start is hoping to arrange some "friendly" games with some other Old Boy sides. Please see the note elsewhere in the Newsletter and contact Eugene or me if you are interested in either playing or helping with the organisation of the club. The OK Club will commit funds to the venture.

I hope that you know that the OK Club helps the School in its Careers Advice Service by organising people in a variety of occupations to come to the School to meet pupils, usually on a one to one basis. This enables pupils to gain information about the career that they would like to follow so that they can make a more informed choice for their future. We are very grateful to Gordon Robson who, for a number of years, has matched the requests from the pupils and arranged for appropriate people to come to the school for the interviews. Gordon says that he now wants to retire from this post and we are looking for someone to take his place. If you, or any one you know, would like to take on this very rewarding job I would be very pleased to hear from you.

I hope that this letter has not appeared too much like "notices read out in assembly" but there were a lot of items I wanted to mention. I did want to mention other items such as the boat race on the 12th September, but due to the shortness of OKs attention span I have omitted them!

With Best Wishes to you all

Micky King

Editors note: further details of most of the subjects mentioned in the Chairman's letter appear elsewhere in this Newsletter.

EXTRACTS FROM THE HEAD MASTER'S NEWSLETTER

Chairman of Governors

Cavan Taylor stood down as our Chairman of Governors on 10th January 2004, after a total service of 21 years in that capacity (1973-1990 and 2000-2004). His support, generosity, and commitment to KCS have been truly remarkable in countless ways and it was absolutely appropriate that the new Library building should bear his name. We owe him a massive debt of gratitude.

His successor is The Honorable Sir Stephen Richards, who is a High Court Judge and has been a Governor since 1998. Sir Stephen was himself educated at KCS (OK 1968).

King's in the Community

Once again there have been new developments to complement our existing programme of conservation, learning support in local schools, and tea for the elderly. A new library project has involved us in teaching ICT at Wimbledon Library, boys visiting St Mark's Primary school in Mitcham now provide musical instruction and entertainment, and a group of sixth formers have been making a film about KCS in the community. More than 20 sixth formers also participated in children's play schemes during the summer holidays in locations ranging from a field outside Chichester to the School's playing field at West Barnes Lane, where boys ran sporting activities in association with the Greenhouse Schools Project. The Community Christmas Tea for the elderly, organised by Revd Sarah Robbins-Cole, took place on 7th December.

Drama

The dramatic event in the Autumn term was *Jesus Christ Superstar* directed by Philip Swan. This was our Director of Music, James Millard's first and, sadly, last musical in the Senior School. It was a spectacular event with an audience sitting on drums in the centre of the theatre and the action taking place around them, through them, and amongst them. As well as fine individual performances, the chorus, involving boys from all years and girls from three different schools, created much of the energy of the production.

Music

The Senior Jazz Ensemble, known as Détente, together with the King's Kapella, performed a concert in the Great Hall on 27th February in memory of our late Bursar, Christopher Priston (*see report later in this Newsletter*). The Big Band performed at the British Television Advertising Awards ceremony at the Grosvenor Hotel on 10th March, while on the same day the Chamber Choir sang evensong at St George's Chapel, Windsor Castle. The choir have had their usual busy term, also performing at the School confirmation service in January and with the Malcolm Sargent Festival Choir at St John's, Smith Square on 5th March. The jazz Combo ECA have been taking music into the community, with a performance at Wellington School on 12th March. One of our senior Chamber Ensembles gave a performance of Bach's Brandenburg Concerto at the Chamber Music Concert in February, and went on to qualify for the semi-final of the National Chamber Music Competition for Schools. The Orchestral Concert was held on 27th March to a full Great Hall. Guido Dacie-Lombardo played the solo in Schumann's Piano Concerto No 1 and there were most enjoyable performances by the Chamber Orchestra and Wind Orchestra.

Biology Olympiad

In this year's British Biology Olympiad David Simonson achieved a Gold Medal and Simon Spiro achieved a Silver Medal.

Physics Olympiad

This year nine boys entered the British Physics Olympiad and all gained medals after sitting a quite demanding three-hour written exam paper. Simon Picot was awarded a Silver Medal, placing him amongst the top 200 Physics contestants in the country, whilst Guido Dacie-Lombardo and Ajul Haria achieved Bronze I awards (in the top 400 contestants). Bronze medals were obtained by the other six King's boys.

HEAD MASTER'S OVERSEAS VISITS

In the course of May and early June, the Head Master, Tony Evans, is planning to make a series of visits to schools overseas which, like KCS, also teach the International Baccalaureate, as well as taking some time during the trip for his own recreation.

His ports of call will include Melbourne, Sydney, Brisbane, Buenos Aires, Santiago de Chile, Vancouver,

Toronto, and New York, in which we have so far identified about 20 possible partner schools.

The purpose of the tour was outlined in the Head Master's address at the last AGM of the Corporation of KCS. On that occasion he said:

"...The international perspective at KCS is, in a sense, the equally vital legacy [alongside service in the local community] we wish to leave to our pupils. They must, as our local initiatives show, be sensitive to their domestic context and be active in it. But part of the rationale for adopting the IB – at least as important as its academic value and breadth – is sensitivity to world issues and our pupils' ability to relate to other peoples and other international concerns. The IB emphasises this and it is certainly our vision, as we prepare young men for a working life in an international context, that KCS will equip its pupils – talented as they are – with an awareness of other nations and the enthusiasm to contribute generously and knowledgeably to a wider world.

Already we have noted, slowly but perceptibly, that the IB has attracted pupils to KCS from a more international background, and we are the richer for it. I personally wish to see staff, as well as pupils, benefit from exchanges, both short and longer, with colleagues in IB schools abroad. We could, in my perfect scenario, establish exchanges for pupils and staff ranging from half a term to a full year. In the case of pupils, cultural and often linguistic benefits would accrue. Certainly, in a GAP year, or just after their GCSE or IB exams, a short period would open their eyes to a different social and political context. And the same is true of staff for whom professional development would be immensely valuable thereby. We have, for some time, received post-A-level students from Melbourne Grammar School and sent a KCS boy back, but that has been on a sporting level. I should like to see this hugely extended culturally, most particularly with IB schools abroad.

We have just completed our first IB staff exchange, with Geelong Grammar School in Australia, whereby a member of our History Department, Ms Ros Davis, spent a term and simultaneously her exchange partner, Mr Greg Naylor, taught here. The enrichment on both sides was palpable: new ideas flow in both directions and we thereby encourage a learning climate in which change is embraced, not resisted. Our pupils need to be educated to welcome change, not to fear or resent it.

My hope is that, in addition to our established European language links (with France, Germany, Spain, Italy, Russia), we can also establish IB exchange links for boys

and staff with two or three schools in Australia, two or three in USA and Canada, at least one in Japan, one in China (we are beginning Chinese for IB in September 2004) and two in South America, ideally in Argentina and Chile. The benefits could be enormous...."

At the same time the Head Master will be linking up with OKs living in Australia, Canada, and USA, to all of whom we have written. Many OKs have given us useful advice about educational institutions in their countries in response to the Head Master's invitation to do so; and we are now finalising a number of events for OKs with the help of individuals who again have responded positively to this opportunity. We hope to put many OKs in these countries in touch with one another again; and we hope that the Head Master will come back from his tour with recent news of many of them which we can pass on for the next issue of OKC News.

David Bradley

George Heyer



George Heyer, taken from the KCS staff photograph of 1905

Following some preliminary correspondence from Australia, the Archives recently had a visit from a Ph D student from Melbourne University, who was writing her thesis on the romantic novels of Georgette Heyer. The subject has, of course, been tackled before, but our visitor had some new angles, including an investigation of the possible influence that Georgette's father, an Old Boy of KCS, may have had on her writing. The purpose of her visit was to find out all she could about the education and subsequent career of Georgette's father.

George Heyer was, in the wider world, perhaps best known as Georgette Heyer's father. However he was very much involved in the King's community, and he played an important role in several aspects of KCS history. He was a pupil at the School from 1881 to 1888, when it was still in the Strand. He left to read Classics at Sidney Sussex College Cambridge, graduating in 1891. He became thoroughly fluent in French, and returned to KCS in 1898 to teach that language, the School then being in its first year in Wimbledon.

At the suggestion of the Head Master, C W Bourne, a meeting was held on 13th February 1899 to reconstitute the Old King's Club, and at that meeting George was elected to the post of Honorary Secretary and Treasurer.

George left the KCS teaching staff in 1906 to take on the task of fund-raising for King's College Hospital, but retained his secretaryship of the OKC until 1909, when he was succeeded by FA Nahaud for two years, followed by J D Casswell.

In the First World War George served as an officer in the

Directorate of Requisitions and Hirings, where his fluency in French proved invaluable. He was made MBE for his services. He died in 1925, aged only 57.

H L Rogers

The Archive has recently received a gift of four drawings and a photograph, together with a set of School Magazines, formerly in the possession of the late H L Rogers. They were given to us by Roger's grandson, Ken Bignall.

Herbert Lionel Rogers was born in 1871, and was Head Master of KCS from September 1910 until the Summer of 1934, during which time the School grew in both numbers and prosperity. He and his wife Irene had one daughter, Renee. He died in 1950, and his wife died in 1986. Their daughter married and had a son and daughter; she died in 1991.

The gift consisted of two drawings of the School, one from the Common and one from the playing fields, drawn by Wallace Hester "on the occasion of the Centenary"; one of the World War I Memorial, and one of the Main Entrance. The drawing of the Main Entrance is by Donald Glegg, a pupil in the School at the time of the drawing (1929), and this drawing is reproduced on the back cover of this Newsletter. Donald went on to become a commercial artist. The Memorial was drawn by another pupil, Edward Scott-Snell, also whilst still at School; he was later to become a professional artist, taking the name of Edward Goodwin, to avoid confusion with his mother who painted professionally under her married name. This drawing is reproduced inside the front cover. The photograph was of the School Prefects in 1934, Rogers' last year.

The Archive is grateful to Mr Bignall for bringing these items to the School, and giving them to us. Such items are always most welcome.

B J S

OLD KING'S CLUB NEWS

War Memorial

The new statue on the First World War memorial, replacing the original stolen some 40 years ago, was dedicated at the School Act of Remembrance on the 7th November 2003.

For the Act of Remembrance the CCF paraded in front of the Memorial. Prayers were said by the School chaplain, Revd Sarah Robbins-Cole. Volleys marked the start and end of a silence in memory of those from the School who made the ultimate sacrifice in time of war. The Last Post was sounded. The Binyon words were said

by Major Michael Gibson-Horrocks MBE, "They shall not grow old as we that are left grow old, Age shall not weary them nor the years condemn, at the going down of the sun, and in the morning we will remember them".

The Head Master laid a wreath on behalf of the School; Vincent Farley laid a wreath on behalf of the Old King's Club, and the senior cadet in the CCF laid a wreath on behalf of the CCF.

During the prayers the statue was dedicated with this prayer; "Heavenly Father, bless this sculpture as we give thanks for the generosity of those who commissioned it. We remember now those boys from this school whose names are listed on this memorial. Help us to remember the gift of youth, which this sculpture symbolises, and let it be a reminder to use our time wisely and gratefully. Help us remember too the sacrifices of these young men who died that we might live, who endured pain, that we may know joy, and who suffered imprisonment that we might have freedom. This we pray through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."

Among other OKs present at the ceremony were Michael Barron (1963), Bruce Hughes (1944), Micky King (1959), Bill Nicol (1951), Andrew Nicol (1981), and Cavan Taylor (1953).

We are grateful to all of those who generously contributed to the new statue especially Simon Fletcher, Christopher Priston, Andrew Nicol, and the KCS Lodge of Freemasons.

Annual Dinner

The Old King's Club Annual Dinner took place on 14th November 2003 in the Members Dining Room of the House of Commons, sponsored by Sir Paul Beresford MP. The room was filled to capacity with 182 attending. Before the dinner Sir Paul Beresford kindly gave brief tours of the Houses of Parliament.

Sir Paul chaired the evening. The Head Master proposed the toast to the Old King's Club and gave news of the school. Sir Neil Chalmers, OK 1960, Director of the Natural History Museum, proposed the toast to the school, wittily relating how King's had prepared him for later life.

An excellent meal was provided by the House of Commons banqueting office.

This year we particularly targeted those who had left the school in 1983, 1989 and 1993, and leavers of those years were very well represented. A collection on the

evening in aid of the Old King's Club Benevolent Fund raised the remarkable sum of £1,450.

The next Old King's Club dinner will be held on the 26th November 2004 at the School.

Nottingham OK get-together

The OK Club at Nottingham University had their first get-together in December. Fourteen of us from Nottingham (and one from Loughborough University) met in one of Nottingham's finest Indian establishments. After some light refreshments, reminiscences, laughter and curry consumption ensued. Several hundred poppadsoms later we retired to an after-hours club where our matching ties were much admired! The conviviality of the proceedings was not even remotely impaired by a spontaneous careers talk by a representative of the Chief Constable! The evening was a great success and we are hoping to do a repeat performance early in the Summer Term.

The Boat Club at Nottingham is in fine hands with no fewer than three OKs on the Committee; Rob Walker (2001) is Men's Captain while Richard Wallace (2002) and myself (2001) are Social Secretaries. Charles Curtis (2002) is the President of the Nin-Jitsu society, while over at Loughborough Steve Clark (2000) is Captain of Boats.

My fellow OKs would like to join me in expressing their enormous gratitude to the OK Club for supporting our meeting. We hope that in the future, meetings will become a termly event!

Luke Blackall

REPORTS FROM AFFILIATED ACTIVITIES AND OTHER SPORTING NEWS

BOAT RACES BETWEEN OKC AND KCSBC

Following the success of last year's inaugural Boat Races between KCS Old Boys and The School, a similar event will take place on Sunday, 12th September 2004 at KCS Boathouse, Putney Embankment. The first race will commence at 3.30 pm when crews will race from Hammersmith to Putney. It is hoped that more OKs will wish to take part this year and a warm-up session will

be organised for those who wish to polish their technique or recover their fitness levels!

It will be an ideal opportunity to reunite with friends on or off the water and Old Boys taking part in the racing would certainly value some vocal support. An excellent view of the racing will be available from the launches which follow the oarsmen, offering a quite different perspective of Eights at full speed and coxes in full cry!

Boat Club parents will be preparing tea and sandwiches again this year and the OKC will subsidise a (limited!) amount of beer. To assist with the provision of both types of refreshments, it would be most helpful if you were to contact either Bryan Stokes in the OKC office or Pat Reed-Boswell at home (tel. no. 020 8940 0222) to indicate your attendance. Further information regarding selection will be sent nearer the time but if you would like to row and have not received any news by the beginning of September, please call Pat and she will pass your message to the person responsible for organising crews this year.

The Reed-Boswell Cup will be presented to the winning team; for a photograph of the Cup see the inside back cover of this Newsletter.

There will be a very warm welcome for all KCS Old Boys, rowers and non-rowers, so do try to support this emerging event in the KCS calendar.

All the latest news about the Boat Club and its activities can be found on the Boat Club website at www.kcsbc.org.uk.

OLD BOYS GOLF

The annual Grafton Morrish Public Schools Old Boys golf tournament took place last September at Hunstanton and Royal West Norfolk golf courses. The KCSOB team (having qualified in second place at Royal Wimbledon in May) beat Brighton 2-1 in the first round and completed a comprehensive 3-0 victory over Millfield in the second. In the third round, KCS faced Clifton whose strong team included an ex England player. After losing the first match and winning the second, the result rested on the final match which was decided on the 18th hole after Michael Wale's pitch shot to halve the match and force a playoff hit the hole but agonisingly stayed out.

The team pairings were Rupert Rea/Andrew Fordyce, Peter Crowther/Robin Clark and Ajay Patel/Michael Wale.

The team will be attempting to qualify again on May 15th and have high hopes of repeating their 2001 victory in this event.

OLD BOYS FOOTBALL

Along with some fellow former King's boys I am looking to start a regular Old Boys Football Club. At the moment it is little more than an idea, though a few friendlies are on the horizon, and we have a fair amount of interest from leavers in our year (1997). We would eventually look to join either an Old Boys or a competitive league, but there will hopefully be some games in the coming months in order to get things rolling and sort out a suitable pitch. Naturally, it would need a sizeable pool of players and I'm sure there are plenty of OKCS footballers out there keen to turn out and enjoy some weekend football. If you would like to play, or know of anyone who would like to be involved either now or in the future, please get in touch. My contact details are Email: eugenepooley@hotmail.com Telephone: 07903 671 387

Eugene Pooley

OLD BOYS RUGBY CLUB

Readers of this Newsletter wishing to see the latest information about the activities of the KCS Old Boys RFC, including match scores, league positions, and forthcoming fixtures, should visit the Club website at www.kings.org.uk.

KCS LODGE No. 4257

Since the last newsletter 30 members of the Lodge and their ladies have enjoyed a lovely supper evening in Surbiton, and our Christmas Meeting was very special with 60- and 50-year certificates being presented to two of our longest serving brethren. These two occasions in many ways encapsulate all that Freemasonry represents, on the one hand enjoyable social events and on the other a celebration of membership of a very special organisation combining good charitable works and the putting of service before self, all under the umbrella of School.

These facets and advantages are very much reflected in a recent increase in membership of the School Lodge to 32, covering OKs who left School before the Second World War to the last few years. Any OK who is a member of another Lodge and anyone interested in joining this, their School Lodge, is invited to contact the Secretary at "Hestia" 3 Silwood Close, Winchester, SO22 6EN or by telephone on 01962 868 400.

Chris Rashbrook

OLD BOYS NEWS

Letters containing your news for inclusion in this section are always welcome, and should be sent to the Hon Secretary.

JOHN BALCHIN (1992) has recently moved to Woking (see Changes of Address later in this Newsletter). He is working as a management consultant with Accenture, and he and his wife Victoria are expecting their first child in March 2004.

ALLISTER BOWTELL (1959) has been elected to the Royal Society of British Sculptors. Last year Prince Andrew unveiled two statues of his at the Duke of York's development opposite Peter Jones, in the King's Road, Allister's first public statues in London.

JULIAN CATER (1990) joined Collins Stewart to work as an Equity Analyst in March 2003. He married Carol Ann Adam on 19th July 2003 at the English Speaking Union, Dartmouth House, London.

Prof ROBIN HOLLOWAY (1961) has had published a collection of essays, lectures, and Spectator columns entitled 'On Music: Essays and Diversions' (Claridge Press, 438 pp). The *Daily Telegraph* review says that his prose "dances and sparkles".

CHRISTOPHER ISETT (1982) is now a Professor of Chinese History at the University of Minnesota, in Minneapolis. He travels fairly regularly to China, principally Beijing, and the University of Minnesota has a partnership program with Nankai University in the city of Tianjin, just east of Beijing. He was interested to learn that KCS will be introducing Chinese for IB next September.

BRENDAN LEE (1981) works in New Zealand as a photographer, and is currently employed by Christchurch Art Gallery. He wrote last December that the presence of KCS Old Boys in public galleries in the South Island of New Zealand has recently, but temporarily, doubled. The work of KCS Old Boy Dante Gabriel Rossetti is currently being admired at the Dunedin Public Art Gallery, as part of a large and very popular Pre Raphaelite exhibition drawn from the Tate and an Australian Museum. He would be pleased to hear from any other Old Boys living in, or visiting New Zealand; messages will be forwarded from the OK office.

SEBASTIAN MUNDEN (1985) has moved from the USA (still with Unilever) to Hamburg, Germany on his appointment as Marketing Director for Lever Faberge

(see Changes of Address, later in this Newsletter). He has taken over the appointment from ROGER KIRMAN (1979), who has returned to the UK.

STUART WILSON (1997) graduated with a first class honours degree in Chemistry from Oxford University, and well as managing to peak in the UK Table Football Rankings at 21st in the country. Since leaving university he has been working at Vodaphone on a finance training scheme, and was married to Chloe last summer. He would be pleased to hear from old friends at stuartwilsonesq@hotmail.com.

DEATHS

Dr F A ADCOCK (1935) 26th January 2004
 P C BISHOP (1933) 2003
 K A BRIDGES (1937) 14th December 2003
 R CASTLE (1942) 16th February 2003
 R D COCHRAN (1947) April 2004
 Dr L D DE LAUNAY (1935) 12th October 2003
 Col J S FOWLES (1945) 2003
 A C HOLDEN (1952) 10th December 2003
 Air Vice Marshal R T B JONES (1943) 9th December 2003
 H B KERR (1938) 22nd November 2003
 J A NICHOLSON (1958) 2nd June 2003
 K S C REID (1977) 10th January 2003
 M A ROWSON (Hon Life) 26th February 2004
 O T SCOTT (1926) 2003
 D G STANLEY (1934) 17th January 2004
 N R TOPPING (1944) 6th December 2003
 J E VOWLES (1932) 15th January 2003
 A A WEBB (1943) 20th January 2004
 D W WILLERINGHOUSE (1926) 27th November 2003

MEMORIAL CONCERT

A musical evening in memory of CHRISTOPHER PRISTON, School Bursar 1995-2002 and Honorary Life Member of the OKC, was held in the Great Hall on Monday evening 23rd February 2004. After a welcome by Christopher's widow Ann, and a moving tribute by the Head Master, an audience of about 180 of Christopher's friends and colleagues from the several different spheres of his life enjoyed a varied programme lasting some 90 minutes.

The concert began with a dozen different unaccompanied 'Barber Shop' songs performed by King's Kapella, and these were followed by a programme of songs sung by Edward Lyon (tenor) accompanied by Robert Thompson (piano).

In the third part of the concert 'Détente', a jazz group consisting of five boys in the School, performed five well-known jazz numbers in a brilliant and breath-taking manner.

There was a retiring collection in aid of Prostate Cancer Charity.

OBITUARIES

MATHEW ROWSON



Mathew, taken at the Gaudy, September 2003

It is with great sorrow that we have to report the death of Mathew Rowson, an Honorary Life Member of the OKC, and a member of the staff of KCS for forty years. He died on 26th February, age 67, after a long fight against cancer.

Mathew was educated at Whitgift School and Queen Mary College London, where in 1959 he graduated BSc in Physics and Mathematics. After gaining a Certificate in Education at Fitzwilliam House, Cambridge he taught at Warwick School for 4 years, coming to KCS to teach Physics in September 1964. Within a short time of joining King's his laboratory became an Alladin's cave of projectors, television sets, electrical and maintenance equipment, model railways and, in due course, fencing equipment. Mathew's capacity for keeping everything going - from stage lighting and central heating boilers to electric kettles and rayboxes - became legendary.

Besides his teaching of Physics, Mathew's contribution to the School was immense. Without his electrical help many stage productions of the sixties and seventies would never have taken place. He was a stalwart of the Science trips organised by Mike Smith, first with the

Lower Sixth, and then with the Junior School. The Junior School magazines of the period included glowing reports of these trips, showing in particular how highly Mathew's culinary skills were appreciated. For many years he was associated with Fencing in the School, during which time the School produced many successful fencers, and he founded the model railway group.

When Mathew retired from teaching in 1997 Christopher Priston, the then Bursar, anxious not to lose Mathew's practical skills, offered him a post with the Support staff and since that time he has occupied a place in the Physics workshop, testing, repairing, and maintaining electrical and fencing equipment.

Outside the School Mathew had a great love of railways, and was a fund of knowledge of the subject. He was a founder member of the Bluebell Railway, and was never happier than on a railway tour, often accompanied by friends from the School.

Mathew was a loyal servant of the School, to which he devoted his life. He will be remembered as a good friend to all those with whom he came in contact, always ready to help with advice and practical expertise, and he will be sorely missed.

B.J.S.

In a moving tribute to Mathew during the Memorial Service Robin Stevens praised Mathew's "application of his encyclopaedic knowledge of things electrical and mechanical to the service of the School, but more importantly to the service of people in the School. He combined his passion for practical things with his devotion to and kindness to people. If Mathew gave so much friendship and concern in the course of his life", he said, "so he inspired it and generated it with all with whom he came in contact. Generations of KCS boys and students will remember him for simply being himself, unique, inimitable, a person of integrity, sincerity, concern, and friendship."

Amongst many other reminiscences, Michael Smith writes: "Although himself never a fencer, Mathew helped with the fencing club for nearly forty years, buying and mending the equipment, taking boys to matches and competitions, and helping with the organization in many other ways. He was very popular with the boys, not only for his practical help, but also for his friendly manner and his sense of fun. Before important matches and competitions, he was always to be found in his lab or in the workshop well into the evening preparing and mending weapons."

It is hoped to produce a small booklet commemorating

Mathew's life, containing the full text of the three tributes given at the Memorial Service, together with reminiscences from other people. The publication will be announced in the News section of the KCS website at www.kcs.org.uk, and in the next issue of this Newsletter.

FRANKIS ALAN FISHER (1937) died on 17th February 2004, age 84. Alan Fisher, as he was known, commenced his education at Milbourne Lodge, continued at KCS from 1934 to 1937, and went on to Kings College London where he graduated B Sc Engineering. Alan always wished to pursue a career in Engineering and during the war years often expressed the wish to work overseas permanently. In 1945 he applied to the Colonial Service, later to become the Overseas Civil Service, and in September of that year was offered a post in Hong Kong in the Public Works Department, which he took up in 1946.

Arriving in Hong Kong he was given the temporary rank of Lieutenant, as the Colony was still under military administration. One of his first jobs was to work on the repairs and enlargement of the typhoon shelter in Kowloon where he contracted malaria, and as with so many, this plagued him for many years. In September a civilian administration was restored and thereafter Alan's career took him all over the Colony alternating between periods in the Port Works Office and the Roads Office, of which he became Chief Engineer in 1957.

He subsequently rose to become Assistant Director of Public Works until he left Hong Kong in 1966 to join a London firm of consulting engineers. Here he became a partner in 1972, where his speciality was Ports and Harbours, work which took him all over the world.

Alan always retained a close interest in the School, particularly through the Lodge which he joined in 1975 becoming the much respected Master in 1979.

Alan was happily married with three children, and his wife Ruth was always a marvellous support to him.

Christopher Rashbrook

Lt Col JOHN GLADSTONE (1931) died on 28th October 2003, at the age of 90.

John had attended King's College School from 1927 to 1931 after which he gained a B.Sc. from London University (King's College) and Besançon. In 1935, he was commissioned in the North Staffordshire Regiment as a University entrant and served with them in Northern

Ireland and Palestine. He transferred to the Royal Army Education Corps (RAEC) in January 1938.

His wartime service included setting up the cipher section at Le Mans in September 1939. On return to England he was promoted to Captain and worked to teach English at the Polish Army HQ in Edinburgh. He returned overseas with 1st Army in Algeria then, with the rank of Major, to Italy where he participated in the last battle of Casino and the capture of Rome. He was mentioned in Despatches. He ended the War with a posting to HQ 46th Infantry Division at Klagenfurt and eventually Graz in Austria, where he set up the first Army Children's school.

After the war he served as SOII in HQ Scottish Command, as CEO Gibraltar and in the rank of Lt Col. in Northern Command. He retired from active service in 1963 to take up the Retired Officer's appointment at Eltham Palace HQ of the RAEC until 1979.

He retired to Folkestone in Kent where he continued his considerable social work notably as a local representative of SSAFA, (Services Social and Welfare Association) and in the Royal British Legion in Folkestone and Shornecliffe.

He married in 1939 Kathleen Mary Cavey who predeceased him in 1998 after some years of ill health. He is survived by his two sons, Ian and David and daughter Anita, nine grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Ian Gladstone

ALASDAIR NICHOLSON (1958) died on 2nd June 2003, aged 64. Alasdair was a solicitor with Blyth Dutton, which merged with Lawrence Graham in 1991. He retired in 1999.

In his time Alasdair had been Secretary of the Holborn Law Society which, at that time, had the largest number of practicing solicitors of any local law society, and he was elected and served on the Council of the Law Society for a number of years. He was Clerk to the Coach Makers Livery Company, a member of the Savill Club, and of a very distinguished legal dining club, the Lowtonians. He was particularly involved in promoting the idea of the document exchange system as a challenge to the monopoly of the Post Office in the early 1970s, and he was both a very generous person and adviser, with a very dry and wicked sense of humour.

Martyn Gowar

Dr KEITH SIMON CHRISTOPHER REID died on 10th January 2003, aged 43. Keith attended KCS from

September 1969 to July 1977, winning a scholarship in the Common Entrance Examination in 1973. He went on to study at London University, where he later obtained a PhD in Biophysics and a Diploma from Imperial College London. As part of a team, he worked on a new application of genetic engineering for biotechnology and had a paper entitled "Sulphur-aromatic interaction in proteins" published in 1985.

Following a successful career in the computer industry, he felt that a natural progression was to be found in the field of intellectual property, and he decided to study law at the City of London University. He became a member of the Inner Temple.

During his time at KCS he played in various school rock concerts. Although unable to participate in contact sports, he enjoyed sailing and tennis. On the 10th January 2003 he died suddenly and unexpectedly from Marfan syndrome. His funeral service was held at St Mary's Church, Wimbledon, and was well attended by friends, colleagues past and present, as well as KCS old boys.

Mrs Norma Reid

PETER WERTH (1939) died on 10th December 2003. His life-long friend Claudius Beatty (1941) writes: I first knew him as Klaus Peter Wertheimer, a refugee from Nazi Germany. We were just lads together at school. I felt he could do anything. He was also very musical. Towards the end of the war he narrowly escaped being killed by a flying bomb. He was never sent to the Isle of Man as an enemy alien - the magistrate concerned noticed his KCS tie! My father (A P Beatty, OK 1908) sponsored Peter's naturalization papers. Peter's practical gifts led him into the hearing-aid business, eventually creating the most important hearing-aid company in Britain, namely P C Werth Limited. It now employs about 120 people and is in the capable hands of Lawrence Werth, his son. No account of his life would be complete without a mention of his dear wife Joan who meant so much to him and to his running of the firm. As a director he was much respected and was affectionately known as 'The Guv'nor'. He was a loyal friend, always generous to those in need. He travelled all over the world and was ski-ing in Switzerland just before his last illness. He will be especially remembered for his innate decency and honest dealing in business affairs.

DUDLEY WILLERINGHOUSE (1926) died on 27th November 2003, age 94. Dudley was one of the oldest Old Boys with whom we were in regular contact. He always maintained an active interest in Old King's Club activities, although living at Altrincham in Cheshire he was unable to attend any of them in recent years. Only

last year he sent us some reminiscences of his life at the School in the 1920s, which were published in the April 2003 issue of this Newsletter.

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1970 - 1974 LEAVERS LOST ADDRESSES

The OKC office does not have current addresses for the following OKC members who left between 1970 and 1974, and to whom we would like to send invitations to the next Gaudy. If any reader knows the present address of any of the following, or has news of them, please write to the Hon. Secretary, OKC, at the School and let him know.

P R Airey	1973	A S Cobbett	1974	S M Hearsom	1971	N P Meyer	1970
V W Armon	1971	T A Cockrean	1972	D C Heath	1972	S A Moffat	1971
C G S Arnold	1971	J B M Cooling	1973	T C Heaton	1971	R N Montague	1970
A B Ash	1973	N J S Cope	1974	R A Heer	1971	D H Morgan	1974
R H Ashford	1972	E E Corrie	1970	T M Henderson	1973	A C Morrison	1970
R C Ashmore	1971	J R S Cotton	1971	J W Hicks	1974	D S Morrison	1973
P M Aslet	1970	D R Cutler	1971	R S Hicks	1970	P W Naylor	1971
R J Atkinson	1972	R E Dalrymple	1974	J A N Hinsley	1970	H P Newmarch	1974
N E Babbage	1972	P N Daniels	1970	D Honey	1974	P H Newson	1972
A D P Bancroft	1973	D G A Davies	1974	A N Horn	1972	P G Oldaker	1972
S P Bancroft	1972	M M Davies	1973	A G Hunter	1972	A C Oldham	1972
M J Barber	1971	M A H Dawson	1971	P G H Hutchins	1973	P R E C Ottey	1974
A R Bartlett	1971	T C Deacon	1974	R E Hyams	1971	A J Palmer	1971
M R Baxter	1973	S M Dietz	1972	I M Jacobson	1972	A W Palmer	1973
Dr J F J Bayliss	1970	S M Downs	1972	I P James	1973	T J Palmer	1971
W D Beastall	1971	S P Drew	1974	I M John	1973	R G Partridge	1974
D M Bennett	1970	P J Dunn	1974	M G John	1974	J C Payne	1974
R N Biggs	1974	P M Eaton	1974	C E Jones	1974	A O G Peerless	1974
D A Black	1970	J E Ebdon	1973	C J Jones	1972	S G G Peerless	1971
J M S Black	1970	P Eldridge	1972	C Kent	1972	J H G Phillips	1972
P J Boddington	1971	P J Emmerson	1971	J R H King	1974	R N Phipps	1974
P E G Boizot	1970	P M Ennals	1974	F S M Kneen	1972	A J Piercy	1973
S J D Bolt	1970	R M Findlay	1974	J D Knight	1973	LA Pirani	1970
G K Bond	1973	M C Fitzpatrick	1970	M Knight	1972	S T Pollock	1971
G Bookis	1970	R G Fleck	1973	Z Kostic	1974	N J S Priest	1970
S A Brady	1974	K R Fleming	1974	A W Kulisa	1971	C E Radage	1974
T M Brady	1971	D J Fleure	1970	S Lampard	1973	A U Rahim	1970
D N Bridges	1970	C F Forsberg	1972	T D Langley	1971	S J Restorick	1974
G N R Bristow	1972	H S Franklin	1972	A J Lawson	1973	P H Richards	1972
C P Broughton	1971	I C Fuller	1970	N P Leary	1971	T A Richards	1972
J Q Broughton	1970	M A Fuller	1971	C A Levine	1972	I L Robertson	1971
R Brown	1970	I R Gaff	1974	J A Lewis	1973	P Robinson	1970
R H Budd	1971	J D Gale	1972	A R Long	1971	J J Roper	1972
M R Cassels	1970	F R Gerritys	1971	M A Long	1972	T F Ross	1972
D R Chandler	1974	T R Gill	1971	N G Long	1971	M E Rumsby	1972
N P Chapman	1971	A J F Glennie	1971	P H Lowndes	1971	M J Rusbridge	1973
W D Charles	1972	G Glynn	1970	P W Lowndes	1971	J S Rutledge	1971
D G Chellew	1972	A M Golay	1974	R J Lucas	1971	I M D Salisbury	1974
R K Christie	1971	I A Gow	1970	J P R Mahoney	1970	C J Sanderson	1974
C F Clark	1971	P J Green	1972	J I Malpas	1970	H H Schenk	1974
M J Clark	1971	P P C Gregory	1972	K J G Malpas	1972	T Schlich	1974
R J Clark	1973	Dr H Griffiths	1973	P B Matthews	1971	J L Scott	1972
S H Clark	1970	F R Grimshaw	1972	Dr N P Mayer	1970	G Segal	1971
T J Clarke	1973	G G Gynn	1970	N W McAusland	1970	S J Segaller	1971
A P C Clegg	1970	J Halestrap	1973	D McGladdery	1973	D R P Sewell	1970
D R Cliffe	1971	D Hallam-Peel	1973	S G Mellor	1970	M D Shattock	1970
R E Coates	1972	A M Harrison	1974	A Melnic	1972	A P Shepherd	1973

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A J Sheriff	1971	D A Smith	1971	J C S Thomas	1971	C A Watson	1974
D T Shilston	1971	D M Smith	1970	P A Toch	1972	P H G Watson	1970
D A Silver	1974	R N Smith	1973	D R Townsend	1974	A C Wilson	1971
J B Silver	1974	P A Spake	1972	M C S Tucker	1971	P L Wilson	1972
A M Silverleaf	1971	R E Steiner	1971	N A P Turner	1971	M J Woloszczuk	1974
P J Silverleaf	1973	R P Stockitt	1973	A D Ullman	1972	P M Wood	1970
J D Silverman	1971	P R C Storr	1971	C J Umpleby	1972	N S Worman	1971
J W Sim	1974	K D Stressing	1974	R D Vaughan	1970	W S Worsley	1971
Dr D A Simpson	1972	M J Strickland	1974	T O Vaughan	1974	A Yiannopolos	1972
D C Sinanan	1974	I K Stuchbury	1974	C M Ventris	1973	T P Young	1974
R C T Slade	1970	D N Sweetman	1971	R G Walsh	1972		
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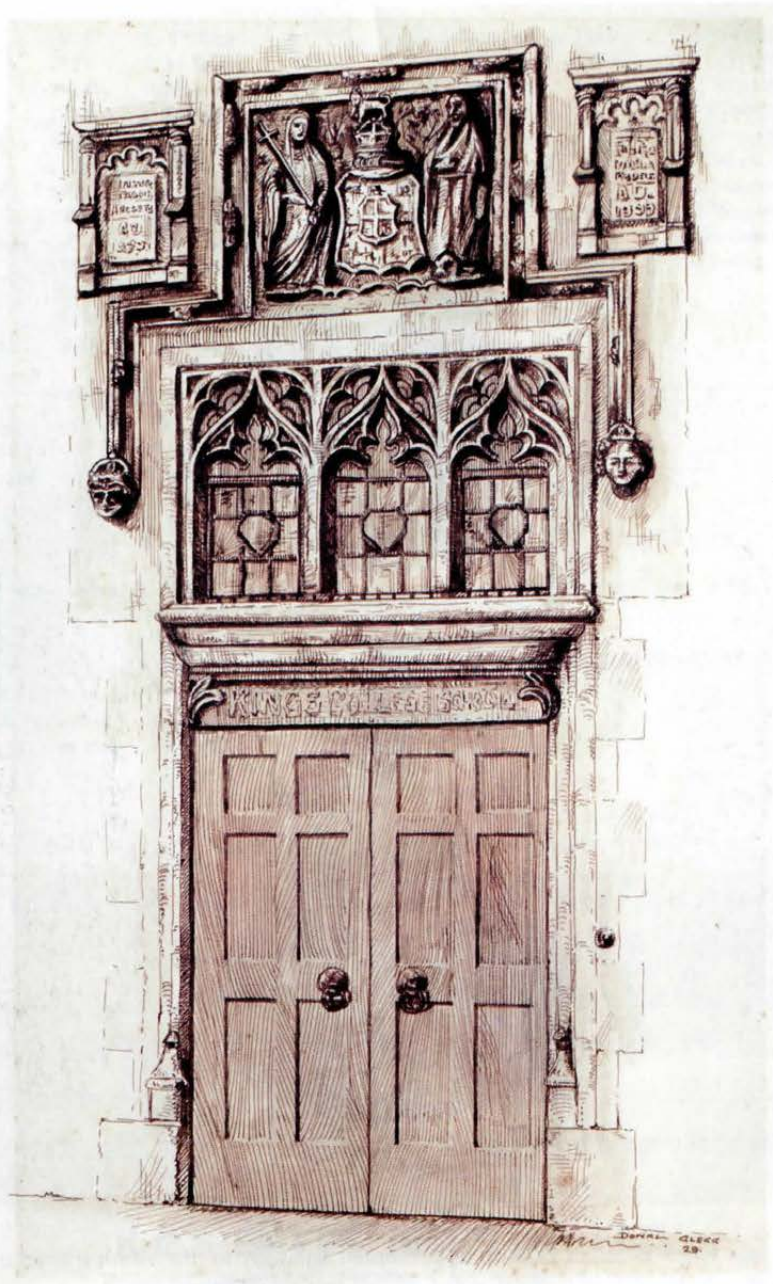
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