



# CAOKS Newsletter

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## President's Message

Welcome to the Winter Newsletter.

I begin by inviting you to this year's Annual Dinner on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> January. Please do encourage your contemporaries to come and please send your booking form back quickly.

Other dates to note are Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December, Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> February and Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> March, the dates of the winter suppers at The Bear & Billet on Lower Bridge Street. There is no need to book for these. Please turn up at any time from 7pm and enjoy a few pints and some camaraderie. We held a similar evening at The Antelope in Belgravia in October which went down well with the London participants.

The full list of events is of course set out in the 2007-2008 year book as well as on [www.kingschester.co.uk/formerstudents/caokscalendar.php](http://www.kingschester.co.uk/formerstudents/caokscalendar.php). I very much hope you will be able to come to one or more of these events.

My year of office began in May 2007. The first month was very quiet but I then compounded this by being away on business and then on holiday on the dates of the bowls evening, golf day, Henley regatta drinks party, cricket versus school and end of year cathedral service. Not an auspicious start! Since then I have tried harder. I must say how welcoming everyone has been and how fascinating it has been to see the School from a new perspective. I have very much enjoyed the opportunity to meet so many of the people involved, to understand more about the way in which the School works, to look at the details available from the School website and of course to look again at the School buildings themselves. I was at School from 1969 to 1976 and clearly there has been substantial building work and refurbishment since then but some things have remained remarkably unchanged. For example the Headmaster's Office is in exactly the same position as it was in the 1970's and, apart from the positions of the desk and bookshelves, it looks just as I remember it from the last time I was 'asked' to visit it by Arthur Munday.

Please have a look at the School's on-line archives. The school website directs you to King's Online, then you choose 'News', then 'The King's School Archive Server'. Quite a few form photographs are there from the 1970's, including obvious favourites such as Form Shell H 1970/71 and Form Upper Fourth 1972/73.

The main news to report this year is of course the change of Headmaster in September 2007. Tim Turvey has for many years been a very strong supporter of the Association and helped in very many ways, both as Headmaster and as a regular newsletter 'stuffer'. The Association marked his retirement by presenting him with various gifts at the January 2007 Annual Dinner and in addition the members at the May 2007 AGM voted unanimously to give him honorary life membership of the Association. In July 2007, I was asked, as the Association's representative, to go to the retirement dinner for Tim hosted by

the governors at Carden Park. It was a fitting ceremony and I echo Keith James's words to wish Tim a long and happy retirement. I also look forward to welcoming him back to Association events after he completes his self-imposed 12 months or so of lying low out of respect for his successor.

The arrival of a new Headmaster is naturally awaited with interest and Chris

Ramsey, former Headmaster of King's College, Taunton, an independent co-educational boarding and day school in Somerset, is now approaching the end of his first term at King's. I am delighted that Chris is settling in happily and has quickly established an excellent rapport with governors, teachers, parents and, most of all, with the pupils. Having met Chris a number of times now, I am sure that King's is in very good hands. On behalf of CAOKS I wish him every success in his stewardship and, of course, I encourage you to give him your own good wishes at the Annual Dinner on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> January from 6.30pm (booking form enclosed!).

I must of course take this opportunity to thank the very important people who keep the Association running. Most of us are too busy in our own worlds to reflect on the work that has to go on at the Association behind the scenes but, having seen them in action, I must thank in particular the Secretary, Adrian Ackroyd, the Treasurer, Phil Smith, the Dinner Secretary, Nick Phillipson, and the Newsletter Editing Team of Paul Consterdine and Mike Sayer.

Thank you to everyone who came to support a really good President's Evening. It was especially kind of Chris Ramsey to give to CAOKS one of the evenings during his first week at the School.

I am also very grateful to the people who have put considerable effort into organising this year's events, Jeremy Lloyd, Mickey Moore, Bonner Davies, Jeremy Brummitt, Richard Harden, Will Lamb, Glyn Meacher-Jones and Josh Deb Barman and thank you to Steve Downey for his much appreciated support as Senior Vice President.

And finally thank you to each member of the Chester Association of Old King's Scholars for supporting the Association through your membership.

I wish you a Happy Christmas and a Happy New Year

Peter Bernie



Peter Bernie

## Dates For Your Diary



### BEAR and BILLET SUPPER **\*\* New Event \*\***

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2007 at 7.00pm  
Members are invited to an informal get together and supper, on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor of the Bear & Billet, Lower Bridge Street, Chester.  
Contact: Peter Bernie 0151-236-3777 (W)

### CAROL SERVICE

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2007 at 10.30am  
The Headmaster invites all members to attend this popular service in the Cathedral.  
Contact: Angela Wilson 01244-689523 (B) or angela.wilson@kingschester.co.uk

### 142<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL DINNER

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2008 at 6.30pm  
The President warmly invites all members to the annual reunion. Reception from 6.30pm, Dinner at 7.30pm prompt. Booking forms available separately to this newsletter.  
Contact: Nick Phillipson on 01244-880728 (H) or dinnersec.caoks@kingschester.co.uk

### More BEAR and BILLET SUPPERS **\*\* New Event \*\***

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2008 at 7.00pm and  
Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2008 at 7.00pm  
Informal gatherings and suppers on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor, Bear & Billet  
Contact: Peter Bernie 0151-236-3777 (W)

### GENERAL COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2008 at 7.00pm  
At the Sixth Form Centre  
Committee members contact Adrian Ackroyd 01244-390819

### AGM and SUPPER

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2008 at 7.30pm (supper at 8.30pm)  
At the Sixth Form Centre  
To book a supper contact Nick Phillipson 01244-880728 (H) or dinnersec.caoks@kingschester.co.uk

## From The Secretary



*"The new Headmaster, is very supportive of the Association and wishes the strong ties between ourselves and the school to be maintained and developed to our mutual benefit"*

At this time of the year the Association welcomes various new faces to our ranks, firstly the 2007 leavers who have joined us as student members and, not to be forgotten, a new Headmaster who is *ex officio* a member of the General Committee.

Our 2007 gift to the school was directed at the younger pupils - a Trophy Cabinet for the Junior School's ever increasing collection of hard won silverware and shields as well as funds to refurbish the Junior School sports pavilion.

I am pleased to convey to members that Chris Ramsey, the new Headmaster, is very supportive of the Association and wishes the strong ties between ourselves and the school to be maintained and developed to our mutual benefit.

The events side of things have done well this year despite the summer monsoon ruining the Bowls Evening. A quick reminder though that the "Winter Suppers" of old have been resurrected in a modern form! Dates are Tuesdays 11<sup>th</sup> December, 12<sup>th</sup> February and 11<sup>th</sup> March – 7 pm at the Bear and Billet in Lower Bridge Street. Meet for

an informal drink, and food if needed.

The Annual Dinner on 12<sup>th</sup> January 2008 will kick off with a Reception at 6.30 pm with the Top Table Procession at 7.30 pm prompt. Sixth Form Ushers again will be operating a free cloakroom service and they will provide you with a complimentary welcome glass of fizz on your arrival. The bar will be open from 6.30 pm and will remain open until after the speeches. Fuller details of the menu and wines are on the enclosed Ticket Application Form. I look forward to yet another grand turn out at the Annual Dinner, particularly as David Latham, a distinguished rower, Old Boy, and currently a Governor will be one of our invited speakers.

Obviously this year is the first Annual Dinner that the new Headmaster will attend. We all look forward to his first of many erudite speeches!

Finally may I wish you all well for the Festive Season ahead.

**Adrian Ackroyd**

## From the Editor



I am very grateful to everyone who has contributed to make what, I believe, is a lively and interesting issue of the newsletter. We are particularly pleased to be able to publish the accounts by Caroline Brindle and Laura-Beth Pilkington about their travels. We have also included some interesting 'biopics' of OKS – I would be delighted to receive more of these for future editions. Along with news of CAOKS activities you will find an interesting article on times gone by. I have more contributions on 'the good old days' which will

appear in the next issue. You will remember that we have been trying to trace the statue of bishop Wilson that used to be on the old building in town. It is only recently that, prompted by others, I remember seeing it in the new school as lately as about the mid 90s – it was gathering dust in the back of a cleaners' store! Alas, we cannot trace its whereabouts since the last building development!

**Paul Consterdine**

## From The Dinner Secretary

The Dates for Your Diary gives details of forthcoming events but there are two particular dates to bring to your attention.

The first is a new event being held on **Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December from 7pm on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor of the Bear and Billet in Chester**. This is a chance for members and guests to meet for a pre-Christmas informal chat and supper (optional). Hopefully the President will welcome plenty of younger members as well as the 'usual suspects' (!) Booking is not necessary, but if you are interested please contact Peter Bernie.

The second is the **142<sup>nd</sup> Annual Dinner at the School on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2008**. An exciting five course menu has been agreed, with some enjoyable wines available to be quaffed. This will be the new Head Chris Ramsey's first Annual Dinner. Please come along and support our President, Peter Bernie, and try this year to encourage another member or two to come along to this classic occasion. Full details of the dinner, payment options and a booking form are enclosed separately with this newsletter. Do not forget to book early to avoid disappointment!



Nick Phillipson

## From the Headmaster

It is a very great pleasure to write to members of CAOKS towards the end of my first term as Head Master of The King's School. My family and I have been very warmly welcomed into the school community and I know that we are going to be very happy, as well as very fulfilled, in our time here.

I want to pay my own tribute to Tim Turvey in print. Tim's Headmastership has been pivotal in ensuring the continued success of the school, and its transformation into a larger, co-educational community. He said in an interview with the King's Eye editorial team that he wanted to be remembered as 'the link between King's of the twentieth century' and the school of the future: I am sure he will be, and much more. Personally, I have valued his calm and measured advice, and I know that he has left many friends both in CAOKS and in the school: I am sure too that he will keep a healthy (if geographically distant) interest in both.

I have been hugely impressed already by what I have seen of the school. We gained superb examination results in the summer, placing us 106<sup>th</sup> in the Financial Times 'A Level' league table of all national schools; The Times had us in the top twenty co-educational schools nationally for GCSE. Some forty Oxbridge candidates are going forward for interviews – and success, I hope – and the whole school seems to have started the academic year in good form. On the sports fields we have likewise had an excellent start: the boys' footballers are through to the last sixteen of the ISFA cup, and meet The Grange for the next round in a few days' time. Boys' and girls' hockey sides have won through to county finals; the rowers have just returned from an excellent tour to Boston (in which the senior VIII came a very creditable 25<sup>th</sup> in the Head of the Charles race). I know that many of you will come and see the very popular 'Pudding Races' in December, when we will be formally naming the new 'Empacher' boat 'The Colin Stananought', in recognition of the considerable contributions made by Colin to the school's life as Governor until 2007. In short,

lots has happened, and there is lots still to look forward to before the end of the calendar year.

I have also greatly enjoyed starting to get to know CAOKS! The President, Peter Bernie, kindly hosted a super President's Evening in September, and led prayers at the Commemoration Service in the Cathedral, and plans are well advanced for the Annual Dinner in school, where I will hope to meet many more of you.

It seems to me that the aims of CAOKS – to maintain contacts between former pupils, the school and the wider King's community – chime in exactly with what a school like King's should be like. Yes, we are a highly successful, academic school; yes, we are also great at providing a broad education (apart from the sport, music, drama and activities we offer and do well, we have had an inspirational trip to Italy for over fifty pupils at half term, outward-bound trips for all Removes in Patterdale, and other outings). But we are above all a community, and that concept embraces current pupils, staff, parents – and crucially, past pupils and indeed parents. It is therefore particularly pleasing that next year's President will be Steve Downey, a senior member of staff and great friend to many of you: I look forward to even closer ties between us all developing not only under Peter, but also under Steve and future Presidents!

Do please come to events at the school: matches, concerts, the Carol Service, the Annual Dinner and any others you can. Alternatively, do come and visit us on any working day to see how the school is developing, and to meet me: I will be delighted to show you around. Over the coming years we will doubtless develop plans to improve facilities and buildings, to push forward our academic improvements, to refine plans and to continue to make King's the top co-educational day school of the North West. You are very much part of this, and I am sure we will have a long and happy partnership as we continue on that exciting road.

Chris Ramsey



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## CAOKS Events

### Bowls at Nags Head, Houghton

The event was a great success – but not because of the bowls! As always, the meticulous planning by Jeremy Lloyd had set the scene for an enjoyable outdoor evening, however the weather did not co-operate. Drake would have needed to lay a lot of cloaks in a lot of puddles for the assembled company even to reach the green, which resembled a lake. Not put out, we all enjoyed a most convivial meal and conversation. The holders of the trophy were spared the agony of defending the title - but - WE WILL BE BACK! Renewed thanks to Jeremy and Jen.

### Golf at Mollington Grange

The Annual Golf Tournament was held for the first time at Mollington Grange Golf Club and was played in difficult weather conditions (for those of you that have forgotten the damp start to summer). The winner of the Stableford competition was Mike Younger (right) on 34 points, followed by Ian Beech (34 who lost on card play off), Peter Bottome on 33 and Gareth Prestidge on 32. Following an excellent supper Mike was presented with the NP Trophy, a bottle of a single malt and a pair of whiskey glasses.

**Mickey Moore**



### CAOKS vs School Cricket Match

The traditional annual fixture against the school first XI took place on a Monday this year during a particularly damp period during the summer.

On arrival, the teams found that the main square had suffered a heavy downpour the previous day and was unfit for play with the bowlers' run-ups under water.

The ground staff of Alan Roberts and Tom Ducker swung into action once that they had been persuaded to leave the warmth of the pavilion. They rapidly prepared a substitute strip on the lower square close to the school and cleared the surface water using a variety of methods. This allowed the match to start with only a half-hour loss of play.

Will Lamb captained the Old Boys whilst Chris Blake was the captain of the 1<sup>st</sup> XI. With a good deal of experience and a little youth at his disposal, the CAOKS captain decided to bat first, although the wicket was very green. Jim Evans and David Atkin proceeded to open the innings after their success in this fixture on the previous occasion. Unfortunately, David Atkin's batting was not up to the task of dealing with the seaming ball and he was bowled by Tom Bellis for 5. James Clulow on his debut for the Old Boys fared little better and was bowled through 'the gate' without troubling the scorers. Veteran Neil Pollard had travelled up from Bath to participate in this fixture but unfortunately fell to the same fate. It required some solid defensive work from Tony Collard to stop the rot whilst Jim Evans kept the scoreboard ticking.



Bravely playing in spite of the poor weather, the Old Boys were sunk by the outstanding play of Tom Bellis

When these two were dismissed, Rob Whittle and Jeremy Brummitt attempted to move the score along until Whittle lofted a catch off the slow bowling of Cooke.

Jeremy Brummitt was looking good, displaying a few classic cover drives before he fell to Bellis, who swiftly dismissed Younger and Fearnall. This left the score at 90-9 with Will Lamb and late draftee John Wainwright at the crease. Wainwright demonstrated his ability with the bat by hitting a leg-side boundary before Lamb became the final victim for Bellis who finished with figures of 23-7.

The Old Boys total of 101 was one of the lowest in recent memory and the batsmen, with the exception of Wain-

wright, were undone by a fine exhibition of seam bowling by Tom Bellis.

Nevertheless, the Old Boys refused to 'throw the towel in' and put in concerted bowling effort in an attempt to pull off an improbable victory. David Atkin, our Premier League bowler, put in a tremendous effort against the Blake twins who opened the batting for the school. Atkin produced a superb delivery to dismiss Mike Blake caught at slip by Lamb. Rob Whittle was bowling beautifully at the other end achieving six consecutive maidens. Sadly, the wickets were not falling quickly enough. Neil Pollard bowled four overs of left arm swing without any luck before Jeremy Brummitt came on to bowl having had little practice during the season. However, he bowled an impeccable line and length and took two wickets – both stumped by Mike Younger who demonstrated his outstanding technique as a wicket keeper. Unfortunately, it wasn't enough and the school won by 6 wickets with Tom Bellis on 14 not out.

Our thanks go to the ground staff for their efforts in making the match possible and Saul Marks for acting as scorer for the Old Boys. His impeccable score-sheet shows that he was not called 'Stato' for nothing.

**Will Lamb**

## President's Evening

President Peter Bernie welcomed nearly forty members and guests, including the new Headmaster Chris Ramsey and some student members on a pleasant September evening to an informal buffet supper. This year we changed the venue of recent years, the School, to the Westminster Suite of the Grosvenor Pulford Hotel (the President's local?!) The private rooms complemented the numbers and occasion perfectly. After a complimentary drink on arrival, guests were able to relax and chat. The President gave a brief welcome, taking the opportunity to introduce the Head to the members. Peter Bernie also drew the names of the two lucky new student members who would be receiving £50 book tokens towards their forthcoming University studies. (Congratulations to Matthew Dodd and Omkar Vedpathak).

There followed an excellent two course buffet with choices that seemed to find favour with everyone. The quantity and quality were excellent - there was more than enough food for even the largest appetite. Convivial conversation continued after coffee, with members mingling amongst friends old and new. All present agreed that the evening had been most enjoyable.

**Nick Phillipson**



Young members enjoying the President's Evening

## Snooker at The City Club

A gathering of 38 Chester City Grammar School and King's School alumni enjoyed an excellent meal at the City Club before settling down to the serious business of the annual snooker match.

King's started in grand form and before long had won a succession of games. A great feeling of confidence spread through the Wrexham Road crew – but too soon. The CGS men made a determined come back that put real pressure on King's. It looked as if it would be down to the 19<sup>th</sup> game to settle it, but we were saved the agony by a close contest in which Mickey Moore prevailed. At last we have wrested the cup from the grasp of CGS. Thanks to Glyn-Meagher Jones and John Morgan (CGS) for ensuring a thrill packed evening.

**Paul Consterdine**



Your President, Peter Bernie, in action and receiving the John Douglas trophy from John Morgan of CGS



## Remembrance Day

This year's Remembrance Day service took place in Chester Cathedral on 11 November 2007, with Sunday falling exactly on the anniversary of the ending of the First World War. The service was particularly relevant locally with First Battalion of The Mercian Regiment ('The Cheshires') just starting a six month posting in Iraq and many of their relatives at the service. The Combined Cadet Force was represented by a large contingent of forty four and members laid wreaths provided by CAOKS, as is the tradition. The Association was represented by the President, as well as a number of Past Presidents.

**Peter Bernie**



CCF Cadets laid CAOKS wreaths outside Chester Cathedral in remembrance of those who have died in combat

## Racing at Bangor-on-Dee

For the third successive year, the Old Boys arranged a race day at Bangor-on-Dee on Totesport day, at the start of the National Hunt season. We were fortunate to have the two best tables of ten in The Paddock Restaurant at which guests enjoyed a splendid three course meal served as 'silver service' and they were able to enjoy the full range of facilities offered, including easy access to the Parade Ring and racecourse.

The President, Peter Bernie and his very elegant wife, Shani, sat at the top of one of the tables and endeavoured to select a few winners in an interesting field containing some up-and-coming horses with a selection of local runners. A number of races were covered by Channel 4 Racing, who had Alice Plunkett and Graham Goode combining roles as presenters and race commentators.

With regard to the racing, Master Nimbus was an impressive 13 length winner of the opener, whilst the 13-2 chance, Souffler won the Novice Hurdle in fine style and could be one to watch for the future. It was noted that Senior Vice President, Steve Downey was regularly collecting winnings from the Tote and obviously knew a lot more about racing than he had cared to divulge. Michael Jessop, a shareholder in the Bangor-on-Dee racecourse, was also proving to be a shrewd judge of the card and kept his syndicate in the Tote Placepot for a number of races with some astute selections.

The most exciting finish of the afternoon was in the race sponsored by Rensberg Sheppards, when Sunday City led approaching the last but made a mistake over the final hurdle and fell, interfering with the favourite Aces or Better in second place. As he lost vital ground, the home-bred Our Jasper came through to win for Cholomondley based trainer, Donald McCain.

In the meantime, Dave Sandiford was coming up trumps with some careful choices and Peter Bernie was caught collecting a substantial pay-out from 'Honest Jack', one of the on-course bookmakers. It was also good to see 'Bert' Lister with his wife Seline as he has only recently recovered from a hip operation. However crutches were not stopping him watching the horses performing over the jumps. Our racing expert, Jeremy Brummitt, was having trouble assessing the early season form but managed to pick up some useful pointers for future.

The mild conditions were excellent for viewing and over 5,000 people attended the meeting, which was concluded by the Mares Only National Hunt Flat race. Wychwoods Legend proved a saviour for a number of the group, who left with a good win. However, for the unlucky ones, better luck next time !

**Will Lamb**



## Prefects - The Good, The Bad and The Ugly...

"What are you doing there, boy?"

Years later, English classes would teach me that this was known as a rhetorical question. It was morning breaktime on my first day at the King's School. I turned, to be confronted by a towering figure wearing a gown billowing in the breeze. My puzzled look prompted the next question. "Are you a new boy?" That derogatory tag once again. My transgression, it was explained, was to have crossed the invisible line between the end of the bikesheds and the start of the grass. This could be passed only at lunch break and only then after changing into outdoor shoes. "I'm sorry Sir, I didn't know." My 'new' status at least appeared to have spared me an early punishment. "And another thing, you don't call me 'Sir', I'm a Prefect."

A couple of hours earlier, I had entered this frightening place, an overwhelmed eleven year old from a little welsh primary school. The first thing that struck me was that here the teachers, or rather 'Masters', wore gowns, just like those in the Billy Bunter stories I had read. Now I learned that they were not the only ones. Who were these 'Prefects'. Experienced classmates explained that they were actually senior pupils. At that time they pretty much ran the school outside of the lessons themselves. They supervised breaktimes, issued stationery, let us into class before lessons and oversaw lunchtimes, where food was then served in the area at the rear of the hall. They had great power and could issue 'impositions', the King's equivalent of lines, and Friday evening detentions. It was even rumoured that corporal punishment by Prefects had occurred to the most serious offenders. To me these eighteen year old young men were indistinguishable from the Masters until I discovered the vital clue. Prefects wore sandals like the rest of us, to protect the wood floors of the, then, brand new school, while Masters did not. Outdoor shoes were left in shoe cages in a large veranda area known as 'the cloisters', a real throwback to the days in the Cathedral.

The Prefects were based in a room off the dining area, to the left of the new trophy cabinet, which I believe now is the Bursar's office. This was hallowed ground, and rumour had it that the only boys ever to enter there were those facing corporal punishment. At that time the room had an outside window, before the extension of the dining area, and the paved area outside was the Prefects' sun terrace. Of the individuals who occupied this high office I don't remember many by name, but the Head Prefect in my first year was C. A. Lamond. One year our class Prefect was Jim Brotherhood – he had that deep, well spoken and authoritative voice even then.

This then was the ultimate objective; to become a Prefect as a culmination of one's time at the King's School. Before my time came, a new office was introduced – the Sub Prefect. This was a lesser office created to spread the increasing burden of work falling upon the Prefects. They did not wear the imposing gown but wore instead a newly created, (and pretty awful), green version of the sixth form tie. They had many of the powers of the Prefects but crucially did not have access to the Prefects' Room (If the Master's common room was the Holy of Holies, then this was the Holy Place).

As a sixth former I served two terms as a Sub Prefect before receiving the ultimate accolade. It began with the donning of the gown, ascending the stage at the end of assembly for the handshake with the Head and the ritual signing of the book. My first entry into the inner sanctum of the Prefects' room was surprising. It was like the Tardis – appearing far bigger than its surroundings could possibly allow. There were lockers, a huge table and chairs, a kettle and coffee and cups and a fridge. It really was very comfortable and very private. Amazingly, even the Headmaster knocked before entering. Prefects were members of the elite Seventh Form, reserved for them and boys who were doing Oxbridge exams, post A levels. Our form Master was John Scott, the second Master and the form room was the Prefects' room. The Prefects took lunch at a table raised above the rest of the area and were always joined during the first sitting by the Head. Naturally there were always some who volunteered for first sitting and others who invariably chose second sitting. Best of all was when we would have lunch served in the Prefects' room itself.



*Back row (l to r): Peter Wilkes, ?, Robert Hughes, Monty Goodman, Richard Kilsby, Mike Gaye, Andy Green.  
Front row (l to r): Martin Hough, Tim Alexander-MacQuiban, Anthony Russell, Roger Pearce, Neil Allender, Robert Butcher.*

Life as a Prefect was good. The duties were not really onerous at all, being shared with the Sub Prefects, but then we were studying for A levels after all. Older boys have always bossed around the youngsters anyway – this way it was official. I have attached a photograph taken in 1969 from my time as a Prefect – apologies if I have failed to record anyone's name correctly. We actually look quite a respectable bunch!

Finally they always say that the only boys you remember as a Prefect are those who are always in need of admonishment of some sort or another. The name I best remember was Ackroyd A. I wonder what ever happened to him!!

**Robert Butcher (1970)**



## Around The World...In Seven Months

Leaving home on a typical English winter's day in early January with the prospect of adventure and the unknown ahead was a daunting idea. After taking pictures of my MASSIVE rucksack, full of goodies for the children I would meet, and saying my good-byes, I sat on the first of many planes that would take me worldwide – the first leg of my journey had begun!

After gaining top grades on results day, yet having failed to get a place into medical school, I decided to take a year out and re-apply. I took on three jobs until Christmas, which helped to fund my trip. Continuing with my work as a groom, I also worked evenings in a pub and began work for a care agency. This involved helping at nursing homes and with people with disabilities. This was a completely different experience and I worked alongside people from Poland and Russia. A lot of them were over-qualified to be working as care assistants, and in one case I met a Russian Doctor who had trained for ten years but his qualifications meant nothing here – yet he earns more for basic care than he can as a Doctor in his home country.



After saving until Christmas my first stop was South Africa. Here I spent a month in an orphanage volunteering my help. I chose this orphanage because unlike so many other organisations you did not have to pay to be a volunteer. If you found your own way to Johannesburg airport then they would keep you on the understanding that you were there to help and entertain the children at the weekends and after school. Upon my arrival, I was hugely relieved to see Jaboo waiting for me. The reason being that several people had asked me what gun would I be taking?! They were not joking – Johannesburg is a very violent place as I was about to discover. The Orphanage is called the Topsy Foundation, which focuses on four different areas to help prevent HIV and AIDS and alleviate its consequences. These were the community outreach programmes, clinical care, an orphanage and a crèche.

With my ambition to be a doctor I found the clinical care and outreach programme most interesting. I spent several days with the Doctor in clinic and with the community nurse visiting patients in their homes. The whole experience was eye opening. Stepping inside the patient's homes was a privilege. Having the chance to touch the surface and try to understand what these people have to go through just to see tomorrow was moving. From the outside, it looked like the people of Grootvlei live inside very small metal shacks. Once inside however, I quickly realised how we are very similar. They were house-proud. They are also very resourceful and many owned carpeted floors and three piece suites, as well as televisions. Obviously, the standard of living depends very much on how wealthy you are. I did not see the extreme poverty as I was based in the countryside, which is more affluent than the inner cities.

Spending time with the doctor, I learnt how South Africa deals with Aids. The Doctor tries only to treat her patients and not do basic tests as these are expensive. As the clinic is privately owned she prefers that the patients arrive having been tested. Firstly, they test to see whether they are TB positive as this is the main infection, causing death. If positive, the patients are then put on a two-month course of TB treatment. After that, depending on their CDT cell count (the cells involved with immunity) they start the appropriate ARV course (treatment) to increase their CDT cell count and in effect increase their immunity. All of this is a very long process and requires several consultations with the social worker who explains to the patient that this is a life long treatment and cannot be taken casually. This part is paramount as South Africa cannot afford variations of treatment and if the medication is stopped, a resistance to the medication can build making it ineffective.

I witnessed a boy being tested for HIV. This was overwhelming as although I didn't have any relationship with this child I felt that with one prick of the finger (blood is put on a dipstick which changes colour accordingly) his life could be about to change. I did not find out whether he was positive. This information is confidential. I was shocked about the way I reacted because I found it difficult to come to terms with the fact that this young boy had not done anything wrong but could be like so many children in Africa – infected with HIV. The individual is condemned before he even enters this world.

Working in the crèche a few mornings a week and entertaining the children after school and at weekends was lots of fun. We made guitars, face masks and used many fancy dress costumes. Dressing up was a huge favourite with the boys who were completely uninhibited and loved wearing tight mini skirts! On one occasion, we (the volunteers) decided to draw a world map. To our surprise, but I suppose we shouldn't have been quite so shocked, we found that the children found it very hard to grasp the idea that planet Earth is round and there are so many other countries besides South Africa. When I first arrived at the orphanage there was one other volunteer from Australia – the only other person that spoke English as their first language. I found it very difficult to know what to do – as, in Africa, everything happens in 'African Time.' This meant I was never officially shown around and told exactly what they expected me to do. I learnt by making mistakes, which I found very frustrating as I felt I was just scrambling around in





the dark and hoping for the best. After three weeks however, I had learnt where the boundaries were and had formed relationships with the staff and the children. I had found my niche. When the time came to leave, although I was ready to move on, I was very sad to leave the children and got up early to see them off to school. Looking back over photos brings back special memories as it now seems a very long time ago.

One weekend, whilst at Topsy, I travelled to Johannesburg. It was very different to anything I have ever experienced. Not only did I travel for an hour and a half in the pitch black like an illegal immigrant in the back of a truck, with a guy I had only known two weeks (granted by that time I knew him pretty well) but our hostel had just the two of us, a parrot and a very strange Asian guy who didn't speak! That weekend I covered a lot of history - visiting Soweto and the Apartheid museum. I learnt a huge amount about the student uprising in 1976, which brought about the slow change to equality between black and whites. Today it is still not perfect and there is so much anger from the black community towards the white South Africans. I felt ashamed to be from England as it was our country that treated the South Africans so despicably in the first place. I visited Nelson Mandela's house and now have a much wider understanding and huge respect for everything he has done in order to gain equality. Whilst in Johannesburg, I went out for a meal one evening. I was with Brett, the male volunteer from Topsy; it was still light but when we left the restaurant, we both felt very vulnerable and had to cross the street a few times to avoid gangs of youths, some of whom looked a mere fourteen years old. We had no bags on us, everything hidden but from the stories we had heard we were very cautious because when you are confronted with a knife it does not matter how old the person is. This just highlights how South Africa still has a very long way to go and the high walls and electric fencing surrounding peoples' houses reinforces this fact.

From South Africa I flew to New Zealand where, after a few hiccups, I managed to find a job working as a groom for an elite eventing squad member. I was based near Auckland and worked six long days a week. I enjoyed every second and it was a welcome relief to be doing something I knew really well and not have the feeling I was blindly hoping for the best. Jenna, my employer, also trained racehorses which I have never had any experience with before. I found this side of my job very interesting and I could tell you a lot about the form in Kiwi racing and probably pick a few winners but, sadly, I have no idea about the trainers and jockeys over here! I worked with Jenna for just over three months and got to travel a lot of North Island with her competing.

At the end of May I left Jenna's and flew to Christchurch, South Island NZ and met up with three school friends. From here we hired a campervan and travelled the whole coast. The highlights were Fox Glacier on the west coast, and Queenstown. I have never been big on Geography but when we saw the glacier, it was magnificent. From simply travelling along the coast, through forests and then rounding a corner, a mile hike and we saw this huge ice front, which was less than 100m away from us - just mesmerising. Mother Nature is amazing. I will be recommending this as an ideal Geography field trip to the Kings school! Queenstown is the party town of the backpacker, so this was not hard to be a highlight. Here we went white water rafting and we all bungy jumped! The most fantastic adrenalin rush I've ever had. I was buzzing all day. I don't care what people say about the pressure put on the brain from the speed of the free fall, I would have done it again if I had not been on a budget but will definitely be doing it again some time soon!

Next stop was Australia. We landed in Melbourne on the 31<sup>st</sup> of May and visited the Melbourne museum, which I have to say is one of the best I've ever been to. Of course, whilst in this city we did the pilgrimage of the Neighbours show; visiting Ramsey Street and Erinsburgh High. We then caught a flight to Sydney and stayed with some Rugby guys in Manly who we knew from home. Sydney was my favourite city. I loved the architecture down the old streets and then the party scene at night. We climbed to the top of the harbour bridge and had a spectacular view of the opera house and the harbour. Whilst there we also visited the aquarium, mainly because I was desperate to see a duck-billed platypus, as they are the only mammals that have webbed feet and lay eggs. When relaying this to my Gran she got quite excited and wanted to know whether it was the same mammal she had seen twenty years previously! After a twelve-hour bus journey, which was pure torture, we arrived in Brisbane. Whilst staying here we made a trip to Steve Irwin's Australian Zoo. This was spectacular. I had the opportunity to pat a Koala, Kangaroo and a Camel as well as see the world famous Crocoseum in action. The best zoo I have ever been to!

From Brisbane we continued our adventure up the coast to Cape Tribulation. Scuba diving on the Great Barrier Reef, Sailing down croc infested waters, and learning to Surf all being highlights. Our next stop was Fiji. Here we learnt the importance of Fiji time! Everything runs at least an hour late. We island hopped for a week in paradise; swimming with sharks, climbing to a summit at 5 o'clock in the morning to see the sunrise and skydiving. I preferred the bungy jumping but throwing myself out of a plane strapped to a big hairy man was exhilarating!

Our last stop was California. We hired a Cadillac and toured around L.A for a day. Visiting all the famous stops, including Paris Hilton's house, Marilyn Monroe's grave, and of course the Hollywood sign. We spent Independence Day in San Diego and almost got caught up with a gang fight as seen in the films! We made a hasty exit.

Arriving home in July I realised how fortunate I have been to have the opportunity to travel and the huge amount of fun I have had along the way. Not getting into university first time round was probably the best thing that could have happened and now I am eager and still focused to study medicine. Thank you so much CAOKS for helping me fund my trip to South Africa.

Laura-Beth Pilkington

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## Ugandan Adventures

Last year around this time I was flying out to Uganda for the first time, before I left I didn't give myself much time to consider what I expected, and I think even now it is very hard to sum up what I learnt from my experience

The first day I arrived I was given a tour of Kampala, the capital city. It is such a noisy, dusty, busy place, full of energy. Boda-boda's (which are motorbikes or push bikes that work like taxis) wait on every corner offering a lift. An offer only to be accepted if you dare as the traffic system is chaotic to say the least! Busy shops cram the side streets selling everything from toothpaste to beef stock. These tiny stalls are amazing; you can almost buy everything you could ever need from a shop that is only a couple of metres square. It was not long after my arrival in Uganda that I fell in love with the street food too. Roll-eggs have to be a favourite, they're made of thin fried bread on top of an omelette rolled up with cabbage and tomatoes inside. As well as these you can buy chips, samosa, potatoes and fried dough balls everywhere in the city outskirts. Walk anywhere for ten minutes and you're sure to find a stand!

I only had a couple of days in Kampala before heading out to my project. It was in a very rural part of Uganda in the South West of the country. For the year I was to live with another volunteer, Eilidh, who had also just finished school. We were given a small house with a kitchen, a bathroom and two bedrooms. We had a spasmodic electricity supply and an equally unreliable water source! The first few weeks at the project were spent learning how to survive, all I can say is that our lives got so much easier once we had discovered the joys of paraffin when lighting a charcoal stove! Quickly, however we got into the ways of Ugandan life.

Throughout the year the church would play a huge role in our lives overseas. The question we always got asked when we first met someone was often not, "What is your name?" but "Are you saved?" I remember when we first went to the local Church it was in the local language. Despite this everyone was very welcoming. We were taken to the front, and asked to introduce ourselves to the entire congregation, something that you come to expect as a "muzungu" (white person) but at first was very strange! We sat at the front and the service was translated for us. The singing was amazing and really moving. At the end we were taken to lunch at the pastor's house, despite the fact that we had arrived unannounced. This demonstrates something of the huge sense of hospitality shown to us by most Ugandans. When we first arrived we were invited for many meals out. Once we were walking and got struck by a downpour, on seeing us a student invited us into their house where we were given food, drinks and spent about two hours talking to her family. This is so opposite to the way that in England we often don't talk to our neighbours, never mind strangers. I think one of the things I have definitely learnt from my year is the value of hospitality. I know what a difference it makes as a new comer to be invited into someone's house for dinner, or made to feel welcome in other ways. (Our neighbour bought us a pineapple!) This applies not only to foreign visitors, but new people at work or in school.



While living in Uganda my main job was teaching. During the week I taught maths to pupils in the first two years of secondary school. When I first started, this was very difficult. Although all teaching is done in English, as it is the official language, many students have not learnt it to a high level before they enter secondary school. In order to communicate I had to learn "African-English." This involved talking slower as well as using different phrases like "quickly, quickly" for please work quickly and "now, now" if I wanted the students to do something straight away! There were other problems to overcome in the classroom too. The students' ages range from twelve to nineteen and their abilities vary hugely. The class sizes were as big as eighty, so spending time with individuals was always a challenge! It was not until the third term that I really began to enjoy and feel confident in my teaching. As a teacher you are always learning how to improve, my learning curve was certainly very steep!

As well as teaching I helped at a street children's project, "Hope Africa", teaching PE and reading on a Monday and Friday. It was a great activity. It took a while to gain some of the students' trust, but they were always so enthusiastic about everything new thing we had to show or do with them. One of my favourite memories was at Easter when I made paper men with them. The men had a toilet roll for a body, and cardboard for arms and legs. We then gave them a boiled egg each for a head. Eilidh organised face painting and then the children prowled around being tigers!

After we returned from our Christmas holidays Eilidh and I spent our weekends teaching swimming at a nearby lake. Traditionally Ugandans "fear the water." Many children who live around the lake have never learnt to swim. For a community that depend on dug out canoes for transport this is a big problem! For the last couple of months we worked with a group of girls, at first none of them could swim but by the end we couldn't get them out of the water! During the Easter holiday we also spent a week helping with a swim camp. Everyday we canoed for two hours to a school on the lake and taught the about a hundred students to swim...it was freezing!



While I was in Uganda I was asked by the charity that sent me overseas to produce a community report. This could be on anything from local food or dress to history or music. I chose to do mine on the economic issues facing Uganda. I wanted to study this because I felt very frustrated that there did not seem to be a solution to the problems with poverty in the area. The main thing I learnt is that poverty is not a simple issue. Because of this, the way we give money as a developed country must be very carefully considered. Although giving money to a school is beneficial in some ways, if there are no jobs for the students once they leave it is not necessarily helping development. Giving money on its own, does not guarantee development. After a year living in Uganda I feel the best way out of poverty is through investment in business. By encouraging development in this way, rather than by giving donations, it teaches people that they are capable of supporting themselves, this gives them pride and self belief. I wanted to include this in this article because I feel that the only images we often get of Africa are of poor children on Oxfam appeals or pictures of famine. Many of my more educated Ugandan friends did not think this was a beneficial image to convey, and I definitely think there is more to Uganda than charity. This was proved just by the amazing food you can buy there! Although I certainly saw the kind of children that are shown in Oxfam appeals, I believe that constructive help makes a much bigger difference than handouts. I would encourage anyone who wants to make a difference to go on holiday to Uganda.

Overall, my life in Uganda was incredibly valuable, to me just as much as, I hope, to the people I worked with. I made some great friends and got to see many stunning places. I would definitely recommend East Africa as an alternative holiday destination! Recently there has been much criticism of gap years but I can't disagree more, as a chance to learn about the world is unmatched. A year of reading The Times would never teach me all the things I now know about international politics or about different cultures! I am very grateful to everyone who supported me in my year overseas. Uganda is a stunning and a diverse country I am so lucky to have had the chance to live and work there for a year.

**Caroline Brindle**



## School Trip to the Italian Battlefields

The biennial School History Trip took place in October with pupils visiting the battlefields around Anzio, Minturno and Cassino. Of the 54 Old King's Scholars who gave their lives in World War II two were killed in Italy. They were John Brett Davey who lies in Minturno War Cemetery and Richard Campbell Evans who is buried in Assisi War Cemetery, which is to be found north of Rome 140 km away.

Adrian Ackroyd kindly provided two wreaths on behalf of CAOKS, which we laid in informal acts of remembrance, one at John Davey's grave and the other at Anzio Beach Head cemetery. We laid a third, school wreath, at Cassino cemetery. I managed to find out a fair bit about John Davey before the trip (see below). Helen Holyoak was helpful as ever in combing the school archives and the Cheshire regimental archivist, Geoff Crump, also provided some really good detail on him. He even has a photo in the regimental records, although I don't have a copy. The centrepiece of the six-day tour was the wreath-laying at Davey's grave. Our guide, for the sixth trip running, Piers Storie-Pugh, asked pupils to read poems and then I gave the historical background to the fighting at Minturno, based on the cemetery detail and the Cheshire regimental history. Davey was only at King's for the Lent term of 1935, when he would have been 16-17. For this reason, we asked the lower sixth pupils on the trip (also 16-17) to give readings at his grave side and to lay the wreath. We then held a minute's silence. It was a suitably moving experience, as you can imagine. Obviously, we did other things as well. There were museum visits, several cemetery visits (as well as the CWGC cemeteries, we visited the US one at Nettuno and the Polish and German ones at Cassino), and we heard Vespers in the abbey of Monte-Cassino. We managed to fit in a wonderful visit to Pompeii and a day trip to Rome, too. Sixty pupils went on the trip, aged 13-18, accompanied by eight staff, led by yours truly. We had no less than three guides, Piers who did the cemeteries and Ingleby Jefferson who did the battlefields of Anzio and Cassino, and his wife Alex who helped out in Rome. Ingleby is a former military attaché at the British Embassy in Rome so he and Alex used to live there.



John Davey was a pupil at King's for just one term in 1935, when he was 16-17 years old. As a small boy he went to Arden House School. He also later attended Malvern College. As his father (Charles William Brett Davey) was in the army – a Lieutenant-Colonel no less – it is possible that the family moved around. Malvern also has strong links with the army, as Mr Storie-Pugh can testify. When John Davey was at Malvern, his parents' address was Rushcombe House Farm, Woodmancote, Cheltenham. He was born in Chester on the 4th February 1918 and, while at King's, his address was The Parsonage, Broughton, Chester. According to school records, fees were paid for the Lent term of 1935 but those due for the summer term were "written off". He does

not appear on the school photograph of 1935, which was probably taken in the summer term. Presumably, he left King's and went on to Malvern. According to his Cheshire Regiment biographical details, Davey developed a great interest in sports whilst at school. He is described as an expert horseman and angler. He is also said to have possessed great talent as an artist and caricaturist. On leaving school he decided to take up farming and began his training at Malpas in Cheshire. Prior to the war he served as a Territorial with the Cheshire Yeomanry. Regimental records disagree about just when Davey received his commission. One source says he received a commission in late 1940 and joined the 7th Battalion in the summer of 1941, another that he served with the Regiment for two years before receiving his commission. He may also have served in the ranks of the 2nd Battalion. The Cheshire Regiment has 34 men buried in Minturno War Cemetery, the majority of the burials, like Davey's, coming from the early months of 1944. Davey was killed in action on the 21st of January 1944 at the Garigliano river whilst with the 7th. The regimental researcher has a scribbled note that Davey was killed when he stepped on a mine, information he thinks he obtained from the late General Sir Peter Martin (a speaker at King's before the Normandy battlefields trip in 1999). The 7th Battalion wrote of him: "We all feel the loss of Lieut J B Davey, who was killed in Italy while serving with a Brigade Support Group. John Davey joined us from the Dale in the summer of 1941. He immediately gained popularity with all ranks in the Battalion owing to his tremendous sense of humour and cheery outlook. A great many will continue to remember his drawings and caricatures of Regimental personalities when the war becomes a dim incident of the past. He was always very proud and fond of our Regiment in which he hoped, after the war, to become a Regular Officer."

To place the deaths of these two OKS in context, the Allies had invaded the Italian mainland on 3<sup>rd</sup> September 1943 and progress through southern Italy was rapid. However by the end of October, the Allies were facing the German winter defensive position known as the Gustav Line which stretched from the River Garigliano in the west to the Sangro in the east. Initial attempts to breach the western end of the line were unsuccessful. In January 1944 troops were landed behind the German lines at Anzio. On the 17<sup>th</sup> January an attack was made across the River Garigliano and by the 19<sup>th</sup> Minturno was taken. The town lies 78 kilometres north of Naples, close to the coast. The Allies subsequently lost some ground and the cemetery where John Brett Davey is buried could not be used again until May 1944 when the Allies launched their final advance on Rome. This breakthrough by the Allies was not actually achieved until 18<sup>th</sup> May, when the town of Cassino and the dominating Monastery Hill were finally taken. Rome was taken by the Allies on 3<sup>rd</sup> June and during June and July 1944 the Germans were making their first attempts to stop the Allied advances north of Rome. The site for the Assisi cemetery where Richard Campbell Evans is buried was selected in September 1944 and burials were brought in from the surrounding battlefields.

#### JOHN BRETT DAVEY

Lieutenant, 7<sup>th</sup> Battalion, Cheshire Regiment who died on Friday, 21<sup>st</sup> January 1944. Age 25.

Son of Lt.-Col. Charles William Brett Davey and Patricia Davey, of Woodmancote, Gloucestershire.

MINTURNO Cemetery lies several kilometres south of the town on the road to Naples and is situated in the locality of Marina di Minturno (Garigliano). The burials are mainly those of the heavy casualties incurred in crossing the Garigliano. There are now 2,049 Commonwealth burials of the 1939-45 war commemorated in this site.

#### RICHARD CAMPBELL EVANS B.A. (Cantab.).

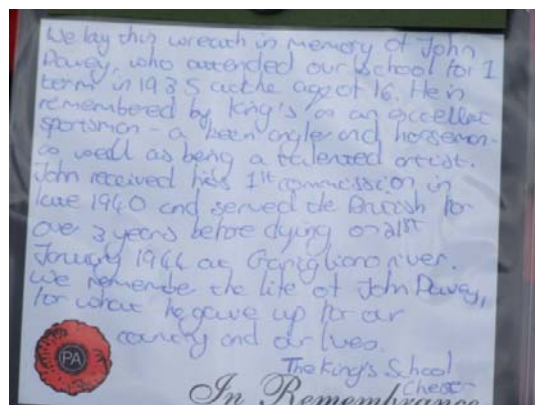
Lieutenant, 17<sup>th</sup>/21<sup>st</sup> Lancers, R.A.C. who died on Wednesday, 28<sup>th</sup> June 1944. Age 21.

Son of William Henry and Margaret Crawford Campbell Evans, of Vicar's Cross, Cheshire.

The Assisi War Cemetery forms part of the locality of Rivotorto in the Commune of Assisi, in the Province of Perugia. A high proportion of the burials date from June and July 1944, when the Germans were making, in this region, their first attempts to stop the Allied advance north of Rome. There are now 945, 1939-45 war casualties commemorated in this site.

The CAOKS wreaths carried the following inscription "*Qui sui memores alios fecere merendo*" surrounding the CAOKS crest below which were inscribed "*To the Glory of God and in Grateful and Abiding Memory of the 114 Old King's Scholars who laid down their lives in the cause of freedom*" and "*Rex dedit - benedicat Deus*"

Seb. Neal



Photographs from the Italian Battlefields trip. The inscription on the CAOKS wreath finishes "We remember the life of John Davey, for what he gave up for our country and our lives. The King's School, Chester."



## School News

- The Duke of Westminster visited the school to formally open the new buildings.
- Cadets from the school CCF unit laid wreaths at the Remembrance Day ceremony outside the cathedral.
- The 1st Football XI beat Aldenham in the first round of the ISFA cup. In the second they met the Grange school at home and won 2-0.
- A school team was 4<sup>th</sup> in a national golf competition sponsored by The British Heart Foundation with final being played at The Belfry.
- The school placed second in the Liverpool Physics Olympics.
- This year's Chester Cathedral Christmas card was designed by pupil Eleanor Bunting.
- Tom Williams, a Remove pupil, has been selected for the GB junior sailing team.
- Andrew Dyne is a member of the Cheshire U.18 football XI to play Lancashire
- Rensburg-Sheppards U13 ISFA Cup: The Under 13XI will play in the last eight.
- On the recent football tour the school beat Bedford Modern and Kimbolton and drew against The Perse.
- The 7-a-side team beat Altrincham prep 2-1 to take the Association of Junior Independent Schools' trophy
- The girls' cross-country team was 4<sup>th</sup> out of 19 schools in the AJIS championships. 9 year old Niamh Jones was 23<sup>rd</sup> in a field largely comprising 11 year olds.
- Edward Ramsey of year 2 was in the cast of 'Dr Dolittle' at the Palace Theatre Manchester, recently.
- Penny Downes, aged 10, was overall winner in a Chester Sailing Club race series which included youngsters up to the age of 14.



The Duke of Westminster formally opens the new school buildings with the help of several students

## Alumni News

- **Graham Scott (1985)**, son of a former King's School deputy head, John Scott, has carved out a distinguished career as a pianist and keyboard teacher. He has his own website: <http://www.grahamscott.co.uk/index.htm>.
- **Kevin Jones (1973)** graduated in 1976 from St Catharine's College then Charing Cross and Westminster Medical School (1979) then 1986 onwards Royal Army Medical Corps. Now living in Northumberland, Working as a GP in Gateshead with some teaching duties at Newcastle Medical School. Into cycling, squash, wine tasting and amateur dramatics!
- **Richard Hoyland (1974)** graduated University of Birmingham (1978) followed by Aston University (1983-1986). Now an Optometrist in Exeter and has recently started his own practice in Totnes.
- **Jonathan Whittaker (1974)** studied dentistry at Liverpool University. Married with three children. Works as a dentist in Cirencester and is also a Gloucester City Councillor for Liberal Democrats. He is the Gloucester representative for Campaign Against Climate Change. He helped set up and runs the peace and environmental organisations: 'Traffic lights for peace' and 'Save our planet days'.
- **Nick James (1974)** was engaged on 28 Apr 2007. Works in Kazakhstan as Regional Director, Aedas. He has three children.
- **Alan Strange (1974)** is rector, Holy Trinity Church, Norwich. Married to Natalie and has 2 children.
- **Phil Dutton (1973)** is still single after all these years and is now a Physics/Science teacher in Wellington, New Zealand. Phil moved around a bit since quitting the Navy in 1991 - Bahrain, Oman and a long spell in and around Surbiton in Surrey. He is still in close contact with many school and college friends. Never married.
- **Chris Whittaker (2001)** fought off competition from thousands of applicants to land first a coveted internship at the investment bank Rothschild and, later, a job on its graduate recruitment programme.
- **David Whitley (2003)** has published a new book 'The Midnight Charter'. Publisher Simon Boughton who recently acquired the book for Roaring Brook, said: 'The Midnight Charter is in the tradition of great children's fantasies, from C.S. Lewis to Philip Pullman; it's both a thrilling adventure story and a book with a clear and compelling moral vision. We're very, very pleased to be publishing it and to welcome David Whitley to the Roaring Brook list at the beginning of his career.'
- **Christian LeMiere (1996)** is editor of Jane's Intelligence Review. He recently spoke on radio on the Sri Lankan situation.
- **Anthony Fletcher (2000)** writes: As the project leader for innocent's 'Supergran' project I was lucky enough to be presented

with Business in the Communities National award for excellence for Cause Related Marketing. Al Gore, Prince Charles and a impressive smattering of broadsheet editors and industry leader turned out to the awards ceremony at the Albert Hall. The project involved the voluntary knitting of 230,000 little woolly hats which were then used to promote the sale of innocent smoothies whilst raising vital funds to help keep older people warm over the winter months. In 2006 £115,000 was raised, as well as vital publicity for what is sometimes regarded as a less glamorous cause. The project was praised not just for its innovation but how it generated a real win-win for both the charity, the retailers and innocent. Last years success means we're looking to knit 400,000 hats this year. If you want to see how we're doing check out:

<http://www.innocentdrinks.co.uk/thebigknit/>.



Anthony Fletcher at the Royal Albert Hall

Congratulations to:

- **Fred Owen (2004)** who is Captain of the Cambridge University Cricket Club and has won his second blue.
- **David Thomson(1999)** and **Andy Wignall (2001)** who have both played for the first university officer training corps unit (Liverpool University) ever to win the TA cup.

**Michael Brotherhood (2000)** 'Professional student' writes: When I bumped into Paul Consterdine at a recent CAOKS social function and he asked if I would like to write an account of "where am I now?" I felt a mixed emotions begin to well up inside me. On the one hand, I was honoured that he asked. But soon after this feeling faded, my self-satisfaction quickly turned to blind panic. I realised I may actually have to justify to you all the last 7 years of multiple Gap years and, in Paul's own words, my career as a "professional student" since leaving King's. Well, for you to understand this career path you may need to know a little more about my plans and experiences over the past 7 years. So here goes.

In 2000, I left school on the proverbial jet-plane to teach the Aussies how to play 'soccer' at a boarding school in Sydney. This was to be the first of my GAP years. Whilst there, I think I fulfilled pretty much every 'traveller' stereotype going, from the wild nights out right down to long hair, beads and even a tattoo that my parents despised. Narrowly avoiding deportation, I returned to the UK to officially begin my student career reading history at Newcastle University, in the hope that it would be as much fun as it had been King's. The standard of Churchill impressions certainly dropped and there was less climbing on tables to illustrate the realities of trench-warfare, but I enjoyed myself nevertheless. After two years I had become a quazi-expert in the medieval history of Feud, and perhaps most randomly, tenth century Icelandic sagas! I had never considered I might be interested in these sorts of things whilst at school. I suppose that's one of the best things of being a student- bizarre interests begin to materialise from the depths of your soul and what's more, you are in an environment in which these interests are indulged to the extent that you may even find someone else mad enough to shares them.

However, having only just begun to work hard in my final year at Newcastle I realised that the big, bad real world was looming large on the horizon and my lust for history had not yet been satisfied. So I immediately, packed myself off to Manchester to complete a Masters in French Medieval history. Where was this all going I hear you ask? I couldn't really tell you to be perfectly honest. I suppose I was thinking about escaping into an academic career, with teaching high of the list of potential career paths. I had always liked the idea of being called 'Dr. Brotherhood', I soon realised that the novelty would probably have worn off after the first headed letter had arrived or once I had to explain I knew nothing about medicine. Plus, by now, my debts were greater than most third-world countries.

So what do you do when you have no idea what to do next? Yes, that's right, take another GAP year! And speaking from 'professional' experience, if you are going to do it right, make sure you go somewhere that will provide the optimum conditions to reflect on life's deep philosophical questions. For me, there was only one place that could provide all this, along with copious amounts of wine and cheese - Montpellier in the South of France. So I set off with vague memories of verb-endings from GCSE to teach little French people English. And thank God I did, as during this year with children aged 5 to 11, I developed a deeper understanding and respect for members of the teaching fraternity, alongside the knowledge that I definitely did not want to join it.

On my return to the UK in 2006 and putting the debt issue to one side following a discussion with the friendly people at a major high street bank, (who love throwing as much money as possible at potential law students), I decided to get back into the student saddle, 'invest in myself' some more and study law at Christleton! And why not? I have always enjoyed giving people my advice- so why not eventually get paid for it and see where it leads! It's already taken me to work for the United Nations in Vienna last summer and who knows where it will take me in the future. But I am sure those Icelandic sagas are going to come in handy at some point along the way.

So where am I now? Well, I've gone on a bit here but I hope I have established my professional credentials. I will be a solicitor at some point in the future. But right now, I am the twenty-first century, twenty-something student stereotype- over-qualified, living at home and in more debt than I could have ever imagined. But I've still got plans, am still enjoying myself and still experiencing new and exciting things. So I guess all that history has taught me one thing- things don't really change that much. See you all in 7 years.



**Jonathan McEvoy (1995):** After he left King's in 1995 with what he calls the "all-comers' record for detentions", but also the distinction of being the former Captain of Boats, Jonathan started out in journalism with the Wrexham Mail, via a history degree at Newcastle University. He is now the Daily Mail's Motor Racing Correspondent, clocking up hundreds of thousands of air miles on an odyssey across five continents. He writes as follows:

When on a sunny morning you pull open the curtains and look out on Monaco or Melbourne's St Kilda beach, it's hard to believe someone is actually paying you for the privilege. By dusk you will have watched another Grand Prix and, as likely as not, marvelled at Lewis Hamilton's latest spellbinding display. Add in a few glasses of lunch with like-minded colleagues over 17 races around the world, and the assignment is a happy escape from real work. Of course, there are moments when it's you who is driven crazy. Deadline is looming a few thousand miles away in London and, even if you have managed to unearth a story worthy of the name, the opening paragraph which you hoped would command the readers' attention at breakfast the following day, proves maddeningly elusive. And the fact you've just landed eight time zones away isn't helping. A journalist's typical Grand Prix week starts on the Thursday. It's ear to the ground time, speaking to the movers and shakers in the paddock: team principals, engineers, mechanics, catering staff and a driver's manager, father, mother, sister, brother, girlfriend and/or wife. You are just hoping for a juicy whisper. So and so is leaving Ferrari. So and so had a bust-up with his boss. It helps to know where the stories might be, though it's often pure chance. Something you heard during a meal in one of the team's multi-million pound motor-homes, where the fare would not disgrace a Michelin star restaurant. It could be over a drink the night before or a chat in the airport lounge on the way over. I stay in touch with the sports desk at the Mail's HQ in Kensington throughout the day, telling them how the story is developing and liaising over how much space it warrants in the paper. Thursday is also when all the drivers are put up for interview. Naturally, I concentrate on the Brits and the star names like Fernando Alonso, Kimi Raikkonen and Felipe Massa. Hamilton, though, dominates. He is the sport's new uber sensation, appealing to audiences around the globe. Friday is practice day, but you can't sit back and wait for an accident or on-track controversy to gift you a story, or as we call it in the business, "a line". Not that there was any shortage of material last season. As well as Hamilton's emergence - and his public spat with his combustible Spanish garage-mate Alonso - his team were buffeted by one of the most contentious disputes in the sport's history, Spygate. They were fined \$100million (about £50m) for poaching Ferrari technical secrets, with race weekends often dominated by political intrigue. I don't need to file on Saturdays. The Mail on Sunday has its own staff. It allows me to catch up at leisure on any paddock gossip, which could be useful for my Sunday-for-Monday coverage. Sunday's brief is to watch the race on one of the banks of three different screens in the Press room. The first shows the race pretty much as it is piped into your living room, with a second - crucial - screen providing lap times and race order. A third screen lists any incidents under investigation by the stewards. In other words, you fly here, there and everywhere - and watch it on TV. After gathering post-race quotes from the main players, it's a matter of writing it all up on the laptop and sending it, normally by wireless broadband. It's a far cry from typewriters, cables and telex machines used by earlier Fleet Street voyagers. Once in London, the copy is run on to the page, with a sub-editor writing the headlines and picture captions against the clock. I normally have a couple of hours to compose my race report, and in Australia, China and Japan, a good deal more. However, the time difference makes life a touch frenetic in the States, Canada and Brazil. Deadlines can demand that you press 'send' on, say, 900 words the moment the chequered flag is waved. It calls for a clear head and fast fingers. Demand for Formula One copy grew ahead of Hamilton's debut at the Australian Grand Prix in March. It rocketed again in June when he won his first race in Canada. The following week, still in North America in the build-up to the US Grand Prix, I was woken each morning by the office. It was 10am with them and they wanted to know what I was proposing to file. With me, it was 5am. Hamilton is a good guy to cover. He is polite and articulate. His dedication demands that he lives a sober life, so when he occasionally allows himself something stronger than an energy drink, it doesn't take much, as proved at the private post-race party in Brazil, where he gave a virtuoso display as DJ. Next day the Press congregated in the lobby of his Sao Paulo hotel to record his thoughts on agonisingly losing out on the title by a point the previous day. His father, Anthony, came down to inform us that Lewis was unavailable with a 'fever'. No, his boy had the mother of all hangovers. Haggling continued. Could we not see him in his suite? Eventually I and one other national correspondent were allowed up to room 1442 of the Hilton. He answered our questions as good as gold, though his churning insides caused him to break off and scurry away for an unscheduled bathroom stop. Even our sporting heroes are human.

## Exhibitions and Awards

### 2006 Exhibition

David Tattershall has been awarded the 2007 Exhibition. David is currently reading Computer Science at Christ's College, Cambridge. The Trustees will present David with the Exhibition at the Annual Dinner on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2008. The Exhibitioner is a Top Table guest of the Association.

The Chester Old King's Scholar Exhibition Fund is an independent trust, separate from CAOKS, administered by six Trustees. Each year CAOKS reaffirms at its AGM the membership's wish to make up the shortfall in interest from the COKS Exhibition Fund so that the Exhibitions can continue to be awarded. In the 1970's the Trustees amended Section 5 of the Trust Document, "Election of the Exhibitioner" so that candidates would no longer sit a special examination set by the Trustees in the subjects of Religious Knowledge, Latin, Greek, Mathematics, Modern Languages, Physical Science, History, Geography, and English Literature. Instead the Trustees now "take the recommendation of the Headmaster and a committee of his senior tutors" as to whom is the most meritorious student.

### Baty Travel Award

Last year there were two outstanding gap year projects well deserving of our support. As detailed earlier, Laura-Beth Pilkington worked at the Topsy Foundation which is a charity that works in rural communities in South Africa. Chris Addinsell went to La Tigra, the world's second largest botanical garden and also helped Save the Children Fund build homes in the village of La Esperanza in Honduras. There have been no applicants for the 2007 travel award. The monies, as is usual, will be held over should there be sometime more than one deserving project to be funded in a given year.

## Leavers' Destinations

Name	Year	University	Subject
Robert Adams	2008	Leeds	New Media
James Ashworth	2008	Lancaster	Earth & Environmental Science
Fiona Barrow		Cardiff	Biomedical Sciences
Jonathan Bedford		Leeds	Geophysical Sciences
Thomas Bellis		Cardiff	Economics & Spanish
Alexander Berry		Reading	Investment & Finance in Property
Christopher Blake		Cambridge, Christ's College	Mathematics with Physics
Michael Blake		Cambridge, Girton College	Natural Sciences
Philip Bowyer		Manchester Metropolitan	Criminology
Iain Braid		London, University College	History
Michael Brockbank		Lancaster	Physical Geography
Elizabeth Brodie		Newcastle	Psychology
Michael Cannon		Warwick	French & History
Felix Chabluk Smith		Edinburgh College of Art	Art & Design
Josef Charlesworth		Newcastle	Economics & Business Management
Charles Clark		Durham, Van Mildert	Natural Sciences
Jonathon Clark		Nottingham Trent	Architecture
Christopher Clarke		Leeds	Electronic Engineering
Victoria Clarke		Manchester	Law
Hannah Cliffe	2008	London, Royal Veterinary College	Veterinary Medicine
Jonathan Cook		Manchester	Town & Country Planning
Lewis Croft		Leeds	Law
William Cunningham		Warwick	Economics
Kate Dalton		Manchester	Business Studies
Katy Daly		reapplication	Medicine
Emily Dawson		Nottingham	Politics & American Studies
Charles Deehan	2008	Reading	Law
Ralph Dempsey	2008	Sheffield	History & Politics
Johnathan Dennen	2008	Manchester	Management
Matthew Dodd		Manchester Metropolitan	Business / International Politics
James Ecroyd		Newcastle	Engineering Foundation Year
Maris Elmore		Durham, Hatfield	Mathematics
Matthew Firth		Oxford, St Edmund Hall	Physics
William Fletcher		Durham, St Hild & St Bede	Modern Languages
Alexander Gillies		London, Imperial College	Biology
Timothy Grimes		Manchester Metropolitan	Marketing Management
Mathew Hampson	2008	Manchester	Psychology
Nicholas Hardie		Sheffield Hallam	Business Property Management
Ben Heywood		Bristol	Economics
Rebecca Howlett		Warwick	French & German Studies
Robert Johnston		Northumbria	Estate Management
Aaron Jones		Leeds	International History & Politics
Andrew Jones		London, Courtauld Institute	History of Art
Elan Jones		Leeds	Biology
Saral Kaushik		London, King's College	Computer Science
Pranav Khamar		Cambridge, Gonville & Caius	Economics
Joseph Langton		Manchester	Economics
Emma Liddiard-Williams		London, King's College	Theology
James Lightfoot		Lancaster	Business Economics
Sandy Lyon		Leeds	Geography with Transport Studies
Kenny Macfadyen		Manchester (in 2008)	History
Adithya Madhavan		Liverpool	Dental Surgery
Elliott Magee		London, University College	Natural Sciences
Alexei Makhort	2008	Cambridge, St Catharine's	Medicine
Alyson Mapstone		Cardiff	Biology
Nicola Mollett		Manchester	Life Sciences applicable to Medicine
Zena Moore		Durham, St Hild & St Bede	Physics
Jordan Murray		Manchester	Mechanical Engineering
William Orchard		Newcastle	Medicine
Kavi Patel		London, Queen Mary's	Economics & Finance
Rose Pearson		Cardiff	Biomedical Sciences (Physiology)
Lauren Phillips		Oxford, Christ Church	Law
Laura-Beth Pilkington		Cardiff	Medicine
Adam Plumbley		Liverpool	Engineering
David Reid	2008	Cambridge, Churchill	Natural Sciences
Simon Richardson		Bangor	Biology



Name	Year	University	Subject
Samuel Salt		Sheffield Hallam	Tourism Management
Joseph Scott		Aberystwyth (in 2008)	Business & Management with Spanish
William Scott		Manchester Metropolitan	Business (Sandwich)
Hannah Sissons		Durham, Collingwood	Biology
Matthew Skues		Bath	Mathematics
Guy Southorn		Bristol	French
Laura Spaven		Durham, St Hild & St Bede	Sport
Rohit Srinivasan		Cardiff	Medicine
Oliver Stratford		Cambridge, Trinity	Philosophy
David Tattersall		Cambridge, Christ's	Computer Science
Richard Thomas		Cardiff (in 2008)	Medicine
Dexter Tilley		York	Physics & Philosophy
Louise Trimble		Leeds	French & Management
Adam Turner		Reading	Finance & Investment Banking
Omkar Vedpathak		Oxford, St Anne's	Engineering
Peter Walker		Cambridge, Gonville & Caius	Natural Sciences
Liam West		Cardiff	Medicine
James Wilson		Loughborough	Sports Technology
Luke Zaki		Leeds	Biology & Management

Students who are re-applying for University places in 2008 will appear in next year's list. Congratulations and good luck to all those who have just started their university careers.

## Obituaries

### John Malcolm Hayes CBE

John was born in Chester on 3rd September 1929. He attended Saltney Wood Memorial Boys' School prior to joining The King's School, Chester in 1940 on a scholarship. He left King's in 1946. In 1947 he joined the Irish Regiment for his National Service and served until 1949 when he was honourably discharged having attained the rank of sergeant.

John worked in banking and the electricity distribution industry in Chester and Liverpool before joining the nuclear industry (UKAEA) at Risley in 1958. He transferred to Capenhurst in 1960 and was subsequently appointed Works Accountant, before returning to Risley in charge of Financial Planning and Commercial Liaison. He played a part in formulating the UKAEA Production Group's original trading fund and the incorporation of BNFL in 1971. On the commercial front he was involved in the setting-up of the Urenco/Centec organisation and other commercial negotiations.

This was followed by a complete change of duties in 1974, when he became personal assistant to the then Managing Director, Dr Ned Franklin. In 1975 he was appointed Financial Policy and Planning Manager, with particular responsibility for the financial aspects of the THORP sales contract negotiations. He became Finance Director in 1978 and was appointed to the Main Board three years later. A fellow of the Association of Certified Accounts, John was also on the Board of NTL and a Director of PNTL. He was also Chairman of EMANI, (a European nuclear insurance company); a company which he helped to set-up.

John was made a Commander of the British Empire in the 1989 New Year Honours for services to the nuclear industry. He retired On 31 July 1989. He died suddenly on 5 September 2007 aged 78.

We are grateful to John's wife, Glennis, for the following:

His life revolved round his immediate family. John leaves a wife, Glennis, and a son, John (and also a daughter in law, June, and a sister Doreen.) His main passions were:

Football (Liverpool FC) - he was a season ticket holder along with Glennis and John.

Holidays - both home and abroad.

Good food - both home cooked and restaurants.

We were also members of the International Wine and Food Society.

History - especially military history.

Reading - absolutely anything.

Swimming - every morning at 6.30 am at the Holiday Inn on the Wrexham Road.

Music from classical to pop (except music of the last twenty years!).

Crosswords - but they had to be cryptic.

John was a lovely, modest, gentle man. He had a superb if somewhat irreverent sense of humour. He always had a smile on his face even in the worst of times, he was ever the optimist and he helped family and friends through many traumatic times. He was a very charitable man and gave regularly to those less fortunate. In the office he was tough but always straight and honest. He could be a severe critic but was always respected for his advice and judgement. He was regarded as a friend by many of his colleagues.

## Members' Information

### 1. Subscriptions

Please note that the following subscription rates apply from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2008:-

Full Member – paying by direct debit.....£17.50 pa  
 Full Member – paying by standing order .....£17.50 pa  
 Student Member - paying by direct debit..... £5.00 pa

For those paying by **direct debit the payment for your subscription will be debited from your bank account on / after Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2008**. There are a number of members still paying by standing order, who despite being reminded, have not increased their payment to the correct amount or paid their arrears. If you are one of those members please rectify the situation immediately, or if you are not sure please do contact me to clarify your position. I remind members that continuing to pay the incorrect amount or being in arrears will result in loss of membership and all the benefits that entails!

### 2. New Payment Option

Recently we have introduced a **new payment option using Paypal, which we believe will be of benefit to some members, particularly those members who now live abroad, and as a consequence may no longer keep a UK bank account**. As a result these members do not have a cost effective method to pay subscription monies to the Association. (It either costs them too much to make the payment or the Association too much to bank!) A simple email invoice through Paypal offers a cost effective payment method for these overseas payments. There is a small handling charge of £1.00p which we have to pay, and is passed on to the member. Thus a subscription paid this way would be invoiced at £18.50 to cover this charge. If anyone is interested please contact me, and I will supply the details.

### 3. Student Members

Finally an update on new student members joining in 2007. So far 16 of the 2007 leavers have joined the Association as student members, which is an improvement over 2006. Additionally half a dozen or so other leavers post-2004 have also joined in the last twelve months. May I take the opportunity to welcome them as members and hope they enjoy the benefits of membership for many years to come!

**Nick Phillipson**

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## Rules of The Association

RULES OF THE ASSOCIATION AS ADOPTED AT THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING ON 17<sup>th</sup> MAY 2006

- 1 The Association shall be called The Chester Association of Old King's Scholars and shall consist of Former Pupils of The King's School, Chester who have, in writing, applied for membership, and of any Member of the Teaching Staff at the Senior or Junior School who desire to join the Association. Former Members of the Teaching Staff at the School, Former Pupils of the King's School, and past and present Governors shall also be eligible as Honorary Members if selected by the Committee.
- 1a Members of the Teaching Staff at the School who do not desire to join the Association as Ordinary Members shall be deemed Associate Members of the Association during their period of service as Members of the Teaching Staff and as such shall pay no subscription. They shall not, in that capacity, ordinarily be eligible for election to the Committee or to any office in the Association (except where the Committee shall see fit to co-opt a Member of the Teaching Staff to assist in its business) nor shall they vote on any matter.
- 1b On leaving the service of the School, any Member of the Teaching Staff who has joined the Association in accordance with Rule 1 shall be in a position to continue membership by continuing to subscribe.
- 2 The objects of the Association are:
  - (a) To strengthen the ties between the Past and Present and to further the general interests of the School in every possible way in co-operation with the Governors, the Head Master and the Teaching Staff.
  - (b) To promote good fellowship among, and the interest of, Former Pupils of the King's School.
  - (c) To make arrangements for holding an Annual Dinner and other Social Gatherings from time to time.
- 3 The annual subscription shall be determined by resolution, with due notice, at an Annual General Meeting. Subscriptions shall be paid by direct debit, due on 1<sup>st</sup> January of each year. The first annual subscription from a Former Pupil joining the Association at any time during the year shall be paid upon joining the Association.
- 4 Student members who have left school shall be eligible to pay a reduced 'student' subscription for the duration of their university studies, such amount having been determined by resolution at an Annual General Meeting. Those student members who leave school in July, and immediately join the Association on payment of the student subscription, shall be held to include the year following, beginning 1<sup>st</sup> January.
- 5 Any member who is in arrears of their subscription, and to whom there have been sent two reminders for payment, the last of which referring the defaulting member to this rule, at the discretion of the Committee, the member's name shall be removed from the Roll of Membership. Any communication shall be deemed correctly sent if it be mailed to the last known address.
- 6 Any member who is in arrears of their subscription shall be sent only a communication notifying them of the Annual General Meet-



ing and of their arrears, until such time as the arrears are paid, or the member's name is removed from the Roll of Membership. Any communication shall be deemed correctly sent if it be mailed to the last known address.

- 7 Any Member wishing to resign may do so by notice in writing to the Hon Secretary but no refund of subscription already paid shall be made and any arrears up to the date of resignation shall be collectable.
- 8 Any member whose conduct is in the opinion of any other member detrimental to the reputation of the Association or its objectives or the interests of the members may be expelled or suspended from the Association. Before a member is expelled or suspended the member's conduct shall be inquired into by the Officers of the Association. One calendar month's notice shall be given in writing to the member of such an enquiry in order for the member to have full opportunity to explain such conduct as aforesaid. Notice of the enquiry shall be deemed correctly sent if it be sent to the address last known to the Association. If a majority of the Officers of the Association present when the matter is inquired into are of opinion that the member has been guilty of such conduct as aforesaid and that the member has failed to justify or explain it satisfactorily then the Officers of the Association may suspend the member for a stated period or call upon the member to resign. The member has the right of appeal to a Sub-committee comprising the President and the immediate four Past-Presidents. The Sub-committee will uphold or dismiss the appeal by a majority of those present when the appeal is considered. A member suspended shall forfeit all the privileges of membership and all rights against the Association for the duration of the suspension. If when called to do so the member does not resign within one calendar month of the decision of the Officers of the Association or on the dismissal of an appeal to the Sub-committee the Officers of the Association shall expel the member. A member expelled shall forfeit all the privileges of membership and all rights against the Association.
- 9 A General Meeting of the Association, for which 21 days notice shall be given, is to be held once every year, in the second quarter of the year. Special General Meetings may be convened by the committee at any time.
- 10 The President shall preside at all General Meetings if present; in the absence of the President a Vice-President shall do so. If the President and all the Vice-Presidents are absent, a Member present shall be elected Chairman of the meeting. The Chairman, whose decision on any point of order shall be final, shall regulate the order of the proceedings and shall have a casting vote.
- 11 At every Annual General Meeting the Officers of the Association for the ensuing year shall be elected, and any other business may be transacted.
- 12 On being elected to the Chair, the President shall be invested with the Presidential badge and thereupon shall make and sign a declaration undertaking to wear the same at all gatherings which he attends as President and to keep the badge in good order and condition. The President's Declaration shall be entered in the Minute Book and attested by the Immediate Past President, if present, who shall then cease to be responsible for the care and custody of the badge. If the Immediate Past President is not present the Declaration shall be attested by the Senior Past President at the Meeting. The Presidential Badge shall nevertheless be insured against fire and theft at the expense of the Association.
- 13 The President shall preside at all Association social gatherings and, if present, at all Committee Meetings.
- 14 There may be three Vice-presidents who shall as far as possible be respectively:- (a) a Member of over 40 years of age; (b) a Member between 30 and 40 years; (c) a Member under 30 years of age. They shall be elected at the Annual Meeting and it shall be their special duty to encourage Former Pupils of the King's School to join the Association. There may be up to five Junior Vice-Presidents who shall each serve a term of up to five years from their leaving school. Their U6 year group shall elect them and it will be their special duty to keep in contact with their year group, and to encourage them to join the Association.
- 15 The Hon. Secretary shall be elected at the Annual Meeting and shall be eligible for re-election. The Hon. Secretary shall receive an honorarium the amount of which (if any) shall be determined at each Annual Meeting.
- 16 It shall be the Hon. Secretary's duty to keep all proper minutes of all Committee and Sub Committee meetings and to send out all notices of the Association's gatherings and other literature to which Members are entitled.
- 17 The Hon. Treasurer shall be elected at the Annual Meeting and shall be eligible for re-election. The Hon. Treasurer shall receive an honorarium the amount of which (if any) shall be determined at each Annual Meeting.
- 18 It shall be the Hon. Treasurer's duty to collect all subscription and ticket money of any social gatherings and shall see to all Association's accounts being paid. The Hon. Treasurer shall draw all necessary cheques on the Association's bank account and shall present an Annual Statement of Accounts at the Annual Meeting, which shall have been audited by the Hon. Auditor.
- 19 The Hon. Chaplain shall be a Member of the Association. The Hon. Chaplain shall be elected at the Annual Meeting and shall be eligible for re-election. It shall be the Hon. Chaplain's duty to say Grace at the Association's Annual Dinners and Suppers.
- 20 The Hon. Auditor shall be a Member of the Association but hold no other Office. The Hon. Auditor shall be elected for a period of one year at the Annual Meeting and shall be eligible for re-election. It shall be the Hon. Auditor's duty to audit the Annual Statement of Accounts.
- 21 The Committee shall comprise the President, Vice-Presidents, Junior Vice-Presidents, Hon. Treasurer, Hon. Secretary, Hon. Auditor, Hon. Chaplain of the Association, and not more than 20 nor less than 12 other Members elected at the Annual Meeting. The Committee shall have power to fill casual vacancies among the Officers until the next Annual Meeting.
- 22 The Committee shall control the general management of the Association and its Finances. The Committee may delegate any of its powers to any Sub Committee or Officers of the Association.
- 23 These rules may be altered or added to at any Annual or Special General Meeting of the Association, provided that notice of such alteration appears on the Agenda summoning the meeting.
- 24 Everyone becoming a Member of the Association shall be deemed to have agreed to be bound by all present and future rules.



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- All subs are due on January 1st, with direct debits being taken on January 23rd.
- Subs can now be paid by Paypal - contact Nick Phillipson for details
- We begin collecting material for the next newsletter now - if you'd like to contribute, please contact Paul Consterdine
- An electronic version of this newsletter is now available in PDF format. Please contact Adrian Ackroyd should you wish to receive it.
- The Annual Dinner is fast approaching - book your tickets now to avoid disappointment! Photos from this year below...

