



Old King's Club



OPENING OF THE MILLENNIUM ARCH, MARCH 2002

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above: Detail of the uppermost tile on the Millennium Arch.



above: Derek Oakley (1944) presenting copies of his books to Helen Pugh, the School Librarian (see article later in this Newsletter).

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

OLD KING'S CLUB

9th May 2002	School Careers Advisors' evening
22nd June 2002	Commemoration Day 28th
21st September 2002	Gaudy for the 1960-1964 leavers - see below
11th January 2003	OKC Annual General Meeting

The next Old King's Club Dinner will be held in the Spring of 2003, at a date to be announced later. Read about it first on www.kcs.org.uk!

SCHOOL

Summer term 2002 begins on Thursday 18th April and ends on Friday 7th July. Half term is Monday 3rd to Friday 7th June.

Autumn term 2002 begins on Monday 2nd September and ends on Friday 13th December. Half term is Monday 21st to Friday 25th October.

GAUDY FOR THE 1960 - 1964 LEAVERS

Old Boys who left King's at any time between 1960 and 1964 (both years inclusive) will be receiving an invitation to a Gaudy at the School, to be held on Saturday, 21st September, 2002. 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.**

THE MILLENNIUM ARCH

The Millennium Arch, illustrated on the front and back covers of this Newsletter, was designed and built by Christine Derry. It records the whole community of the School at the advent of the 21st century and was officially opened on 2nd March 2002 by Emmanuel Cooper, Visiting Professor, Royal College of Art, and Editor, Ceramics Review.

The Arch was commissioned by the Governing Body of KCS and received generous support for the adjacent landscaping and illumination from the Friends of KCS.

The Arch, which includes tiles made or signed by pupils and staff represents the personalities, departments and various activities of the Senior and Junior Schools in the year 2000. It also recalls some of the history of King's College School when it was sited in the Strand, together with sketches by pupils at that time and portraits of the first Head Master, the Revd. J R Major, and of Walter Sickert, pupil 1875-8.

THE NEWSLETTER

The publication of this issue is a notable event, as we are celebrating our centenary; as readers will have noticed from the front cover this is Newsletter No. 100.

Issue No. 1 was published in May 1958, and was edited by Duggie Dalziel, who was at that time Hon Secretary of the OKC. It was a single sheet, folded in the middle to make four pages, each just smaller than quarto. To mark the centenary we include a slightly-reduced facsimile of issue 1 as the centre four pages of this issue.

Amongst a number of points of interest to be seen in this first issue is the appointment of the comedian Jimmy Edwards (King's 1935-38) as the first Rector of St Luke's College Exeter; the OKC Dinner at the House of Commons had no fewer than 186 members present; and the Rugby Club had its best post-war season. A poignant reminder of the past is also there, with the report of H R Lewis having played his 300th match for the 1st XV; Ted Lewis's obituary appears later in this issue.

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), R G Mathews (1995), E A Stokes (1996), C Taylor (1973), N R Topping (1984).

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, P L Gibbins, 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: M T Williamson

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 (020 7828 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 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, was given at the end of the last Newsletter.

THE NEWSLETTER

This, the one-hundredth 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 2002, must reach the Editor by 1st. September 2002.

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CHAIRMAN'S LETTER

It is a privilege to be a contributor to this, the 100th edition of the Old King's Club Newsletter. Under the editorship of Bryan Stokes, I think that we have a most interesting and informative magazine, and long may it continue to flourish.

There are a number of items which the OK club committee have under discussion. We see that a major function is to enable our members to maintain contact with each other, with the OK club, and with the School, in order that members can still benefit from the ethos of the School, to take advantage of the vast pool of knowledge and advice which exists in the former pupils and others associated with King's, and to continue to enjoy each other's company.

We consider that at present there are two areas in need of work to improve contact.

Firstly, we aim to maintain contact with the majority of our members who attend University, whilst they are at University. We want to set up branches in those Universities where there is a substantial OK presence. The concept being that there would be some point of reference and source of advice and information for OK freshmen, and that there would be occasional social events.

Secondly, we want to develop the accredited activities so that more OKs have a regular point of contact with each other. The intention is to increase opportunities in the existing activities, and if there is thought to be demand, to start new activities. For example Bridge comes to mind as a potential new activity.

There seems to be two levels on which the sporting accredited activities can operate, probably at the same time. One, on an elite sporting level, with teams entering competitions such as the Grafton Morrish Trophy in Golf, and the d'Abernon Cup in Tennis. The other level is for social sport which is undertaken for exercise and social enjoyment, skills may be a bit rusty, and fitness levels are not as high as in days of yore. Fixtures if undertaken would be on an occasional basis. The Rugby Club combines both elite and social sport with a regular fixture list for enthusiastic and keen players, but with several teams some of which can accommodate less dedicated athletes.

We have written to the secretaries of the accredited activities asking them how they think that the OK club can help them and including a job description of an "Accredited Activities Development Officer" (for want of a better title) for their comments. We await their replies with interest.

If you have any thoughts on these subjects I would be very pleased to hear from you.

All of these activities need the time of people devoted to them, and time is one thing of which we are short. If you would like to volunteer and get involved I would be delighted to hear from you. We need to get an active social committee established; we need volunteers at the Universities as branch secretaries. The work should not be too onerous and you get the rewards of meeting some very nice people. I look forward to hearing from you.

Best Wishes to you all

Micky King

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

12th January, 2002

The Annual General Meeting was held at 11.30 a.m. on the 12th January 2002, 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 Mrs M Armitage, M Gibson-Horrocks, P Levelle, R G Mathews, D Parry, and R M Reeve.

1. The minutes of the last AGM, held on the 13th January 2001, were circulated in Newsletter No 98, April 2001, on pages 3-7, and copies were available at the meeting. Len Barkey proposed and Gordon Robson seconded that they be approved. All agreed and they were signed by the President. There were no matters arising.

2. Hon Secretary's report

During the year your Committee has met on five occasions, under the Chairmanship of Micky King. The work of the Committee consists of the receipt of reports from our various Accredited Activities, and discussion of them, as well as the taking of decisions on matters of policy concerning the activities of the Club itself.

In addition to these regular concerns, at our first meeting David Bradley, the Development Director, addressed the Committee, explaining his role in the School. This was an important event, as both the Old King's Club Committee and the Development office fully realise that working together will be very much to their mutual benefit.

The Committee has also spent a good deal of time during the last year discussing a number of initiatives by which the Club can improve the services to its members, and it is hoped that some tangible proposals will be ready to put before members prior to the next Annual General Meeting.

The usual Club activities during the year 2001 began with the School Careers Evening, held on May 10th. This followed its now well-established pattern, with over 100 Old Boy careers advisors, assembled by Gordon

Robson, giving help and advice to about 140 members of the Lower Sixth form.

Commemoration Day on Saturday 23rd June saw the Old Boys playing the School at Cricket, Fencing, and Tennis. In the cricket match the Old Boys scored 191 runs, and the School replied with 193 runs for 4 wickets. However, the following day the Old Boys of the Caribbean side of '97 played the School, and this time the Old Boys won; the Caribbean side scored 163 runs, and then dismissed the School for 159. We thank the School for providing a marquee and teas for Old Boys and their families.

The Hon Secretary represented the OKC at the School Leavers Lunch on July 4th 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 22nd September, this year for all those who left King's at any time during the 1950s. The Dining Hall was packed to capacity, with over 130 Old Boys attending, 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 a result of the Gaudy, over £1400 was raised for the Benevolent Fund.

This year's Annual Dinner took place on Friday 16th November, in the School Dining Hall, and was attended by some 80 diners. The guest speaker was Duncan Goodhew, the Olympic Gold medal holder, who spoke from personal experience on 'motivation'. Although not an Old Boy himself, his father attended the School from 1928 to 1933, and was a member of the 1st XV and, in his last year, Head Boy. Our thanks go to Richard Armitage, Chris Day, and Micky King for their part in organising the Dinner, Tony Stokes for acting as Dinner Secretary, and Paddy Ralston for organising the bar. As ever at the School the catering was first-class, and our thanks for this go to Janet Belcher and her staff.

The School Remembrance Service was held on Friday 9th November, when our Chairman, Micky King, laid a wreath on behalf of the OKC.

The OKC has been a member of AROPS, the Association of Representatives of Old Pupils' Societies, since the foundation of that Association. As usual, the Hon Secretary attended the Association's AGM in November, which this year was held at City of London School. AROPS exists to bring together representatives of Old

Pupils' Clubs to discuss matters of mutual interest, and exchange ideas and information. Amongst areas discussed recently have been the principles which should govern the fixing of Life Membership fees, and ways of encouraging participation of younger members in Club activities.

Our accredited activities have continued during the year, and I must mention here some notable successes. For the first time in 25 years the Old Boys Golf team have this year won the Grafton Morrish Trophy, the prestigious School Old Boys golfing competition, beating Epsom in the final. Our congratulations go to all those taking part, particularly Andrew Fordyce, the victorious Captain, and Peter Crowther, who captained the team for over 20 years and who, on the very weekend of the final, became Captain of Royal Wimbledon.

Yet again the Old Boys Tennis team reached the finals of the d'Abernon Cup, where they met the Old Paulines in an exciting match which went right to the last set. The Old Paulines finally prevailed, winning the final 5 - 4.

The Rugby Club ended last season on a high note by winning the Surrey Shield Cup, with a victory over Kingston by 27 points to 3 in the final. Now in mid-season the first team is currently leading the Surrey 1 League. The minis have gone from strength to strength, with now over 200 members playing at the Club ground on Sunday mornings.

Turning now from Accredited Activities to individual members, I agree that it is perhaps invidious to select individual Old Boys for mention in a report of this nature, as news of noteworthy achievements may not have reached us in some instances, but nevertheless I propose to mention two.

Paul Ennals was awarded CBE in the New Years Honours for his work with Children's Charities. Paul, who left King's in 1974, is known locally for his work at Linden Lodge School for Blind Children at Wimbledon Park.

For athletic achievement, Ian Roots success in rowing the Atlantic Ocean as a member of a two-man team is outstanding. Ian and his fellow oarsman were taking part in the Ward-Evans Atlantic Rowing challenge. They rowed from Tenerife to Barbados, arriving on 3rd December having taken 56 days, 16 hours to complete the journey.

The internet is playing an increasing role in all our lives, and it was exciting to follow Ian's progress on the atlantic

rowing web site. The School has now greatly improved its web site, and further major developments are planned. The Old King's Club has a series of pages on the School web site, giving information to members and, of course, the KCS Old Boys Rugby Football Club has its own active and informative web site.

Sadly I have to report the death of a number of members of the Club during the year, three of which I should like to mention briefly here. Fuller obituaries have appeared, or will appear, in the OKC Newsletter.

Richard Kinghorn, an Honorary Life Member, died in June, aged 84. Richard was School Chaplain from 1958 until his retirement in 1976 and will be remembered by a very large number of Old Boys, as at the time the Chaplain was the only member of the teaching staff who could be said to teach every boy in the School.

Murray Maxton MBE, a Vice-President of the Club, died in September, just short of his 86th birthday. Murray will be remembered particularly for his rugby football, and was in later life a Vice-President of the Rugby Club and on the executive Committee of the Surrey County RFU. He was Managing Director of a Sports Goods manufacturer, and gained his MBE for services to exports.

Harry Lewis OBE, (or Ted Lewis, as many knew him) also a Vice-President of the Club, died shortly before Christmas aged 76. His contribution to the School over the years has been immense, both as a member of the Governing Body and as a fund raiser. An impressive rugby player, he was a Vice-President of the Rugby Club, and of the Surrey County RFU. His work lay in the wholesale fruit and vegetable industry; he served a term as Master of the Worshipful Company of Fruiterers, and gained his OBE for services to exports.

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 2300; another 2600 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 cannot conclude this report without recording my thanks to Marie Armitage and Tony Stokes for all their hard work in the Club Office, to our Chairman

Micky King for his help, and to Sir Robert Andrew for his continued support and advice, all of which is much appreciated.

Mr President, that concludes my report for the year 2001.

Following the Hon Secretary's report, Gordon Robson asked that mention might be made of Len Barkey's athletic achievement during the year; he was one of the winning pair in the National Veterans Tennis Championships Over-70s doubles final.

3. Hon Treasurer's report and accounts for the year ended 31st August 2001

Peter Grant presented his report on the accounts for the year ended 31st August 2001. He explained that they were based simply on receipts and payments, as in previous years, but consideration is being given to changing to an income and expenditure basis wherein receivables and payables, including potential liabilities, would be reflected. This basis, in its full application, does cause problems with actuarial valuations of life subscriptions.

He then proceeded to comment on various items in the accounts. There had been three movements in the year on the investments and the overall market value was down, and had further reduced in the aftermath of September 11th. Cash funds have increased and the loan from the School has been fully repaid.

Life subscriptions had doubled and were in the second year of the new system of collection over three years. The accounts to August 2002 should reflect subscription income of some £22,000.

On the expenditure side he reported that the Club had made a donation to the KCSOB RFC of £5,000 towards maintenance of the Clubhouse.

He answered questions from the members and finally thanked the honorary auditors John Hole and Graham Phillips for their continuing 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, Gordon Robson, 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 Richard Armitage 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 Mathew Rowson and seconded by Gordon Robson, and all agreed.

(b) **Committee members.** The only member retiring on completion of a three-year term of office was Micky King, who offered himself for re-election, and no other nominations had been received. His election was proposed by Sir Robert Andrew and seconded by Len Barkey, and all agreed.

(c) **Honorary Life Members.** The Committee recommended that Ian Crook, John Grayson, Stan Houston, and James Williams, all Honorary Members, be elected Honorary Life Members, following their retirement from the School teaching staff, as well as Daniel Edwards and Robert Gullifer, long standing members of the School teaching staff who have moved to appointments elsewhere; and Joan Burgess and Mr & Mrs Brian Muggidge following their retirement from the School support staff. This was proposed by Mathew Rowson and seconded by Chris Day.

(d) **Honorary Members.** The Committee recommended that the circulated list of Honorary Members be re-elected, and in addition M J Windsor, who has been a member of the School teaching staff for more than five years. John Hamilton proposed, and Gordon Robson 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 Sidney Cowherd, and all agreed.

6. Benevolent Fund

In presenting his report on the activities of the Benevolent fund, the Chairman, Len Barkey, took the meeting through the accounts for the year ended 5th April 2001. He pointed out that since that date the value of the investments had dropped by some £15,000. The Fund is at present supporting one boy at the School, and this requires approximately £10,000 per annum, and Len Barkey mentioned the difficulty of raising this amount of money. He reported on the very generous

amount of £1400 which had been raised for the Benevolent Fund at the Gaudy held last September.

Adoption of the report was proposed by Micky King and seconded by Gordon Robson.

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), Dennis Peters (member), 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 Gordon Robson and seconded by Tony Stokes, and all agreed.

8. Other resolutions

Mr Simon Fletcher submitted the following resolution: "It is resolved that a subscription be launched for the funding of a replacement statue for the School World War I memorial as an exact copy of the original, and that the Governors be invited to subscribe an equivalent amount of money as that raised by subscription."

Mr Fletcher spoke eloquently for his resolution, stressing that although much new development had taken place within the School, it was sad that no replacement statue had been found during the 40 years since it was stolen. He would be prepared to make a personal contribution to the cost of a replacement.

Sir Robert Andrew thanked Mr Fletcher for raising the matter and for his generous offer. Some thought had been given in the past to various forms of replacement and he suggested that the OKC Committee should now be asked to examine alternative solutions and their costs, with a view to agreeing on a course of action. He thought that funding might come from the OKC and School sources, supplemented by individual donations, but he would not favour launching a general subscription at the present time, because of competition with the Centenary Challenge appeal.

In discussion there was general support for replacing the statue in some way. It was agreed to proceed as proposed by the Chairman.

9. Subscription rates

There were no changes to the subscription rates proposed at this time.

10. Any other business

The President announced that the next Annual General Meeting would be held on January 12th, 2002. In the absence of any other business he then declared the meeting closed, and invited all present to drinks in the Cotman Gallery.

SCHOOL NEWS

EXTRACTS FROM THE HEAD MASTER'S NEWSLETTERS

Autumn 2001

Combined Cadet Force

The Corps has welcomed Sgt-Major Ted Brett as its new School Staff Instructor, in place of John Grayson, who retired last year. Sgt-Major Brett retired from the Royal Tank Regiment earlier in the year, and has extensive experience of Adventure Training.

Community Service

This year there have been some new additions to our long-established programme of providing support in local schools and visiting the elderly. A team of sixth formers is working on a project to renovate a nature trail for the disabled on Wimbledon Common, a drama group will be performing in local schools and hospitals next term, and a group has been formed to work on community art projects. Our link with the Inner Cities Young People's Project was also maintained during the summer holidays, with 13 KCS boys helping to run children's playgroups in locations such as Brixton and Lambeth, where four were involved in a project run by the Crime Reduction Unit at Brixton Police Station.

Spring 2002

Model United Nations

KCS entered two teams, Australia and the United Kingdom, for the Model United Nations at Westminster School earlier this month and came away with five awards: Hassan Akram received highly commended political delegate; Christopher Edwards received highly commended human rights delegate; Farooq Ahmad won best environmental delegate; Timothy Goodwin won best security council delegate; and their team, that of

the United Kingdom, won the best overall delegation, effectively winning the competition.

Biology Olympiad 2002

John Ryan, in the Upper Sixth, has been selected as one of the top 12 national finalists for the practical round of the Biology Olympiad, to be held at the University of Birmingham over Easter. John has been awarded a Gold medal, Matthew Fittall a Silver, Ramzi Yakob a Bronze, and Christopher Nordstrom was highly commended.

British Mathematical Olympiad

Following round 1, John Ryan has also been invited to take part in round 2 of the British Mathematical Olympiad.

British Physics Olympiad

Five members of the Upper Sixth took part in the Physics Olympiad Competition towards the end of last term and all gained medals in this national competition. Jonathan Hopkins was awarded a Silver medal, placing him among the top 150 candidates in the country, whilst Jonathan Bamford, Matthew Chessum, Nicholas Ruesinck-Brown, and Nicholas Southam were all awarded Bronze medals.

Headstart Engineering Summer School

Jonathen Cain, Christopher Chin, Nicholas Metzgen, and Oliver Wright have been awarded places at, respectively, the Universities of Birmingham, Oxford, Nottingham, and Durham on this year's Headstart Scheme. The Scheme is part of the Royal Academy of Engineering's programme which contributes to the engineering development of pupils at school. Places on the programme are limited and the standard of applicants is very high. The Scheme involves spending up to a week in a university Engineering Department, and being involved with one of their ongoing projects.

I should like to congratulate all these boys on their achievements.

Visits and Expeditions

During the February half-term break 22 Lower Fifth boys, accompanied by Mr Young and Mr Marshall-Smith, travelled to Morocco to spend a week hiking and camping in the Atlas mountains. The group briefly experienced the sights and sounds of Marrakesh before travelling into the High Atlas mountains, where they

enjoyed breathtaking scenery, challenging walking, and a glimpse of a completely different culture.

BOOKS BY OKC MEMBERS

Two old-boy authors, Derek Oakley and Raymond Buckland, have recently made very generous donations of books to the School library.

Derek Oakley MBE (1944) joined the Royal Marines as a regular officer on leaving King's. He had a most eventful and distinguished military career including (to mention but a few highlights) being amongst the first to land in the assault on Port Said in 1956; gaining a commendation for defusing terrorist unexploded bombs in Northern Ireland in 1957; serving with the Gurkhas in Sarawak during the Brunei revolt; and returning to spend three years as adc to Earl Mountbatten of Burma. At the time of his retirement in 1986 he had the distinction of being the longest serving officer in the Marines.

Since his retirement he has written four books, *A Pictorial History of the Royal Marines, Commando Uniforms, The Falklands Military Machine*, and the biography of Colonel Sir Vivian Dunn, *Fiddler on the March*. Our photograph (see inside front cover) shows him presenting copies of these books to Helen Pugh, the School librarian.

Raymond Buckland (1951) is resident in the United States, where he is a well-known and prolific writer of novels with a strong basis in the supernatural (see 'Old Boys News' in Newsletter No 99). He has recently presented the library with a large selection of his books, together with a valuable collection of books on aircraft, which he has assembled over the years.

The library is very pleased to receive these gifts, which are of especial interest because of the connection between the authors and the School.

FROM THE ARCHIVES

Charles Hutchins

One of the most interesting additions to the Archives in recent years came to us in February, when we received a small collection of papers formerly belonging to Charles Hutchins, who left King's in 1885. They were presented by his grandson, who, as it happened, is an Old Pauline.

The collection included several programmes for sporting events; a number of cards awarded for meritorious work and for misbehaviour during 1884 and 1885; and a prospectus for the Old King's Club. The collection was completed by two small bundles of printed examination papers set by the Oxford and Cambridge School Examinations.

Some of these documents are illustrated inside the back cover of this Newsletter. They include the programmes of the Athletic Sports of 1884 and the Swimming Sports of 1885. The Swimming Sports were held in Lambeth baths - a well-known venue destroyed by bombing in World War II. The first item on the programme was "Diving for eggs, under 16" and certainly stirs the imagination! In this event there were "Prizes for those who bring up most Eggs in TWO dives." In addition to the usual distance events, the programme included an Old Boys' Race, over 120 yards, and a 40-yard event "Swimming in Clothes". Also illustrated is a card issued for good work, the forerunner of the 'Distinction' cards still used in the Junior School.

The examination papers reveal a distinctly Victorian vocabulary, as two examples will show.

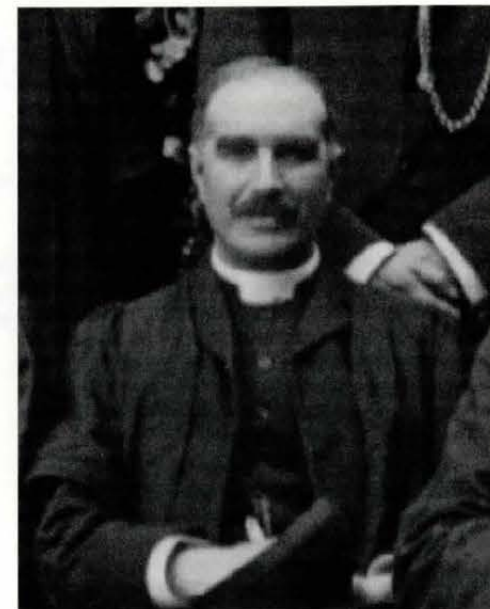
From the paper EUCLID I-III:
"Enunciate and prove Euclid's proposition respecting the squares on the sides of an obtuse-angled triangle."
and from the FRENCH: EASY ACCIDENCE AND SENTENCES paper: "give the French for: a silver watch, a glass of wine, a wineglass, a letter-box, a schoolmaster, gentlemen, towels, umbrellas."

There are also papers on Latin Grammar, English Grammar, Algebra, Arithmetic to Discount, German (easy translation) and Divinity. Any Old Boy is welcome to write and ask for a photocopy of a paper if he is interested!

Revd. William Clarke

Some years ago, during redecoration work at St. John's Church, Spencer Hill, the removal of paint revealed a cross and an accompanying brass plate on the wall of the Sanctuary. The plate was inscribed to the memory of Revd. W.J. Clarke. Recently an investigation for the Wimbledon Society to identify all the Clergy who had served in the Wimbledon Parish suggested a connection between Revd. Clarke and KCS, and we were asked for further information.

From material in the Archive we were able to supply details of this connection. William Clarke was



appointed to the KCS teaching staff in 1880, when the School was still in the Strand. In addition to his school teaching he took part in the evening work of the Theological Faculty of the College, and was ordained in 1884. As well as continuing his teaching, he then served as a curate at several London parishes, and soon after the School moved to Wimbledon he began his ministry in the parish of Wimbledon, at St. John's Church.

Our photograph of William Clarke, in front of the ivy-clad walls of Woodhayes, comes from a photograph of the School teaching staff taken in 1905, and published in the KCS Science Journal of that year. Soon after this photograph was taken he was appointed Vice-master, a post which he continued to hold until his sudden death in 1918. This brought to an end to a total of 38 years of service to the School, under four Head Masters. It was said of him that he visited the parish "with loving persistency day by day when school was over", and he was valued "for the singular graces of his warm-hearted and loyal friendship, and for spirituality and lack of self-seeking.....though he was so worthy of place and power".

His funeral service was held in St. John's Church on September 11th, 1918.

The connection between School and parish is again in evidence as, of course, Robin Stevens combines part-time Chaplaincy at King's with his post as Vicar of St. John's.

REPORTS FROM AFFILIATED ACTIVITIES

OLD BOYS RUGBY CLUB

Results at 27th February 2002

	P	W	D	L	F	A
1st XV	18	13	1	4	612	216
2nd XV	19	15	0	4	577	245
3rd XV	8	5	1	2	214	132
4th XV	8	6	2	0	293	104

The competition in Surrey 1 League is hotting up. We were top of the league in January but now we are third, having lost to our nearest rivals, London Irish Ams 5-19 and, last week, Old Paulines 15-23. However, all is not lost, the latter have still to play each other and there are still three league matches to come. The outcome could remain in doubt until the very last games on the 6th April.

The 1st XV is through to the semi-finals of the Surrey Shield competition, beating Chipstead 42-10 in the quarter finals, and has been drawn away in the semi final against Old Tiffinians on the 24th March.

The 2nd and 3rd XVs are competing in their respective Merit Tables. The 2nd XV is top of the Surrey A (senior) Merit Table and the 2nd XV lies third in the D Junior Table. Both sides are through to the semi-finals of their respective knock-out competitions, the Senior Shield competition and the Junior Merit Plate competition.

Our Junior/Mini Section now has 200 registered players and is enjoying another very successful season. The under 13 side, in its first full season, won a 7's competition played at Wasps RFC ground before their Heineken Cup match and lead their group, having beaten London Irish Ams, Esher and Old Ruts., and have reached the semi-finals of the Surrey Cup competition. The younger age groups, from 7 to 12, are also making their marks, but there is insufficient space to record all their achievements. Look at the web site for all the facts.

Following the enjoyable tour to Prague, the Club is travelling East once again. This time to Estonia, from the 11th to the 15th April, where they will play two matches in Tallinn, the mediaeval capital city.

Not to be outdone, the under 8 Group of Minis is touring to Rome, where they will take part in a competition and watch the England/Italian game, and, at Easter, the under 7 to 12 age groups are travelling to Greensands, Somerset, for a Mini Rugby Festival.

All in all a good season so far, with the prospect of more good to come.

Noel Crockford

OLD BOYS SWIMMING

At the time of writing, I am busily preparing to go to the World Masters Swimming Championships in Christchurch, New Zealand, so this is a shorter report than normal. The King's Cormorants club will be represented by a team of nine swimmers plus supporters. We have entered a very strong mixed relay team in the 240 years plus freestyle and medley events, and could be in contention for a top ten placing. Our main medal hope in the individual events will be Jane Asher, who will also be looking to break one or two world records. She had an extremely good year in 2001 in her new age group (70-74 years) and warrants a place in the Guinness Book of Records as not only did she break all 35 British records in all the strokes both long (50metre) and short (25metre) courses, but quite a number of European and World records as well, all in one year!

Three of the squad decided to get some long course experience abroad at the Dutch Masters Winter Championships in Dordrecht 19/20 January. All came back with medals with Jane also breaking 3 World Records. The following weekend six swimmers went to the Surrey Championships in Haslemere while another six of us went to the slightly more local Chelsea & Kensington Meet. Two weekends later it was off to Sandown on the Isle of Wight. Unfortunately, we were not able to emulate our success of last year by winning the top club trophy at this increasingly popular venue, but we still did very well and had some notable relay wins, which was most pleasing. We will be hoping to do better at the rescheduled Guernsey Meet at the beginning of May.

As well as these competitive events we also managed to find time to stage the annual Amateur Swimming Association Half Hour Postal Swim last December, in which swimmers try to complete as many lengths as they can in 30 minutes, and the British Long Distance Swimming Association One Hour Postal Swim at the end of February. Both events are held at the School pool in place of our normal training sessions. Ten swimmers took part in each swim and we also entered three relay teams in the Half Hour event and two in the One Hour. Although some of us will be away, a number of swimmers are also taking part in the annual 5k BT Swimathon which is held at the School pool at the end of March. The results of these will be advised in the next Newsletter.

Philip Newman

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Newsletter No. 1.

King's College School
May, 1958

Dear Sir,

It is hoped to send three News-Letters a year, about the beginning of each Term. This Letter contains news received up to April 25th, and a Calendar of Events for the Term. Will members please send items of General Information to the Hon. Secretary at K.C.S.?

Engagements :—

J. S. Bradley to Miss J. M. Williams.
E. A. Cropp to Miss J. L. M. Francis.
F. E. Diver to Miss B. Peck.
D. J. Hughes to Miss M. Zetterling.
J. G. Morgan to Miss A. S. Elsley.
J. P. Oboussier to Miss U. C. Harding.
J. C. R. Walker to Miss A. Souchotte.

Marriages :—

I. D. Farquharson to Miss R. M. Plummer.
L. A. Gordon to Miss I. I. Nixon.
Lt.-Cdr. D. L. Harding to Miss P. A. Seawright.
I. D. Metherell to Miss G. Morris.
J. E. Page to Miss P. Bourne.
I. F. Patrick to Miss A. M. Cooper.
R. H. Rham to Miss T. B. Clayton.
R. I. Sloconbe to Miss B. D. Smith.
J. Wood to Miss J. I. Collier.

Births :—

S. W. H. Aust, a daughter.
N. J. Burton, a daughter.
S. F. Casswell, twin sons.
P. A. M. Curry, a son.
E. H. Duvall, a son.
P. A. Emerson-Smith, a son.
R. A. Forsyth, a son.
Dr. M. J. Forth, a daughter.
B. H. K. Hern, a son.
Dr. P. O. Hirsch, a daughter.
Dr. H. R. Macleod, a son.
N. E. Norman, a son.
Dr. S. C. C. Scott, a son.
D. L. S. Shinn, a daughter.

Obituary :—

W. H. R. Blacking, F.R.I.B.A., aged 69.
T. W. Burke (Gym Instructor 1920-48), aged 71.
H. J. Collings, aged 74.

Appointments :—

J. K. O. Edwards is the first Rector of St. Luke's College, Exeter.
Larn na Ranong (now known as Thitinant na Ranong) is Director-General of Protocol Dept. at the Thailand Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
J. E. Page is an Air Traffic Control Officer at Bahrein Airport.
A. G. Simons has been appointed General Manager of the Eagle Star Insurance Company.

Annual Dinner

This was held at the House of Commons on Friday, December 13th. There were 186 members present, with Sir Victor Negus in the chair. Speeches were made by the Chairman and by the Headmaster and Dr. A. W. W. B. Woods.

K.C.S. Old Boys' Rugger Club

The Club has enjoyed by far its best post-war season, the final record reading : played 33, won 23, drawn 3, lost 7, with 395 points for and 183 against. A most enjoyable Easter Tour was undertaken to France, and we defeated Le Havre 8-3 and Vernon 27-0. In the last match of all, H. R. Lewis emerged from the "A" to play his 300th match for the 1st XV, and a close game was won 9-6.

The Aldershot Services match (a splendid game which was narrowly lost) was the subject of an experiment to encourage past players to come to Robin Hood Way and watch the Club play good rugby, and to enjoy the enlarged social activities of the Pavilion. It is hoped to have more of such 'Veterans' Days' next season.

The Club possesses a fine back division behind a light but very mobile pack well led by the captain with the line-out work of J. V. Pomeroy

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outstanding. P. H. Elkington at fly-half is a player of the very greatest promise, and with speed on the wings and thrust in the centre many delightful attacking movements have been seen. Our reserve strength is now considerable, as was shown by our victory over Old Blues on a day when we also put two 'Sevens' in the field. On most Saturdays five teams are run.

At the Esher Sevens, the Club reached the Semi-final and lost to the eventual winners. We lost to Esher in the first round of the Middlesex Sevens and to Streatham in the Surrey Sevens.

Elkington and J. D. E. Hamilton played for Combined London Old Boys against the Territorial Army, and each scored a try. Elkington played for Surrey against the Army and was travelling reserve for the County Semi-Final match.

The Golden Jubilee Dinner was held at the Mayfair Hotel on February 19, and was a very great success. His Honour J. D. Casswell, Q.C., was in the Chair, and speeches were made by the Chairman and by Wing-Cdr. J. Lawson, W. C. Ramsay, Group-Capt. S. G. Walker, N. M. Crockford (captain of the 1st XV) and R. H. Owen.

Four dances have been held in the latter half of the season, including a New Year's Eve Dance at the Pavilion which was a really outstanding success and reflects great credit on the Catering Committee of S. J. Cowherd, L. H. Hill, C. L. Addyman and R. E. Dawson.

Other Rigger News: R. M. Bartlett played three times for England. R. H. Davies played in his third Varsity match and for Wales v. Australia, and is on the Barbarians' tour of South Africa. D. Thompson played for Surrey, and R. R. Winn for Yorkshire. A. C. Luff refereed the Kent-Surrey match and was touch-judge in the England-Ireland match at Twickenham.

K.C.S. Old Boys' Lawn Tennis Association

A team will be entered again for the D'Aberton Cup Competition. The match against the School will be on 21st June, and tennis-playing Old Boys who would like to participate are invited to apply to: P. R. Cox, Braeside, Headley Drive, Epsom.

K.C.S. Old Boys' Rifle Club

A five-a-side match against the Old Whitgiftians was most enjoyable, though we lost by 506 to 449. Any Old Boys wishing to join the Club should write to S. O. B. Powell, 45 Cotterill Road, Surbiton.

Old Kings Motoring Club

Chairman, C. Williams Wood; Joint Hon. Secretaries, D. G. Bennett and A. H. Driver. Hon. Treasurer, C. H. Thomas.

A successful Rally was held on March 9. The next is on Sunday, May 11 (all day) and there will be Rallies on June 13 and probably on Sept. 21. Details from A. H. Driver, 56 Home Park Road, S.W.19, or from C. H. Thomas, 40 Beverley Road, Worcester Park.

K.C.S. Old Boys' Cricket Club

Hon. Secretary: J. B. Beldham, 38 Edge Hill Court, S.W.19.

K.C.S. Old Boys' Golf Club

Hon. Secretary: D. H. L. Wadsworth, 9 Rosebery Avenue, New Malden.

K.C.S. Old Boys' Squash Club

Hon. Secretary: G. R. G. Brown, 25 St. Mary Abbot's Court, W.14.

K.C.S. Lodge of Freemasons

At the meeting of the Lodge on February 21, the Master (Mr. J. N. Walker) was in the Chair. Mr. J. C. Burr was passed a further stage by Mr. W. H. Nicholas and the Master initiated Mr. D. S. Wood-Dow into the order. A new scheme for the Lodge Masonic Charities Association was agreed to, and Mr. B. W. Godwin was elected Secretary.

A further meeting of the Lodge was held on March 21 when the Master took Mr. J. C. Burr through the last stage of the Craft. Mr. E. J. D. Hewitt was elected Master for 1958-9 and Dr. B. A. Smith was re-elected Treasurer for the 23rd time.

All enquiries to Mr. W. H. Nicholas, 80 Cope Hill, S.W.20.

CALENDAR OF SCHOOL EVENTS

Home cricket matches: May 10, Whitgift; May 24, King's Canterbury; May 28, Incogniti; June 7, St. John's; June 14, Buccaneers; June 21, Old Boys (2 matches); June 28, U.C.S.; July 9, Adastrians; July 19, M.C.C.; July 23, The Staff.

C.C.F. Inspection. The Inspecting Officer will be A-V-M E. J. Corbally, C.B.E., and the Inspection will take place at 10.30 a.m. on Friday, June 20. Members are cordially invited to watch the

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parade and have coffee afterwards in the Dining Hall. Please write to Major A. W. Loveband at the School and tell him if you are coming.

Commemoration Day is on Saturday, June 21, and all members are cordially invited to come. There will be tea as usual in a Marquee.

Cricket will start about 11.30, after Prize-giving is over.

The Concert is on Friday, June 20 at 8 p.m. Ashburton Shield: On July 23.

SCHOOL NEWS

The great event of the Term was the opening of the new Science Building by Sir Cyril Hinshelwood, President of the Royal Society, who made an inspiring speech in the Great Hall on the importance of science in modern life before being presented with the key by R. D. Robinson, the Head Prefect.

The building of the new Science Block was materially helped by a grant of £18,700 from the Industrial Fund for the Advancement of Scientific Education in Schools.

The following 12 boys obtained scholarships or exhibitions at Oxford or Cambridge: C. A. Clark, Exhibition in Natural Sciences, Pembroke College, Oxford. J. S. Finch, Exhibition in Modern Languages, Caius College, Cambridge. I. M. A. Herbert, Minor Scholarship in Classics, King's College, Cambridge. D. F. Horrobin, Domus Scholarship in Natural Sciences, Balliol College, Oxford. F. C. T. Moore, Major Scholarship in Classics, Keble College, Oxford. R. H. Mortimore, Minor Scholarship in Natural Sciences, Pembroke College, Cambridge. D. O. Nott, Exhibition in Modern Languages, Pembroke College, Cambridge. J. E. Roberts, Minor Scholarship in Natural Sciences, Emmanuel College, Cambridge. R. D. Robinson, Major Scholarship in English, Queens' College, Cambridge. J. F. J. Russell, Exhibition in English, Christ's College, Cambridge. P. W. M. Savigear, Exhibition in History, Peterhouse, Cambridge. R. W. Theobald, Major Scholarship in Classics, St. John's College, Cambridge.

We are sorry to say good-bye to Mr. J. C. Case, the Director of Music, and the Rev. J. F. M. Llewellyn, the Chaplain. Mr. Llewellyn has

been appointed Headmaster of St. Paul's Choir School and elected a Minor Canon of St. Paul's. Mr. Case is leaving in order to devote all his time to his career in singing. We wish them both every possible success.

The Première of the Film Unit's latest production "Nine to Four" was held in the Great Hall on March 7th. The guest critic, Mr. Paul Dehn of the News Chronicle, made a delightfully witty speech, full of constructive criticism, and congratulated all those responsible for the film's success.

The House Music Competition was judged by Professor J. A. Westrup of Oxford University, who delighted us by expressing his appreciation of the high standard of the performances. East House won once again, West being second and Boarders third. R. Q. Bowley (East) won the Venner Music Prize for his playing of Chopin's Polonaise in A flat, op. 53. R. M. Thomas (West) won the John Carol Case prize for his singing of 'Der Vogelfänger' from Mozart's 'Zauberflöte'.

After some years' inactivity, the Drama Group came into action again on March 17th, 18th and 19th with performances of 'Julius Cæsar'. This was an enterprising modern-dress production which was enjoyed by the disappointingly small audiences.

RUGBY FOOTBALL

The team suffered from lack of weight in the pack and lack of experience in vital positions, and the frequent absences of W. J. Wright from the scrum-half position were most unfortunate. However, two victories were recorded, Whitgift being beaten 10-6 and the Old Boys 6-0. Brighton defeated us 12-5 by means of their heavy and skilful pack, and U.C.S. won a high-scoring match (in which we lost our full-back near the start) by 20-14. The last match was against the unbeaten Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School, Wakefield, and we lost a fast and interesting game by 11-3.

N. B. Blake played for the London Scottish School in their annual match against the Richmond schools.

Senior House Rigger was won by West, with Boarders second and East third. For once there was little to choose between the first three Houses.

HOCKEY

The 1st XI beat Epsom 4-2, Wimbledon 5-1, drew with the Staff 1-1, and lost to Caterham 1-5, Dulwich 1-4 and Whitgift 0-2.

ATHLETIC SPORTS

A new event, Throwing the Javelin, was introduced and won by W. J. Wright with 155ft. 6½in. C. A. Clark was joint Victor Ludorum with M. D. Watts, and established new records for the Mile (4 mins. 37.3 secs.) and Half-Mile (1 min. 59.8 secs.). Watts equalled the 100 Yards record of 10.6 secs. The inter-House competition was won by West, with Boarders second and Wimbledon third.

We were second to St. John's in the Triangular Contest, scoring 30 points to their 52. Whitgift had 22 points. King's won the Relay, the open 100 and the Under 16 Long Jump.

The Cross-Country was won by R. D. Robinson.

We are pleased to note that the Junior School's 1st XV won 6 out of 7 matches and scored 146 points against 28.

Lack of space prevents a mention of all the other School activities and the various School Societies, most of which are flourishing.

Yours sincerely,
D. G. DALZIEL,
Hon. Secretary.

KCS LODGE No 4257

Since the last edition of the Newsletter the Lodge has had two Meetings, in December and January. At our Christmas Meeting 28 members and guests were present and an exceedingly good time was had by all, culminating in a marvellous Christmas Dinner in the School Dining Hall. Slightly fewer attended in January when Bob Friedlander who left School in the fifties completed his admission. Membership spans from those OK's who were at School prior to the war to the present day and on all the four occasions that we meet each year a most wonderful camaraderie and spirit links us all through Freemasonry and School. As the Development Office continues its excellent work it would be good to think that the Lodge can play its part in continuing to build and strengthen the links that we all have with School.

If membership of the Lodge is primarily for Old Boys, staff and parents of pupils, anyone who has a link with School, and is over 18 years of age, would be welcome, even if they are already a member of another Lodge, and are invited to contact me by telephone on 01962 868 400, or by e-mail to shirley48@btinternet.com or in writing to me at "Hestia", 3 Silwood Close, Winchester, Hampshire SO22 6EN.

Chris Rashbrook
Secretary

OLD BOYS NEWS

GERRY ACHER (1961) has been appointed Treasurer of the Queen's Golden Jubilee Fund.

LEN BARKEY (1950) was one of the winning pair in the over-70s doubles in the National Veterans Tennis Championships.

JON CHRITCHLEY (1979) is now living in south-west France, about 25 miles north of Biarritz. He is working as a director for an Australian surfing company, and would be pleased to hear from old friends; his e-mail address is headworx@wanadoo.fr

PAUL ENNALS (1974) was awarded CBE in this year's New Year Honours, for services to education. Paul is Chief Executive of the National Childrens Bureau.

ROGER GAUNTLETT (1939), together with his sister Peggy, hosted a small lunchtime gathering of OKs together with their wives, at Ealing to celebrate his arrival at octogenarian status. The event took place just

as the last Newsletter was rolling off the printing press. A fine selection of white, followed by red wines (and for Roy Dawson by Newcastle Brown) was offered, and eagerly taken. Outside, the squirrels gambled on the lawn, secure in the knowledge that Roger was too preoccupied to worry them for the next few hours. Jeff Midwood (1951) gave an impromptu oration whose theme is difficult to outline here, probably because it didn't have a theme. Mike Leach (1949) quoted a limerick that was actually acceptable in mixed company, before Nigel Gibson-Horrocks (1949) showed a video compilation of some 50-year old cinefilms, demonstrating that the ruins of Fountains (or was it Bolton) Abbey were ruins even then, and that in those days he could sink a two-foot putt. Towards evening, the guests departed mainly, and appropriately, by minicab and train.

BOB HILLER (Hon), in preparation for his impending retirement from teaching at King's, appears to be collecting Rugby presidencies. In addition to being President of ERIC (English Rugby International Club) since its inception a few years ago, he has recently been made President of Harlequins. He stresses that with neither club will he have anything to do with coaching.

Revd IAN JARVIS (1957) wrote to us, as he was unable to come to the last Gaudy, and from his letter we are able to report belatedly (actually six years late!) that he has changed parishes, and is no longer Vicar of St Mary's Chaddesden, Derby. He completed 18 years and 7 months at Chaddesden, an incumbency record for the twentieth century for that parish. Ian is now Vicar of St John's Church, Newhall, south Derbyshire, a very different parish, being in an ex-mining area which had a very run-down church with a decaying building and a small congregation. From his letter it is obvious that he and his wife have worked wonders, successfully raising money for repairs and renovations to the building, and increasing the size of the congregation.

SUJIT KAPADIA (1998) now at St Catharine's College Cambridge, obtained a First Class mark in the Tripos examinations, and as a result appeared on the College's list of 2001 Scholars, and was awarded the Arthur Andersen Prize for Economics.

VUYO MANKAZANA (1986) having obtained a Business IT degree at Manchester Metropolitan University, has had several jobs within IT support, and is currently working in Thame for Criterion Asset Management, as a networking/systems consultant. He is married, with a six-months old son.

STEVEN MATTHEWS (1982) has been living in Shropshire for about 5 years. He was admitted as a solicitor in 1991 and is now self-employed, specialising in criminal law and doing freelance court work for the Crown Prosecution Service. He is still playing plenty of sport, including football twice a week.

THOMAS PRITCHARD (1997) graduated last June from Magdalene College Cambridge with a Masters degree in Engineering, and is now undertaking a PhD in mobile communications at Imperial College London.

NORMAN RICHARDSON (1960) is the European Regulatory Affairs Manager for a medical device manufacturer, and is in the last salaried phase of a lifetime career in medical equipment and devices. He graduated in engineering from Battersea College of Technology (now Surrey University) to become a medical physicist at the National Hospital for Neurology and Neurosurgery, then worked in industry as a designer of patient monitoring systems. He joined the Department of Health (Medical Devices Agency and its precursors) for the main part of his working life, working as a medical incident investigator, standards engineer, and industry advisor. He then managed a medical Notified Body (a third party assessment organisation working on behalf of the European Commission) for a few years, then founded a new one in Guildford on behalf of Underwriters Laboratories Inc, including setting up a medical equipment test laboratory there. Retirement is still a couple of years away, he writes, with perhaps some consulting work after that.

JONATHAN ROGERS (1979) has been in the United States for over twelve years. He is National Sales Manager for Louisiana Pacific Corporation, based in Portland, Oregon, selling construction materials and other timber products, and is married, with three children (see changes of address).

IAN ROOTS (1981) was a member of a two-man team taking part in the Ward-Evans Atlantic Rowing Challenge. They started their epic row in Tenerife on 7th October and successfully rowed the 2900 nautical miles to Barbados, arriving on 3rd December. They took 56 days, 16 hours, and 16 minutes to complete the journey. Ian is a management consultant, and member of Mortlake Anglian Boat Club. He has previously done the London Marathon in 2 hours 41 minutes, and coaches elite athletes from Henley finalists to Olympic rowers.

ANTHONY TUFFIN (1954) retired on 31st March 2002 after over 42 years in the pensions industry, the last six with William M Mercer Limited in Chichester. He was a former member of the Society of Pension Consultants'

Council and Chairman of its Legislation Committee as well as founder Chairman of its Yorkshire Group. By happy coincidence, he expects his first grandchild in May, so he is looking forward to being able to spend time with his grandchild. He has been Chairman of the Electoral Reform Society's Campaigns Committee since 2000 and intends to spend more time campaigning for electoral reform.

HUGH WILLIAMS (1988), on leaving King's, studied Estate Management at the University of Westminster, and gained a BSc (Hons) degree. He has worked for two West-End surveying practices, has gained his MRICS, and is now running a small property investment company based in Central London.

UNIVERSITY LETTERS

Letter from Oxford

Everyone remembers their first day at KCS. Skulking into the playground like Joyce's Stephen Daedalus, hands in pockets, lurking around the edges of the big-boys group who laugh and kick a football to each other while you try in vain to get noticed. As I wandered sheepishly down to the Balliol bar on the first night of Freshers' Week last October and sat down on my own with the second-years crowding round the pool table and cheering each other on, I felt a remarkable feeling of déjà-vu. The old-Etonian fresher I started to chat to seemed so confident, so at-home. I suddenly realised why. For boarding-school kids, the transition to Oxford with its traditions, its gowns and its towers of tiny bedrooms, was barely noticeable. Yet for day-boys like us, King's to Oxford felt so far.

But as I settled into the Oxford way of life I realised the distance was closer than I imagined. The independence of thought and capacity for self-organisation that begins in the sixth-form continues to be nurtured at Oxford. The variety of drama, music, sport, and cultural activities offered throughout KCS gives one the impetus and confidence to plunge into the unparalleled opportunities afforded by Oxford.

And so it is natural that KCS boys feature so prominently in all the different areas of Oxford University. From academic excellence, shown by Can Yeginsu's recent scholarship to Princeton or Philip Jockelson's 1st in History from Balliol, to general knowledge fame such as Conor O'Neill captaining the Wadham team for University Challenge this year. From the sports field where, as well as the numerous college rugby players, Rob Coombes rows for Henley as well as Balliol, to

university teams where Andy Heyworth plays Hockey for the university 2nd XI and Simon Babar runs Cross Country for Oxford. From the stage, where Ilan Goodman has acted in the Oxford Playhouse and James Mumford has written a major historical play to be performed in the open-air in Broad Street and Trinity next term, to the concert arena where Sam Draper has played with the university Orchestra. From the Union, where Hamzah Kahloon is a rising star, to the university radio station, on which Tom Cowell was a regular voice. In fact, not a day goes by when I don't bump into one of the 76 old boys, either in the cobbled streets, drunkenly strutting their stuff on a dance floor, or involved in a university or college activity. Even guys from two or three years above me where I only remember their face will always stop to ask how things are. At school, the two years' difference meant a prefect having to deal with a cheeky Upper-Fifth, but at Oxford the gap has closed and the KCS contingent is united. After all, we're all in it together.

Mark Lowen
Balliol College

Letter from Cambridge

Following on from my report in the last newsletter, I have been asked to say a little about life in Cambridge. The standard system is that you have lectures in the morning (from Monday until Saturday) followed by work and the odd supervision in the afternoons. The interesting thing about the course in Cambridge (and Oxford too, presumably) is that the courses last only 8 weeks a term. This is interesting only in a loose sense of the word; it means that there is a lot more to be crammed into the weeks, which oddly enough start on a Thursday. An average science course might entail about 12 lectures a week, four supervisions, and three lab sessions (5-6 hours). Add this to sports, societies and entertainments ("ents"), the Cambridge lifestyle for a scientist is fully packed. Arts students have the luxury of fewer lectures and no labs, but once or twice a week they kill themselves with "essay crises", which is invariably accompanied by wailing and gnashing of teeth. But it's all worth it for the feeling after the essay!

Personally, it has been a busy year for me, not only having to cope with second year mathematics but also with the pressures of being Boat Club Secretary and a first boat rower. I have just raced in my college first boat in the Lent Bumping Races, a set of races unique to Oxbridge and with further details available at the Cambridge boat club website (www.cam.ac.uk/societies/boatclub). Our boat managed to bump every day and was the only boat to bump four times out of all the divisions, thus gaining blades.

The first day of Lent Bumps (which excludes the top men's and women's division) was cancelled this year because of the extremely strong and gusty winds, making rowing pretty dangerous on such a narrow and windy river. The weather improved significantly and the rest of bumps continued without further incident.

Mladen Tosic has successfully completed the trials for the Senior GB Karate Squad at the start of this year and has gone on to lead the Cambridge University team to a spectacular 5-0 victory over our Varsity opponents, who need not be named. Representing England he will be competing in the coming Grand Slam between England, Scotland, Wales and Ireland. Having been away at competitions every weekend, next term signals a change to sitting down and working for exams.

Ralph Coffey gained a half blue for fencing at the Varsity Match, held in the Oxford Union debating chamber on 17th February. Overall the Cambridge men's blues team gave Oxford a sound beating, the final score being 134-94.

A dinner is being organised at the beginning of next year for old King's boys that are currently studying or have graduated from Oxbridge. St Catharine's Hall has been booked from 19:30 onwards on 9th November. The Headmaster and David Bradley are attending and there has been some positive feedback from undergraduates at Oxford and Cambridge. The limit on numbers is 240 for hall and a room for pre-dinner drinks has been booked with a limit of 100. If any graduates are interested in attending then please contact Bryan Stokes (e-mail: OKC@kcs.org.uk).

Ross Cook
2nd Year Mathematics
St Catharine's College

DEATHS

W J T Child (1988) 2000
P R Cox (1925) 5 September 2001
A J Crisp (Hon Life)
L Curry (1925) 2002
A G Foxwell (1967) date unknown
R J Harvey (1925) 7 September 2001
R W Houlding (1930) 14 January 2001
T A H Kettle (1966) 21 May 2001
H R Lewis (1943) 1 December 2001
D L London (1931) 2002
D G Pembery (Hon Life)
I R Stewart (Hon Life) 18th March 2002

OBITUARIES

It is with great sadness that we have to record the death of two long-serving former members of the School teaching staff, Derek Pembery and Ian Stewart, who taught at the School for 39 and 35 years respectively. DEREK PEMBERY died peacefully in his sleep at home in Claygate, after a long and uncomplaining battle against Parkinson's and, latterly, cancer.

Derek was an outstanding schoolmaster and engaging personality in the Common Room. His time at King's stretched from 1956 to 1995, during which period he was an assured Housemaster of Kingsley (1974 – 82) and brilliant Head of English (1982 – 93).

He was born in Kingston, and educated at Tiffin's, and St Catharine's College, Cambridge, where he read English Literature. He introduced major innovations during his management of the school's Memorial Library. His delight in literature caught the imagination of pupils and colleagues alike. His teaching was scholarly, personal and fresh. He was always enthusiastic, clear-minded, possessed of strong preferences and occasionally wonderfully funny.

He led the English department successfully through expansion and change. His enlightened sensitivity to colleagues was characteristic. He maintained the quality of the department's achievements, keeping sight of the main purpose, to educate the boys, instilling in them wide interests and a love of culture.

One colleague remarked that one would not find many Heads of English reading *New Scientist*, but Derek did. He would give lectures to the Sixth Form on the sinking of *The Hood*; they were remarkable for his thorough research, independent scholarship and boyish enthusiasm. His table just a week before his death reflected his wide interests, being heavy with magazines on topics including Egypt, organs and ships. An accomplished pianist, he was formidably knowledgeable on music. Many will treasure memories of conversation with Derek because of his precise personal knowledge, challenging opinions, and especially because he was always interested in what the other person, however young, had to say.

He contributed to the life of the school in many ways. He had a responsibility and life-long interest in rowing. His productions of plays started the improvements that have since taken King's' drama to outstanding heights. A warmly-engaged tutor, his pastoral responsibilities were always close to his heart. The Housemastership of Kingsley gave him perhaps most pleasure; all who were in Kingsley during Derek's time will remember his meticulous style.

Derek endured more than his fair share of tragedy, doing so with dignity and privacy. He and his first wife Pam suffered the sudden death of their son soon after Nicholas started in the Senior School at King's. He has fortunately received the consoling support of his daughter Sara, her husband and their two sons. He married Barbara soon after his retirement, and with her enjoyed love and a rich serenity. He said to a friend last December when he was already gravely ill, "I lead a very contented life, you know".

Derek was immensely proud and fond of King's. His successor Robert Gullifer wrote of him on his retirement that he helped to make King's "not simply a place of learning, but one of civilised education". It is the perfect tribute.

We extend our sympathy to all Derek's family, particularly to Barbara and to Sara.

Ralph Cake

IAN STEWART died on March 18th, 2002 at the age of 82. Ian received his school education at the Liverpool Institute, leaving in 1938. In 1939 he began a distinguished military career, first in the Royal Signals and then in the Commandos, in which role he landed with the invasion forces soon after D-Day. He was awarded the Chevalier de l'Ordre de la Couronne, avec Palme, and the Belgian Croix de Guerre avec Palme. After the war he took the Modern and Medieval Languages tripos at Pembroke College Cambridge, with first class honours, and was appointed to KCS to teach French and German at all levels, starting in September 1950. In 1955 he was appointed Head of Modern Languages, a post which he held for 23 years.

His service to KCS was extensive, and characteristically selfless. He took an active part in Hockey, Rugby and Cricket coaching throughout his career. Along with Frank Miles, he for a while coached a series of talented U14 Rugby sides; in one never-to-be-forgotten season their proteges won all their matches, scoring a total of 233 points to nil. He served as an officer in the CCF from 1950-1965, the last five years as Commanding Officer, steering the corps towards a modern peace-time era where less emphasis was placed on conventional military training, but where he still felt able to teach boys resilience, self-reliance, and resourcefulness.

Two years after joining the staff he became Assistant House Master of East House, and in 1956 he took over the Housemastership of Wimbledon House. With the formation of the new houses in 1959 he became House Master of Alverstone, a post which he held until becoming Master of Weycroft, the then Boarding House,

in 1967. Ian and his wife Marion were to run the Boarding House until 1973.

An accomplished singer, he took part in many choral concerts while also enjoying the delights of light opera, which he performed with equal skill. He also played the part of a headmaster in the School Film Society's award-winning film *Down to Earth*.

Ian was a consummate linguist, a superb teacher, lucid, infinitely patient, and humorous, with that special talent for conveying knowledge to both the intellectually gifted and to those who struggled with the simplest of linguistic precepts. His pupils early learnt the inescapable truths that there are no short cuts to academic success, that work and play are not synonymous, that the classroom is not necessarily a place of entertainment, but that there is enormous satisfaction to be gained in overcoming difficulties. He led his department with wisdom, concern, and quiet efficiency, shouldering many burdens without sharing them, and showing a willingness to listen to new ideas, even when instinctively out of sympathy with them.

A strikingly modest man, with a dislike of all forms of ostentation, Ian was held in high esteem by colleagues and pupils alike, and for good reason, for all who met him were quick to appreciate his courtesy, his unwavering principles, his sense of duty, his wit, and, above all, his integrity.

Norman Isaacs

ARTHUR CRISP (Hon Life) As we went to press we heard the sad news of the death of Arthur Crisp, an Honorary Life Member of the OKC, who will be remembered as Head Groundsman at the School from 1954 until his retirement in 1977. We hope to include an obituary in our next issue.

H R 'TED' LEWIS (1943) died in December 2001. He was a pupil at King's from 1936 to 1943 and, after leaving, he saw war service as a sub-lieutenant in the RNVR. After the war he joined the Old Boys RFC where he was a tower of strength for several decades. He was Captain of the Club from 1949 to 1953 and played over 300 times for the 1st XV which was then a record, and, as far as I know, probably still is. He was President of the Club from 1975 to 1997.

Ted was a Governor of the School from 1971 to 1996 and a particularly active one. In 1989, the Governing Body decided that it needed to raise a large sum of money principally for essential new buildings. We consulted

external advisers who told us that we would probably be able to raise £300,000 but certainly not more than £600,000. Somewhat optimistically, the Governing Body set a target of £1 million and invited Ted to chair the appeal committee. Literally at the fifty-ninth minute of the eleventh hour, Ted and his team reached that target.

Another of Ted's achievements, in conjunction with the Old King's Club, was to establish and administer the annual Careers Evening which enables boys who are interested in a particular career to meet practitioners of that career and find out what their daily lives are really like.

These statistics reflect Ted's years of service and devotion to the School. His work lay in the fruit and vegetable industry. He became Master of the Worshipful Company of Fruiterers in 1967, and was awarded the OBE for services to export in 1983.

Ted was a person of intense enthusiasm, loyalty, and integrity. The only conceivable blot on his escutcheon of integrity was his propensity to hurl himself from the line-out in rugby matches when it looked as though the opposition might be near to scoring a try. He would then look appealingly at the referee hoping he would conclude (as often happened) that Ted had been fouled by the opposition and accordingly award a try-saving penalty against them.

George Eliot said something along the lines of "Nothing in this life is worthwhile for very long unless there is some eye which kindles in sympathy with our own, a word spoken now and then which shows that those things which are precious to us are likewise precious to another mind". I believe that this expresses a monumental truth and that it is those things which Ted regarded as precious about King's - its standards, its values, and its aspirations - which bound him to so many of his friends.

Cavan Taylor

MURRAY MAXTON (1934) died on 7th September 2001. A Vice President of both the Old King's Club and the Old King's RFC, he was one of the dwindling few who left the School in the pre-Dixon era. He left at the end of the Spring Term 1934, when he was runner-up for the athletics Victor Ludorum; his main strengths were in the jumps rather than in sprinting. However, his prime sport was rugby. A member of the School 1st XV 1932-33-34, he soon became a stalwart of the Old Boys, playing for their 1st XV in 1935, and twenty years later he was still playing for the 1st XV, as a wing forward, until his 40th year. He always maintained that he scored more points for the Club from 5 yards out than he gave away penalties at the opposite end of the field, by his

illegal breaks from the base of the scrum. After retiring from playing he was on the Club Committee as Match Secretary for 11 years, and was also on the Executive Committee of the Surrey County RFU.

Murray was in the army for effectively the whole of the war, obtaining his commission in the RASC in early 1940. Just before the war he joined the Wimbledon Squash and Badminton Club, very appropriately as it happened, as he was to make his career in badminton and other sports equipment, and he was awarded the MBE in 1984 for his services to the export industry for this equipment.

Murray had a great sense of humour; people around him were always laughing. He seemed to know the latest city jokes, which he retold very willingly. He joined the Royal Wimbledon Golf Club in 1958, and soon worked up to a ten handicap, representing the Club in many matches. He was frequently at the Club, and was seen at the 19th hole within a week of his death.

Gordon Robson

DESMOND PLUNKETT (1929) The death of Desmond Plunkett in February this year, at the age of 86, closes the last chapter in a remarkable life story. Born in India, where his father was a civil engineer, Desmond came to King's when his family returned to England.

On leaving school he pursued a career in the aircraft industry, and joined the RAF Volunteer Reserve, qualifying as a flying instructor in 1939. For the first two years of the war he continued as an instructor, but was then sent to train as a bomber pilot, with the rank of Flight Lieutenant.

In June 1942, within eight days of operational service, the Stirling bomber he was co-piloting was shot down over German-occupied Holland and he was posted as missing. It was presumed that he had been killed. In due course after the war his name was inscribed on the School War Memorial erected in the Great Hall, where it has remained ever since. However, he had in fact parachuted safely, but was shortly captured and sent to the prisoner-of-war camp Stalag Luft III in Silesia.

Here he played a major part in what came to be known as 'The Great Escape', an operation which was the subject of a film made in 1963. A graphic account of the preparation for, and undertaking of, this remarkable operation, and its tragic consequences (50 of the 73 officers who escaped were later shot by the Germans) is given in Plunkett's book *The Man Who Would Not Die*, published in 2000 by Pentland Press.

After the war he returned to flying, working in India and Rhodesia, coming back to England in the late 1990s.

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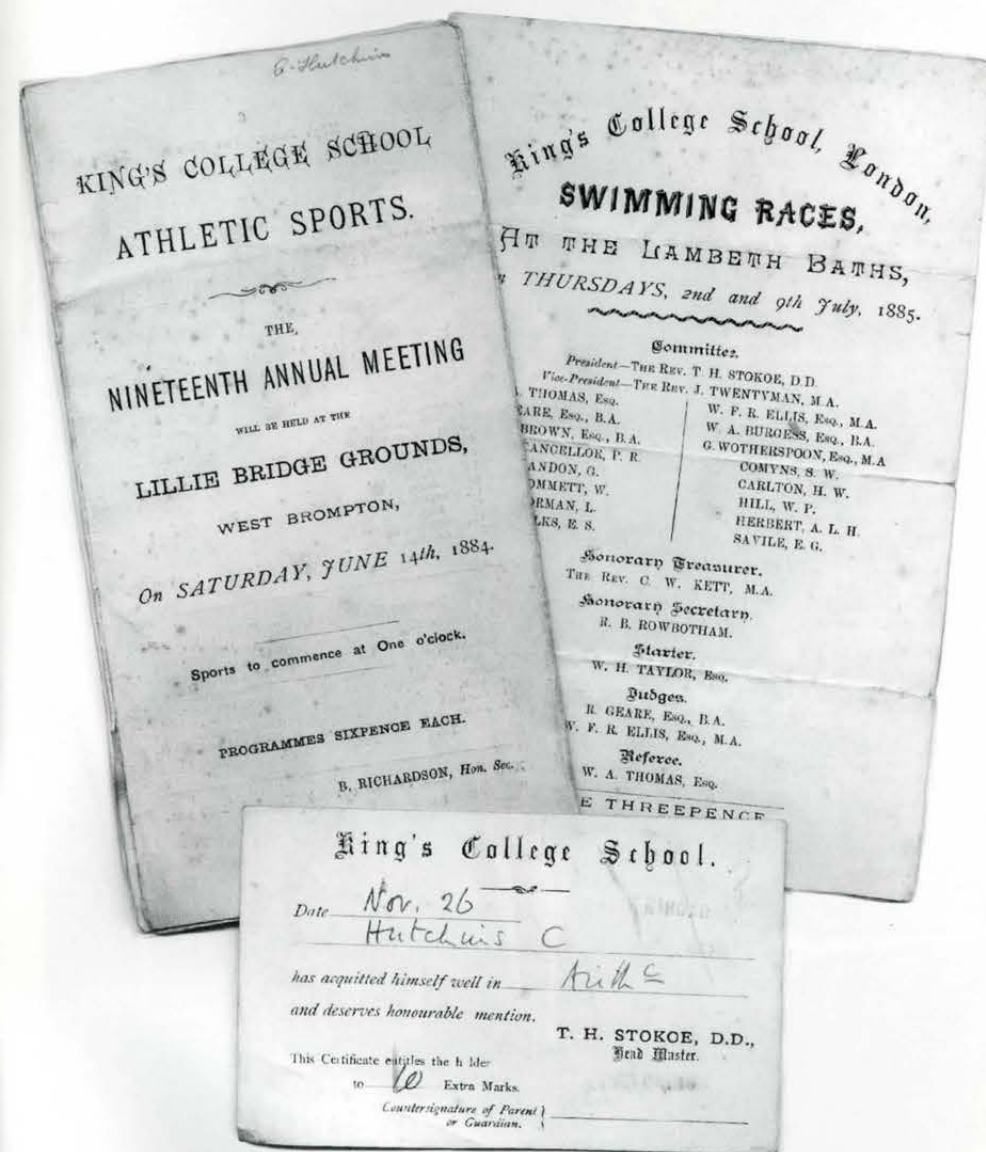
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1960 - 1964 LEAVERS LOST ADDRESSES

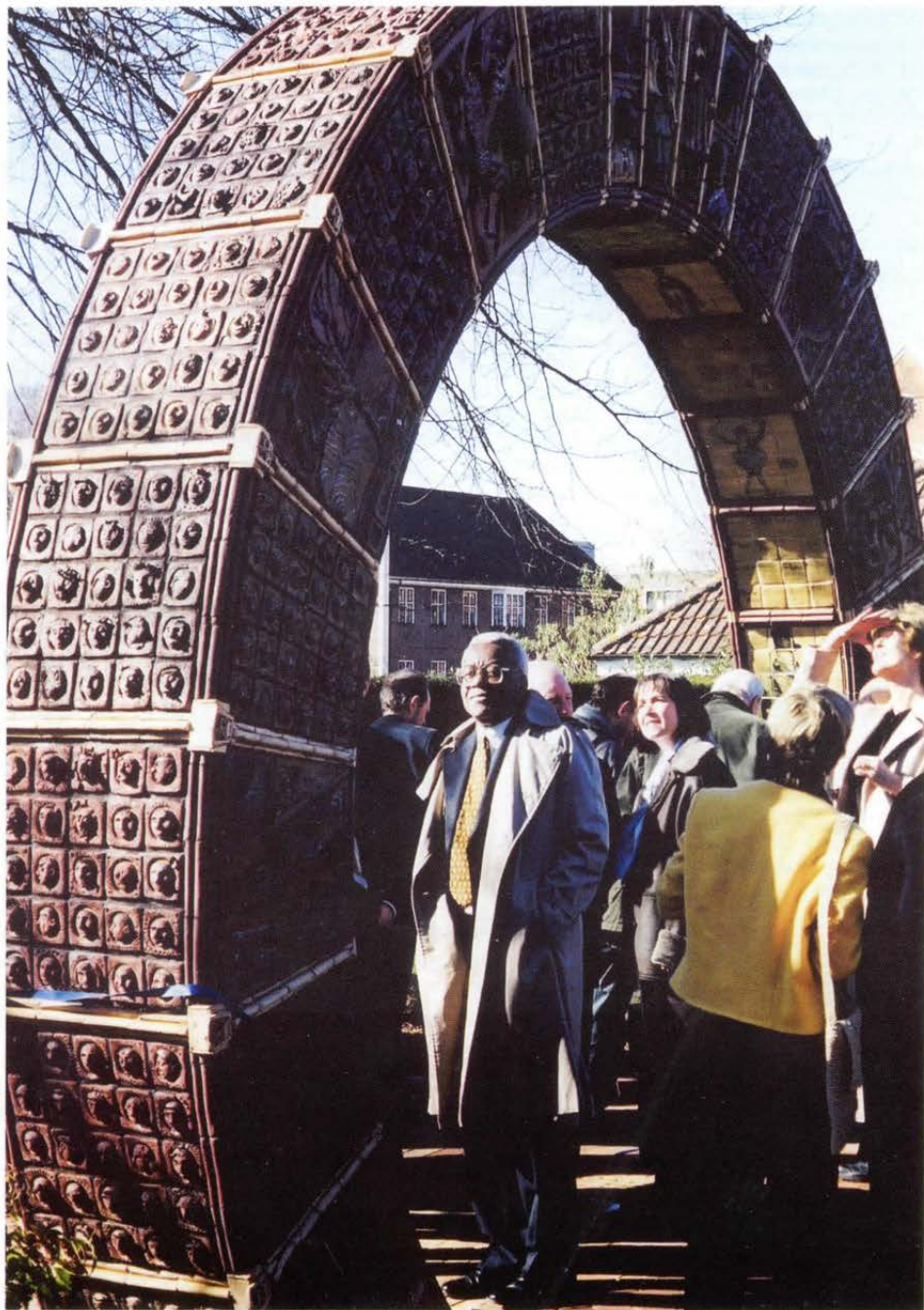
The OKC office does not have current addresses for the following OKC members who left between 1960 and 1964, and to whom we would like to send invitations to the next Gaudy. If any reader knows the present address of any of the following, or has news of them, please write to the Hon. Secretary, OKC, at the School and let him know.

D J C Acott	1962	H L Barker	1963	D W Bond	1964	W A Brown	1964
D C Adams	1964	D J A Bateman	1962	J M Boram	1962	D A Bruneau	1964
R W P Aitken	1960	P N Bath	1964	R M Bower	1964	I A Buchanan	1962
I R Archer	1964	A P Bell	1961	D J Bowman	1963	M J Buckland-	1962
I M Arnott	1961	C R Bell	1962	J Branscombe	1961	Smith	
E J L Arthur	1963	C T Bell	1963	P Branscombe	1963	R N Buddery	1961
T R Arthur	1962	P J Belton	1960	C J Bransom	1961	M R Burdett	1964
R S Ashworth	1961	J O Benington	1960	J K Broadbent	1964	K M Bury	1964
H J Atkins	1963	M W Bentley	1963	D I Brook	1960	C G Bush	1960
J F S Baker	1960	N R L Bentley	1964	J C Brown	1963	P G Cadden	1964
D Ballantyne	1962	J C Bird	1962	M R Brown	1964	N H Calderbank	1961
I R Ballantyne	1963	G L Blake	1964	P J Brown	1964	D Y Carmichael	1964
J R Barber	1962	A Blyth	1963	S B Brown	1961	J G Case	1961

M S T Chang	1963	R W R Gaff	1963	P R Killpack	1960	N P Robbins	1964
D M Charles	1962	R M Galloway	1963	J D Klue	1961	F H Robinson	1963
M J Chesters	1964	C E Gent	1960	F C Knight	1960	N E Robson	1964
A F Chisholm	1964	R G Gilbert	1964	H H Kolb	1963	T J Robson	1963
G D Clarke	1962	R I Gow	1964	D W Laing	1964	I L Rodger	1962
P C Clarke	1962	A M Grace	1962	D R Leigh	1962	B K Roy	1961
T J B Clarke	1961	A R Graham	1961	M J Leigh	1961	L E C Ruskell	1964
R W T Coe	1964	A L Grant	1960	A W Lincoln	1960	R G Sargent	1963
C G J Colvin	1963	R W Griggs	1962	C J F Lines	1962	J G Savell-Boss	1961
H N H Cooper	1961	M D Gue	1963	J L Lowe	1960	A K Scott	1961
D R Cope	1963	P P Hackett	1960	I D MacIntyre	1961	B H Shillitoe	1964
J R Corke	1960	T E Hackett	1963	D K D Mackerell	1964	A J Small	1960
G R B Corser	1962	S A H Hall	1964	N D Maiklem	1960	M F Smith	1962
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A J Creese	1960	N R Harford	1961	D C Martin	1963	S Springett	1962
M J Daldorph	1963	D W Hargroves	1962	P W Martin	1963	J W Spry	1962
H V Danks	1962	R A Harper	1961	R S Martin	1961	T K Sullivan	1962
L J Danks	1960	K M Harrison	1963	V F Martin	1964	A J H Summers	1963
J F Davies	1961	D J H Harvey	1963	K S Massie	1963	C G Summers	1962
R H Davies	1961	J P Hassell	1964	C L Masters	1962	P H Tanner	1960
D R Davis	1960	R C Havart	1964	N R McGilchrist	1964	B Taylor	1960
J T Derham	1960	D C Hayes	1963	R McIldowie	1960	D W S Thomas	1964
J S Deuchrass	1964	M L Hayes	1960	I W A McInnes	1960	G Thonger	1963
J L Dod	1963	T N Hayes	1963	J A Mettler	1962	J A Tiller	1960
R C S Dolman	1962	C N Henderson	1960	J B Mitchell	1962	A C Todd	1962
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P W Dufton	1963	R J L Hewish	1964	T F Murphy	1964	Samuels	1964
N S A Edgar	1961	N J Holmes	1961	I M B Neilson	1962	C W G Turton	1964
N D Edwards	1961	C D Holt	1962	M R New	1960	J M Tydeman	1964
P G Elford	1960	A R Honey	1961	M R S Newbery	1960	D J Underdown	1961
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P L C Evans	1964	P J Horrobin	1962	H S W Nolan	1960	P B Walkley	1964
M J Evason	1963	J W Hughes	1963	D J P Oakley	1963	A Warcup	1963
M W Fearn	1964	M R Hughes	1962	G M Paddon	1961	G W Watson	1963
A J Fearnley	1961	A G Instone	1960	S B Pant	1962	C D Weeks	1962
N Fern	1961	L Jenkin	1962	I M Parker	1963	P G Wheeler	1960
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J R Flood	1963	J K Jenner	1963	A L C Paterson	1964	A R Williams	1964
J F G Ford	1962	P J Johnston	1961	R V Pennell	1964	D R Witcher	1961
D R Fosh	1963	A A Jones	1960	C V Perkins	1964	B T Woods	1962
M H Fowler	1964	J N B Jones	1961	J S Peters	1963	N Worthington	1963
A J Francis	1963	A E Kahane	1963	D J A Potter	1963	C A Wraight	1964
M J Franklin	1960	M Kavanagh	1962	J M Powell	1961	J D Wyndham-	
C R Frost	1963	R S Kerner	1962	A D Reid	1962	West	1962
A H N Gadsby	1961	R A Kerslake	1960	G A G Ricketts	1963		



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(see article 'From the Archives' earlier in this Newsletter).



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