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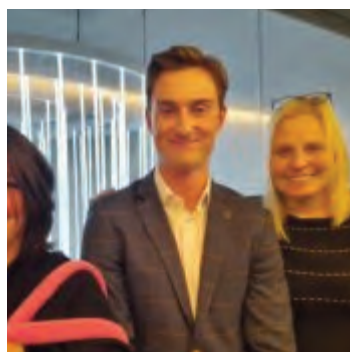


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This photograph of the Headmaster (Mr Baty) and Prefects in 1932 is one of the many interesting finds a search of the school archives can reveal. The archives can be accessed in the History section of the School website.

From The Editor *Anthony Russell*

Welcome to this issue of the Newsletter, the tenth that I have edited. Tempus fugit! We mark the passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth by recalling occasions when the school has been visited by Royalty or representatives of the school have been presented to Her Late Majesty.

The article about the first of Tolliday's holidays provoked a lot of interest, so we have followed up with further accounts of school trips abroad. It would be interesting to hear the reminiscences of others, and not just those organised by Tol. Also, I suspect that memories of the school camps might be found interesting. Photographs of such events and other aspects of school life are always welcome, and I always arrange for copies to be placed in the school archives.

May I encourage OKS to contact me or the Development Office with any news of themselves? It is very useful to know what people have done since leaving school, and some of it will be suitable for following up and possible publication. Even if not published the information can be very helpful in identifying potential mentors for others, or contacts in areas where there are few links with home. Collecting such information is an important part of the work of the Association and the School, and can give me ideas for future items in the Newsletter.

The next issue of the newsletter will be published in May 2023. Contributions should reach me by mid-April.

Meanwhile, I hope you enjoy this issue and wish you all a very Happy Christmas and New Year.

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President's Message



From the President

Anthony Russell

A lot has happened since I last wrote to you in the May newsletter. The death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth has affected us all in different ways, and the expression of national mourning was very moving. For the first time in most of our lives we now have a King as our head of state, and we are coming to terms with singing "God save the King" and toasting His Majesty in the loyal toast. I have become a KC rather than a QC. I wrote to King Charles on behalf of the Association to express our condolences for Her Late Majesty.

The political turmoil of the last few years, and especially the last few months, has been very unsettling, and, as the Headmaster notes, the future for independent schools looks rather bleak. The economic problems faced by the country will be difficult for many people. While many OKS will be in a better position than others to weather the storm, some of our old schoolfriends will suffer real hardship and my heart goes out to them. Our friendship is something we can offer to all those who face problems.

As Peter Bernie says in his message, CAOKS has managed to run an almost full programme this year. Unfortunately my circumstances prevented my attendance at the Summer Get Together in July. Having successfully avoided Covid by shielding, on medical advice, during the worst period of the pandemic, I took a holiday, and, despite careful precautions, at an overnight stop as I returned from Cornwall I found myself in a hotel which was hosting a school prom and a few days later went down with a fortunately mild infection by the virus. So, I was unable to join you at the Get Together. We have postponed the dinner to January as will be seen from various announcements in the newsletter and I hope that I shall see many of you there. It would be splendid to have a large attendance for our guest, Stephen Phillips, a very distinguished alumnus and good friend of the school.

Another person who will be present at the annual dinner is Liz Gwyther. Liz resigned as Head of Development in September. Following a period of illness, she came to the conclusion that a career break was sensible. Liz had been working with the school and the alumni for 12 years. She has made many friends of OKS in that time, and her warm and caring personality has made a considerable contribution to CAOKS events. She was responsible for organising the year group reunions and her hard work and dedication has resulted in their success and popularity.

When I retired from the bench in 2015 I was invited by the then Headmaster to visit the school and to have lunch with him, and amongst the people I met was Liz Gwyther. We got on well immediately, and maintained in contact. Over the months that followed Liz and Anthony Hopkinson encouraged me to become involved in CAOKS, and so it was that I became Editor and now your President. I have worked closely with Liz in connection with the newsletter and generally, and her assistance and encouragement have been invaluable. She has become a good friend and I and many others will miss her and we all wish her well.

Gemma Carvell has been appointed Development Officer, and has taken to the role with enthusiasm and efficiency. We welcome her to her post and look forward to working with her. The dinner will be an opportunity for members to meet Gemma who has already met the officers and committee.

The experience of Covid has caused many people to rethink the priorities in their lives. I have found myself thinking twice about attending social occasions, particularly if large numbers of people are likely to be present, or travel on public transport is involved, and I know that others are similarly cautious. The virus has not gone away, although there is much less publicity about it. However, socialising with others is an important part of our humanity, so I hope that OKS will value the opportunities to meet up with old friends from time to time, and I look forward to meeting my old friends and making new ones at OKS events over the next year.



Officers' Messages



From the Secretary

Peter Bernie

After two quiet years, it's been wonderful to enjoy an almost full programme of events this year, starting with our June AGM, which was held at School but with several members attending via Zoom.

I managed to go to the cricket match against School, the rowing races against School, the Summer BBQ, and the November drinks/canapes event at Chartered Accountants' Hall in London.

My highlight of the Summer BBQ was talking to John Leyshon (Chemistry) and John Aves (Physics), who both taught me in the 1970's. However, a sad note was that this BBQ proved to be Liz Gwyther's last event before leaving School in September. Liz has been a great friend to CAOKS for more than twelve years and she will of course be very much missed.

On the positive side, the President has invited Liz and her husband to the January 2023 annual dinner as CAOKS' guests, so we will all have a suitable opportunity to thank her.

Without wishing to sound like an Oscar winner, I couldn't carry on the role of Honorary Secretary without the help and technical back up that School provides, so I repeat my thanks to Liz for everything she's done, thank Gina Whittlestone for temporarily holding the fort while still doing her full-time admissions work, thank incoming Gemma Carvell who now looks after CAOKS/Alumni matters, and thank Selena O'Donnell for our new CAOKS/Alumni logo. As well as enjoying Ben Cooke's reminisces, and reconnecting with several members, the particular highlight for me of the London event was chatting with five of my year group, three of whom I've known since I was eleven. It was lovely to see them, and I do encourage you to reconnect with your peers as and when you can.

Wishing you Happy Christmas and a Happy New Year and hoping to see you at a 2023 event.

Peter



From the Dinner Secretary

Robin Hardi

The CAOKS Annual Dinner – 21st January 2023

We have been working hard on the arrangements for the annual dinner postponed from September to 21st January 2023. Tickets may be purchased by using the link below or contacting the Development Office, and we are hoping for a strong attendance at what promises to be an enjoyable and memorable occasion.

The dinner will take place at the school and the cost of tickets is £40 per person. The ticket price includes a welcome drink, a three-course meal and a half bottle of wine per head. There will be a cash bar available throughout the event. The evening commences with a reception from 6.30 pm in the Gallery and surrounding area (which older members will remember as the original dining hall) and the dinner commences in the Vanbrugh Theatre (formerly the school hall) at 7.30, concluding at about 10.30 to allow for further time for drinks and conversation. The menu is as follows:

Starter - Crisp Parma ham & goats cheese salad with honey & balsamic dressing

Main course - Daube of beef, French style slow braised beef finished with a red wine jus and seasonal vegetables

Vegetarian option – Roasted Mediterranean Gnocchi with wilted kale, sunflower and basil pesto

Dessert - Summer berry delice, fragrant lemon sponge topped with a light berry mousse with a cassis glaze



Officers' Messages

The vegetarian alternative may be ordered on the website booking form or may be notified to the Development Office or Dining Secretary who will be happy to note any other dietary requirements. Those who have not sampled the catering facilities at the school recently will be impressed by the quality.

Members are encouraged to bring guests if they wish, and wives, husbands and partners are very welcome. Seating is at round tables accommodating approximately 10 people. Special requests as to seating should be notified to the Development Office or Dinner Secretary, and members who attend alone will, so far as is possible, be seated near to someone who was at school at the same time as them.

The dress code is Black Tie for gentlemen and appropriate corresponding dress for ladies. The essential traditions of the event have been retained, with a shift of emphasis to a more relaxed formality. For example, the separate reception for the official guests has been abolished and the number of speeches is reduced to two.

The guest speaker is The Right Honourable Sir Stephen Phillips OKS, who left the school in 1980. The President invited Sir Stephen to be our guest and a brief note about Sir Stephen appears below.

We are looking forward to this occasion and hope to see many members of the association then. **Please book your tickets no later than 4th January 2023 to secure a place.**

Any queries about the dinner should be sent to The Development Office – 01244 689492 Email: alumni@kingschester.co.uk or The Dinner Secretary, Robin Hardi, Email: DinnerSec@caoks.co.uk

Link to purchase tickets:
<https://www.kingschester.co.uk/156th-caoks-annual-dinner-saturday-21st-january-2023/>

CAOKS Annual Dinner – 21st January 2023 The Right Honourable Sir Stephen Phillips OKS (1980)



We are very pleased that one of our most distinguished Old King's Scholars will be the guest of honour and speaker at the annual dinner in January.

Stephen Phillips was appointed a Lord Justice of Appeal in 2019. This is one of the highest ranks in the Judiciary of England and Wales, and all Lords Justices are also sworn into the Privy Council. No other OKS has achieved this status.

Stephen's father, Alan, was also in the law. He practised as a barrister from chambers in Chester before being appointed a much respected circuit judge on the Wales and Chester Circuit. Stephen was educated at a local primary school before being awarded a free place at King's.

After reading law at University College, Oxford, Lord Justice Phillips was called to the Bar by Gray's Inn in 1984 and commenced practice, developing a specialty in banking and financial law. He was appointed a Queen's Counsel in 2002, and in 2013 he was appointed a High Court Judge, assigned to the Queen's Bench Division and knighted following his appointment. He was nominated a judge of the Commercial and Admiralty Courts in 2014.

Lord Justice Phillips is a supporter of the National Theatre and for 12 years he ran the Gray's Inn football team during which time the team won the London Legal League on 6 occasions. He is married with twin daughters.



Headmaster's Message



From the Headmaster

*George
Hartley*

We are now well into the new academic year and there's an upbeat and optimistic vibe around the school. It certainly seems that we have finally thrown off the shackles of the pandemic and are now pretty much back to normal, with much to celebrate and look forward to. We now have 1133 children in the school from 4 to 18, a new high tide mark for the pupil roll, with 765 in the Senior School where we are full in most years with waiting lists. We recently enjoyed an excellent and busy Open Day with visitors looking for entry into Removes 54% up on 2019 (the last 'normal' event).

Last term we had a full educational quality inspection by the Independent Schools Inspectorate (ISI), who gave us the highest possible judgements; Excellent for academic and other achievements, and Excellent for pastoral care and personal development. This is the product of a fantastic team effort by the school staff (all 241 of them) and also the pupils, who rightly play an increasingly important and active role in such inspections. We enjoyed another successful summer season of public examination results, with 80% of pupils achieving the equivalent of A*/A grades at GCSE and 69% of students achieving A*/A grades at A level. Most importantly, in what was the most competitive year for university entry in many years (due to delayed applications from the pandemic), 90% of our leavers got into their first-choice universities, with the great majority going to The Times Top 20 institutions (today a better measure than 'Russell Group') including Oxford and Cambridge.

We also enjoyed an excellent year of sport and co-curricular activity, with the rowers particularly enjoying their best season for a fair while; the boys' VIII reached the quarter-finals day at Henley (I hope that many of you watched their monumental victory against The

Scots College, Sydney) and the girls' VIII were ranked in the top five schools nationally with a boat containing five international athletes. This term, there are also over 200 pupils involved in King's rowing which is more than ever before.

Were you standing in front of the school right now, you would be looking at a large construction site thanks to the new Sixth Form Centre, which we are building in response to very strong demand for the this part of the school. Emerging as major extension of the current facility, this will involve a new student common room of twice the previous floorspace, a Sixth Form café, five new Sixth Form classrooms and, alongside, a new double height drama studio to accommodate growing numbers in the subject. I have provided a few photos of the development, which should be completed by next Easter.

Despite all such hurrahs, it is not all sunny skies and there are some dark clouds brewing ahead. The current financial climate is providing challenges for all of us with spiralling costs and some tough decisions to be made on spending. The independent school sector is also generally under the cosh at the moment with very few friends left in political circles (and certainly not any future Labour government). As with all other schools across the UK, we also continue to deal as best we can with a teenage mental health crisis that has been undoubtedly aggravated by the pandemic and periods of lockdown.

Nevertheless, we will continue to look such potential obstacles firmly in the eye, whilst striving to provide the best possible educational experiences for all our pupils.

Going forward, I look forward to seeing plenty of you at the CAOKS annual dinner in January and also at the various specific year-group alumni gatherings coming up in the Spring and Summer. These should hopefully provide an excellent opportunity to see the new Sixth Form Centre in all its resplendent new glory.

Otherwise, if any of you are passing by at any time and want to pop in for chat and look around, do let us know; it would be great to catch up and hear your news. .

SCHOOL NEWS

Changes in the Development Office

After 12 years working at the King’s School in the Development Office, and following a period of illness, Liz Gwyther decided to take a career break and resigned from her post in September.

During her time at King’s Liz probably met more of the alumni than any other individual. She was responsible for starting the year group reunions, which have proved so popular, and was present at almost every event attended by Old King’s Scholars amongst whom she made many friends. She will be greatly missed by the alumni and the officers of the Association.

Liz has been invited to attend the CAOKS annual dinner on 21st January when there will be an opportunity for members of the Association to express their thanks to Liz and good wishes for her future. We hope that Liz will attend other CAOKS events where she will always be welcome.

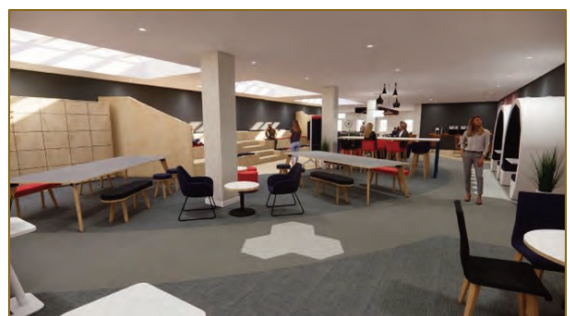
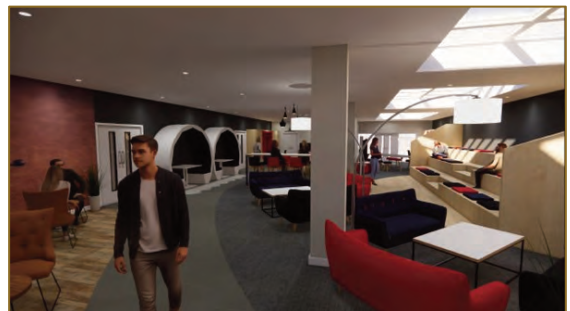
Liz has been succeeded by Gemma Carvell, who has settled in well. Gemma will be the person whom OKS are most likely to encounter when contacting the Development Office and attending CAOKS events. We welcome her in her new role and wish her all the very best.



Gemma Carvell

New Sixth Form Centre

As the Headmaster has noted in his message, work on the new Sixth Form Centre is well underway. This development will provide exceptional facilities for sixth formers. Below are some pictures of the project, expected to be completed by Easter 2023.



King’s in the Community

Recently some King’s Sixth formers visited Overleigh St. Mary’s CE Primary School to offer English language support and run games sessions for refugee children who had recently joined the school.



Having welcomed more than 90 refugees from Afghanistan and Ukraine in a short space of time, the school was in need of more help and Headteacher Emma Drew appealed for donations of time, clothes and toys to help the children and their families settle in.

Overwhelmed by offers of support from the local community, including schools, volunteer organisations, youth groups and churches, Ms Drew thanked the many parents from King's who have been giving one-to-one English support to the children.

She said: "Every child is having at least 30 minutes per week with an adult volunteer to read, practise phonics, work on spoken English and play games. We never imagined that we could have achieved this huge goal within just two weeks of our initial request."

Remembrance

Each year CAOKS provides the school with wreaths of poppies to be laid at the school's war memorial in memory of the 114 Old King's Scholars who lost their lives in the two world wars. CAOKS also provides wreaths to be laid at memorials on the continent when school battlefield trips take place. At 11am on 11 November, the school fell silent as students, staff and governors joined the country in remembering all those who have given their lives in conflict, including the Old King's Scholars who are remembered on the school's war memorial.



The exhortation was read by Hannah Evans and Mahima Hansoge from the Head of School team before Jake Bywater and Will Appleton played the Last Post. The two minute silence ended with Reveille, after which three CCF cadets led the wreaths to be laid at the war memorial. The wreaths were laid by Junior School pupil Farah Younis and Willow Lodge pupil Avispa Paull, who took time to learn about the former pupils who are remembered on the plaques.



Two Sixth Formers, Honey Holmes and Jack Hayter led the city in remembrance as they played the Last Post at a short service in Chester Cathedral's Garden of Remembrance. At Chester's main service of remembrance on Sunday 13 November the school was represented by cadets from The King's School Chester Combined Cadet Force.

Rowing Success

On 25 September, King's School Rowing Club (KSRC) took to the water for the first race of the calendar season at the Chester Long Distance Sculls. The event, which is staged over a 5000m course on the River Dee, is hugely popular and this year was attended by over 250 crews from the North West and beyond. KSRC had 30 entries in the event and hosted St Edward's College, Oxford who brought along its J17 and J18 squads.

The morning division saw the boys race in singles, whilst the girls competed across doubles and quads. Success came early on with Luke Dillon winning the J18 band 1 singles, and Fin Thomson and Louis Roberts winning in J17 band 2 and band 3 single sculls respectively.

A large contingent from the girls' squad also raced with an excellent performance from Hannah Egan and Maya Swift in the women's J17 double sculls, winning the race by more than 50 seconds.

Having raced in single sculls in the morning, J17 and J18 boys raced in quads in the afternoon division. They were joined by the J16 boys who also took to the water in three quads in a local derby against Chester RC, Northwich RC and Runcorn RC.

KSRC Rowing Coach, Mr Reeves said: "This was a very impressive start to the season for KSRC. Long Distance Sculls is a great test of boatmanship and early season fitness. Experiencing this success so early on makes for an exciting season ahead."

These successes were followed up at the Agecroft Head on Saturday 15 October when 27 crews from KSRC made the journey to Salford Quays, where a 3200m course along the River Irwell set the stage for the Agecroft Rowing Club Head.

In the morning divisions, two single sculls, five double sculls and two pairs raced in glorious conditions. The team secured five band wins including Isabel Turner in the women's J15 single sculls, as well as Fin Thomson and George Munday in the J18 boys' pair.

Whilst the morning delivered perfect weather conditions, the afternoon proved to be more of a test

with fierce winds and heavy rain hitting the course. The girls' J18 beat local opposition, Northwich Rowing Club, to secure their band win. The J15 boys' battled against the elements with three octuplets and a coxed quad in what, for some crew members, was only their fourth ever race.



In divisions three and four, the team secured seven band wins including the women's J15 octuple, women's J16 and J18 band two coxless quads. The J15 boys coxed also succeeded in their band, as did the boys' J18 who competed in the men's open band 2 category. The J16 boys rowed well to take second place in the same category.

CAOKS Support for Bursary Pupils

This year the Officers and Committee authorised the expenditure of CAOKS funds to subsidise the purchase of iPads for new bursary pupils in the Removes. All pupils are now required to have their own iPad specially configured for their schoolwork at King's.

It was felt appropriate to use CAOKS funds in this way, since now that the school meets almost all of the administrative costs of the association there is a surplus which enabled us to release monies to assist bursary pupils.

This year 6 bursary pupils were assisted by CAOKS, and it is anticipated that the iPad subsidy scheme will be continued for a number of years.

Baty Voluntary Service Overseas Travel Award

An award of £250 has been made this year to Melissa Hughes, a 2022 leaver, who will be volunteering in a project to protect and conserve endangered sea turtles in Sri Lanka. The turtles are at risk from a number of factors including pollution, mishandling and tourism, as well as poaching.

It is a condition of accepting the award that the recipient writes an account of their experiences and we look forward to publishing this in a future newsletter.



King's in the Capital

This year's King's in the Capital event took place at the impressive One Moorgate Place. This striking grade-II listed building in the heart of the City is home to the Chartered Institute of Accountants, a fitting venue for this year's guest speaker, Forensic Accountant Benedict Cooke (OKS 2008).



Despite the tube strikes, we enjoyed a fantastic turn out and were delighted that so many Alumni spent their Thursday evening with us and each other. Guests spanned the decades with leavers dating from 2021 back to 1960, many of whom were pleased to see George Hartley, Josh Carter and Seb Neal joining the party.

Benedict's speech included tales of his school life, some of which featured his brothers, and his path into Forensic Accounting. Keen to dull the common stereotype of accounts, Ben kept the guests entertained and spoke passionately about the lifelong connections he made at King's, including those friends who are now Godparents to his child.

As the event came to an end, many Old King's Scholars, and some of the current teachers, headed off to continue the catch up late into the evening.



Please save the date for the next London event – Thursday, 23 November 2023 at the House of Lords

If you are interested in being a guest speaker for future events, please contact Gemma in the Alumni office at gec@kingschester.co.uk



NEWS OF OLD KING'S SCHOLARS

Harry Brightmore OKS (2012)

Former King's pupil Harry Brightmore was awarded a gold medal after competing in the World Rowing Championships in September.

The GB Rowing team topped the medal table, and their cox, Harry said: "It was a pretty stressful week. We knew the racing would be really tight at the World Championships, all the other nations bring their top performance, and going in as strong favourites added a lot of pressure. We took the race by the scruff of the neck, held on for dear life, and crossing the line was just the biggest wave of relief that we'd done it!"

When asked if the win had sunk in it was clear Harry is already thinking ahead: "I am still riding high! But obviously this is just the start of our project. It's less than two years to the Paris Olympics, and that's the one that matters!"



Harry has our full support and joins a distinguished company of King's School rowers. Congratulations!

Eden H Davies OKS (2020)

Monday, 7 September was no ordinary weekday evening for Director of Drama, Clare Howdon and Drama teacher, Julia Williams as they travelled to London to attend an ITV drama premiere at BAFTA. Mrs Howdon and Mrs Williams were invited to the first ever

screening of provocative new teen drama, *Tell Me Everything* by King's School Alumnus Eden H. Davies, who plays the lead character in the new show.

Eden left King's after his GCSEs in 2020 to study at Liverpool Institute of Performing Arts (LIPA) and pursue his dream of being a professional actor. Just one year later, he started work on *Tell Me Everything* and Mrs Howdon was delighted to have the opportunity to share the premiere of his professional TV debut with him. She said: "It was a huge honour to be invited to this evening's premiere. Mrs Williams and I were blown away by Eden's performance and we're so excited for everyone else to see this fantastic new drama."

After the screening of the first episode, Eden took part in a Q&A session and was joined on stage by show's writer and creator Mark O'Sullivan, along fellow cast member Lauryn Ajufo, Executive Producer Camilla Campbell and Directors Richard Senior and Marley Morrison. Mrs Howdon continued: "Eden spoke so eloquently about his experiences of working on the show and it was impossible not to feel exceptionally proud of him. He is a spectacularly talented actor who always contributed so much to drama at King's. As a teacher, there is nothing more satisfying than seeing a former pupil achieve their dreams. We know how hard he has worked for this success and we are delighted for him."



In the drama, Eden plays 16-year-old Jonny Murphy who, despite being loved by friends and family, suffers from undiagnosed depression and anxiety. The show, which describes itself as a celebration of adolescence that doesn't shy away from the difficult subjects that face today's teens, will be available on ITV's new streaming service ITViX from Thursday, 8 December.

CAOKS Cricket

CAOKS took on a strong School XI in the annual cricket fixture with a mixture of youth and experience (and some guests!). Winning the toss and batting first, CAOKS managed to post 112 all out from 28.4 of the allotted 30 overs, Jim Evans top scoring with 27. In reply, the School knocked off the winnings runs off the final ball of the game 7 wickets down, with Max Dunbavand doing his best to snatch an unlikely win with 3-12 off 4 overs. A special mention to current King's student Will Evans who claimed 1-23 off 5 tidy overs against his older contemporaries and Andrew 'Jock' Douglas who kept wicket stoically - not an easy task at 6 ft 6 in. Very many thanks to Mark Baker for organising an excellent day, including a tour of the School ahead of the game, a lovely lunch and drinks afterwards.



Back (l-r): Gareth Hughes, Guy Dunbavand, David Atkin, James Evans, Hugh Ratcliffe, Saul Marks (scorer)
 Front (l-r): Henry Goodfellow, Matt Parks (guest), Max Dunbavand, Josh Duckworth, Adam Butcher (guest), Will Evans (guest).
Also played: Andrew Douglas

The intention is to revert to a timed match on a Friday towards the end of summer term for 2023 and the date will be confirmed as soon as possible. Anyone wishing to put their name down for further updates should contact Nick Guest nickguest26@gmail.com or David Atkin davidedwardatkin@gmail.com.

CAOKS Snooker Evening

Members of CAOKS and Chester City Grammar School old boys met on Friday 18th November for supper and snooker at the Chester City Club. In the "Old English Pool" match, victory was snatched from the old boys by King's Deputy Head, Tallan Gill, the last old boy standing being Robin Hardi.



Les Miserables

Next term the School's drama production is Les Miserables. OKS are welcome to attend the performances on Monday 13th to Thursday 16th February 2023.

To purchase tickets use the link below:
<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/the-kings-school-chester>

CAOKS TIES

CAOKS Ties may be purchased from the Development Office at a cost of £14 including postage (£16 for overseas orders)
 Contact the Development Office for further information.
 01244 689492 Email: alumni@kingschester.co.uk

EVENTS – Dates for your Diary

2023

Wednesday 4th January – 6.30 pm

Leavers' Get Together – 2022 Alumni
The Ship Inn, Handbridge

Saturday 21st January – 6.30 – 11.00 pm

CAOKS Annual Dinner
Vanbrugh Theatre, The King's School
<https://www.kingschester.co.uk/156th-caoks-annual-dinner-saturday-21st-january-2023/>

Saturday 4th February – 4.30 – 8.30 pm

Reunion for 1990 Leavers (re-scheduled)
The Gallery, The King's School

Saturday 11th March – 11.00 am – 2.30 pm

Reunion for 1963 Leavers
The Gallery, The King's School

Saturday 11th March – 4.30 – 8.00 pm

Reunion for 1973 Leavers
The Gallery, The King's School

Saturday 25th March – 11.00 am – 2.30pm

Reunion for 1983 Leavers
The Gallery, The King's School

Saturday 25th March – 4.30 – 8.00 pm

Reunion for 1993 Leavers
The Gallery, The King's School

Saturday 22nd April – 4.30 – 8.00 pm

Reunion for 2003 Leavers
The Consterdine Hall, The King's School

Friday 12th May – 11.00 am – 6.00 pm

Ladies Day celebrating Girls at King's
Chester Racecourse

Saturday 13th May – 4.30 pm – 8.00 pm

Reunion for 2013 Leavers
The Consterdine Hall, The King's School

Tuesday 13th June – 6.30 pm

CAOKS Annual General Meeting and
Supper
The Gallery, The King's School

Friday 30th June

Henley Tea Party
Details to be announced later

Date to be Confirmed (July)

Summer Get Together at the School and
Barbeque

Thursday 23rd November

King's in the Capital
House of Lords, London

***Please contact the Development Office
to enquire about any of these events:***

Tel: 01244 689492

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Features



ABOUT CAOKS

The Chester Association of Old King's Scholars is now the alumni organisation for all former pupils of the King's School, Chester. It is the oldest school alumni association in the country. As I have been communicating with our members, it has become clear that many Old King's Scholars do not appreciate that they are members of the Association, know what it stands for, and how they might benefit from membership, so here is an attempt to explain.

The term "Old King's Scholar" has been a source of confusion, because some people have thought that membership of the Association is confined to those who were King's Scholars whilst studying at the school. This has never been the case. Unlike many schools whose name is unique, e.g., Eton or Shrewsbury whose former pupils are Old Etonians or Salopians, there are several King's Schools around the country. Hence the adoption of the long name of the Association. Nor is the Association just for those in the Chester area, despite its name being the Chester Association of Old King's Scholars which has misled some. And, by the way, it isn't necessary to be old or male to be a member and participate!

Although until recently it was necessary to apply for membership and to pay a subscription, in 2021 a new constitution was adopted and all former pupils of the school are now automatically members of the Association without the need to sign up or pay up (although many members do make a modest annual donation which the Association uses for charitable and administrative purposes) - and the school has taken over responsibility for the bulk of the administration of the Association. Every former pupil of the King's School for whom the school has contact details will receive communications about the Association and this newsletter by email or post, unless pursuant to data protection regulations they have opted out.

Although it has taken a few words to explain, the Chester Association of Old King's Scholars is the alumni association for the school, and all former pupils are full members. So, what are the objects of the Association and its potential benefits to members?

Objects and Benefits

The objects are set out in the constitution as:

- To strengthen the ties between the Alumni and the King's School;
- To further the educational and general interests of the King's School in every possible way in co-operation with the Governors, the Headmaster, the Teaching Staff and the Development Office;
- To promote the interests, advancement and good fellowship of the Alumni of the King's School, including providing opportunities to facilitate networking and career support;
- To provide funds for and administer the Chester Old King's Scholars Exhibition and Baty Voluntary Service Overseas Travel Award;
- To make arrangements for holding an Annual Dinner and other social gatherings from time to time.

Potential benefits of being an Old King's Scholar are the social events held at the school and elsewhere and the possibilities of networking and career support, with the overall object of promoting the interests, advancement and good fellowship of the Alumni. There are three major social events planned each year: the annual dinner at the school, about which details can be found elsewhere in this newsletter, a summer event and an event in London. In addition, there are year group reunions at the school, various smaller events, usually in the Chester area, although we are hoping



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to hold occasional regional events elsewhere and sometimes an online event, and the annual party at Henley is very popular. Networking can arise from any of the social activities, but, in addition, from time-to-time events for career interests take place for senior pupils at the school. We are very happy to consider other potential events and welcome ideas and suggestions.

Charitable work

Our charitable activities are an important part of the Association's work. At the time of the Association's foundation in 1865 the CAOKS Exhibition Fund was established to provide an award every year to a former pupil studying at university. This is the most prestigious of the awards made to pupils of the school. The Baty Voluntary Service Overseas Travel Award, created in memory of a former headmaster, is awarded to assist pupils who engage in voluntary charitable work overseas, usually for a period between school and further education. In addition, the Association supports school projects, e.g., recently it has been decided that the Association should subsidise new bursary students to enable them to purchase an iPad required for their schoolwork.

Sometimes people are wary about attending alumni events because of a fear that the event may be a pretext for fund-raising. Although the Association fully supports the school in its fund-raising ventures, these are not pressed at CAOKS events, which are intended to further the fellowship of the school community. If an event is arranged primarily for fund-raising then this will be made clear in advance.

Communicating with members

The reunions for year groups have proved very successful and are greatly enjoyed by those who attend them. As a result, old friendships have been renewed, and I am aware of several WhatsApp groups which have been set up to enable people to remain in touch. Without in any way wishing to influence or interfere with the operation of these groups it would be very helpful to know of their existence and to have a contact with one member so that we can transmit news or information to these groups which may be of interest and not transmitted by other means. Similarly, we are seeking to identify individual members who can operate as a representative to communicate with year groups.

Contact details of many Old King's Scholars are held by the school, and communications by email or post are sent to them from time to time, including the newsletter and other CAOKS messages. However we are aware that there are gaps in the data held, and that some OKS are in contact with their friends by various means including WhatsApp groups. We would like to reach out to those OKS with whom the school and CAOKS are not currently in contact, and improve our connections with current members. Proposals to nominate year representatives, possibly regional "ambassadors", and make contact with WhatsApp groups will be put into effect over the next few months and anyone who is interested in any of these roles should contact the Secretary, Peter Bernie. (HonSec@caoks.co.uk)

Twice a year Old King's Scholars will continue to receive the CAOKS newsletter, usually in electronic format, although those who request a paper copy will receive one, as is the case at the moment. From time to time further communications will be received from the Alumni Office acting on behalf of CAOKS. In addition further information can be obtained by checking in to the Alumni section on the School's website. There are King's School and CAOKS groups on Facebook and Linked In.

The Officers and Alumni Office are always pleased to hear from members and contact details appear on the back page of the newsletter.

Anthony Russell OKS (1970)
President CAOKS



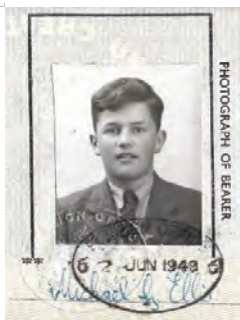
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MR TOLLIDAY'S HOLIDAYS

The article about Mr Tolliday's first school holiday provoked much interest and has resulted in further reminiscences of early Tol's hols from David Atkinson OKS (1951) and Mike (Mick) Ellis OKS 1952.

Further reminiscences and photographs of school trips would be welcomed by the Editor for future publication.

School Trip to France 1948 – Mike Ellis



The article in the May edition on the school trip to Paris in 1947 brought back a rush of memories of the 1948 trip to France also run by Messrs Tolliday and Crofton. I am grateful to them to this day for enabling this most extraordinary experience for all of the boys. None had been abroad and few had travelled further than Liverpool or North Wales; even crossing London by tube was an eye-opener.

Many features of the trip were the same as 1947, including staying in the Camp Volant with its primitive lavatories, and the requisite use of Johnson's Bar. There were differences however, notably that the trip was 12 days in August - the weather very hot - and included a stay in another camp at Montrichard on the River Cher. From there we went on trips to the impressive chateaux of Chenonceaux and Chambord. We also visited some nearby caves, which were quite cold (a great relief from the heat) used for making sparkling wine. There was a standard package for tourists which included a tasting session. The lads tucked in of course - "Free champagne!" - ignoring the requirement to spit out the sample after each tasting. Visitors were expected to buy some bottles, but of course we couldn't afford it, but certainly enjoyed getting slightly squiffy on the samples! Funds were thin, especially towards the end. The regulations were that one could only take a

maximum of £25 abroad. I see from my passport I exchanged £17 in francs.

In Paris, I only remember one organised trip, to the Louvre; looking back it was amazingly uncrowded - you could get actually close to the Mona Lisa. Otherwise we went about in "small compact groups" as in 1947. One was going for a swim in a pool floating in the Seine, where the girls all wore the newly fashionable bikinis. That may have been the only bath or shower we had. I know when I got home, brown as a berry, my parents immediately put me in the bath to "get rid of all the grime".

The food at Camp Volant was 'hearty', to put it politely, but after some hesitation we all ate well, no matter what strange items appeared in the inevitable stews. Breakfast consisted of tea and thick slices of excellent French bread with jam from a large tin. We were assailed by wasps which led to an unfortunate incident for Mr Crofton. He had a sight defect and didn't notice a wasp on his jam. This stung him and his face swelled up alarmingly. We all sniggered of course, but the smiles disappeared when he was taken off to hospital. Thankfully, he was cured within the day.



One afternoon, Eric Jones and I and two other lads, took the Metro to Montmartre and bold as brass walked into the Folies Bergère and bought tickets. Remember we were about 14 or 15, and if you look at my passport photo, one wonders what the box office staff thought. I don't know what we expected, but the show was spectacular - lots of singing and dancing, mainly by bare breasted, long legged women, with otherwise highly extravagant costumes. There were comedians telling jokes, which we couldn't understand, but laughed anyway; there was an Apache dance where a man threw a woman about the stage to her apparent delight, but the most erotic act was a modern version of "L'après midi d'un faune" which really took us aback - no sniggering. I don't think we learned much French on the trip, but we certainly learned something about the way of the world beyond Prestatyn and Pierhead.



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School Trip to France 1948 – David Atkinson

Soon after the School Certificate exams the party left for France. I can remember this because my 15th birthday was the day of the last paper (Physics). This was my first time away from British Isles though I had been by steamer to the Isle of Man and Northern Ireland. Travel was by train to Newhaven and the night boat to Dieppe. Most of us spent the night leaning against cars that had been craned aboard as deck cargo.

We got directly onto the train for the slow journey through heavy mist patches most of the way to Paris. The Camp Volant near Les Invalides used ex-American army tents and equipment. The ablutions and sanitary were fine compared with those described for the 1947 trip. The Metro was good for getting around buying the carnet (pack of tickets). I was very impressed by the electric direction panels which lit up to show you the station you wanted to travel to. It also impressed as being like a real railway compared to the London Underground tube trains. There were reserved seats for the 'mutilés du guerre'. Food in the camp was, in my view quite good. However I remember one of our number grumbled about the salad which he said was like the weeds growing in the Seine. I think it was what we now know as rocket. One evening Ronnie Lanceley and I went to a restaurant on the Champs Elysees and had a splendid meal with lashings of meat (veal I seem to remember).

We travelled by a very ordinary crowded train with wooden seats to Blois. Then it was by coach to Montrichard on the Cher for the Camp Volant with similar ex-American equipment. The camp was in a field with a very rural setting. There were lots of wasps. Mr Crofton had very bad eyesight and succeeded in being stung in the mouth at breakfast one day.

The Loire was very much a poorer area for people in general. However we had some very interesting visits to chateaux and to some of the caves formed excavating the rock for the chateaux; mushrooms were being grown in one and sparkling wine stored in another. I still have the Green Michelin guide to 'Les Chateaux de Loire' that I bought. I also bought some tins of the mushrooms and a bottle of the Monmousseau sparkling wine. Incidentally I had no trouble with the keen British customs despite my tender age for the wine. I am afraid

that my 3 year old sister was a bit sick after having a few of the mushrooms.

We returned to Paris by train on a more splendid express from Orleans. Some boys missed the train which seemed to cause a bit of a panic. The night was spent at the camp and we returned to UK the next day. I had a meal with Ronnie again in the Strand Corner House and left the school party in London to travel overnight to Grange over Sands where my parents were on holiday. Interestingly I visited the same hotel 4 years ago it now being a Holiday Property Bond timeshare.

1949 School Trip cycling across Denmark – David Atkinson

I bought a new Raleigh cycle for this trip from the Raleigh depot in Liverpool. They assembled it to my specification whilst I waited paying cash for it. Then I cycled home to Chester using the Mersey ferry Pierhead to Woodside. A few years later I was rather narked when my mother gave it the boy next door whilst I was working in South America.

We took the train to Harwich and then the steamer to Esbjerg. There was a fair ride to our night stop at a youth hostel. The meal was outside in the semi dark with bats rather spookily silently swooping to and fro. Mr Tolliday had a van (possibly a milk float) and had a pile of luggage in the back. One of our number had a bit too much to drink on the boat and had to travel with his bike on top of the luggage that afternoon. The next night we got to Odense and slept in a room over the fire station. There we crossed the Little Belt by ferry which had a magnificent array of food in the snack bar. The food was a great feature of this trip with cream cakes, Danish bacon, etc. Fantastic compared with the austerity in UK still subject to food rationing for a few more years.

At Copenhagen we resided in a school gymnasium north of the centre. A memorable feature was a stall in the Tivoli Gardens where the Royal Danish Pottery took their rejects for smashing by the park goers. A brief trip by ferry was made to Helsingborg in Sweden from Elsinore. It seemed rather grim and somewhat empty when we were there. Then we went to Jutland by coaster overnight to Aarhus, cycling to Esbjerg and home.



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More Memories of Tol's Hols

Mr Tolliday continued to organise holidays for King's School boys in the 1950s and 1960s. In later years these were often educational cruises aboard the liners of the British India Steam Navigation Company. At this period few families went abroad for holidays, and Tol's hols gave some of us the opportunity to experience travel outside the UK for the first time. These photographs are a reminder of the last two such cruises organised by Mr Tolliday in 1967 and 1968 on board SS Nevasa and SS Uganda. The SS Uganda was used as a hospital ship during the Falklands Conflict in 1982. Some of the photographs were taken by Peter Wilkes OKS (1970) and others by the President.

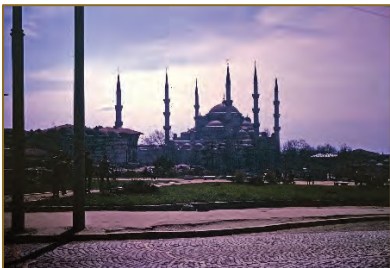
Nevasa's Cruise to Gibraltar, Tripoli (Libya), Istanbul, Athens and Venice, April 1967



The Apes at Gibraltar



The ruins of Sabratha in Libya



The Blue Mosque, Istanbul



The Parthenon, Athens



St. Mark's Square, Venice

The Uganda Cruise to Madeira, Casablanca and Lisbon in 1968 – life on board



SS Uganda



KS Boys in the ship's swimming pool



Messrs Tolliday and Lyons



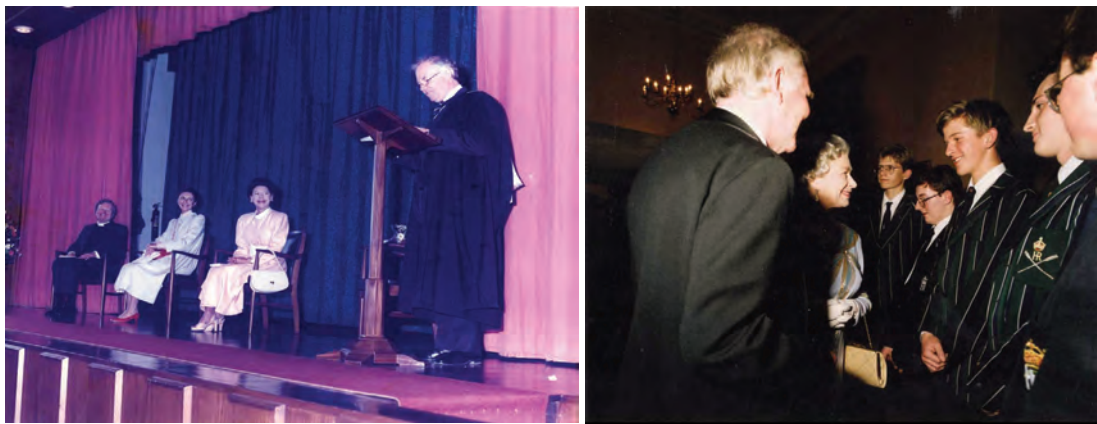


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SIXTY YEARS OF ROYAL CONNECTIONS WITH THE KING'S SCHOOL



Opening of the new buildings by HM Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother in 1960



Opening of the 6th form centre in 1989 by HRH Princess Margaret and The Celebration of King's at the Royal Albert Hall in 1991



HM The Queen, accompanied by The Duchess of Sussex, opening The Storyhouse, formerly the Odeon Cinema, in 2018



Mr Iorwerth Gruffudd-Jones



Iorwerth Gruffudd-Jones, who taught woodwork and technical drawing at the King's School from 1972 to 1975, died peacefully in the company of his family on 18th March 2022, aged 90.

After two years' national service in the RAF (Bomber Command) Mr Gruffudd-Jones, known to family and friends as Iori, became a police officer in the Denbighshire constabulary. It was at this time that he met and married his wife Dorothy. Inspired by his wife's achievement of becoming the first member of her family, and from the street where she lived, to study at university and take a degree (in French and German), he went to St. John's College, York, to study Woodwork and Crafts and Technical Drawing.

His first teaching post was at Rupert Road High School, Huyton with Roby, and then he became the first master at a new comprehensive school in Wrexham, Ysgol Morgan Llwyd. After seven years he moved to Ysgol Brynhyfryd, Ruthin for 4 years before being appointed to King's by Mr Arthur Munday, teaching Woodwork and Technical Drawing and assisting with coaching Rowing from January 1972 to December 1975. He thoroughly enjoyed these years and often spoke extremely fondly of his time there. His son, Martin, was a pupil at the King's School. Outside school, he was busy building and renovating houses, moving four times during his time at Kings.

On holiday near Barmouth during Easter 1975, Iori and Dorothy discovered that the old country house of Birmingham Small Arms in 5 acres of grounds within Barmouth, was going onto the market, and decided to found a school there. By September, Iori and Dorothy had bought Tower House, converted the buildings,

sourced school furniture and equipment, engaged staff, and acquired pupils and uniforms, and opened with 15 boys and girls ranging from 4 to 16 years of age, including their daughters, Alys and Ruth. They received great help from family, friends and the founding parents. Indeed, early on, The Tower House PTA was more like an extended family. By the time Iori and Dorothy retired late in 1989, there were 150 fee-paying pupils and they sold the business under leasehold to Nord Anglia Schools who ran Tower House School for a further 9 years.

Iori was pre-deceased by Dorothy in January 1993 aged 62 years. Upon the school's closure in 1998 and the buildings reverting to Iori, he embarked upon a further huge restoration programme, converting them into 3 large houses and ran a successful holiday letting business until his eventual retirement aged 87!

His son, Martin, and two sisters married, providing seven grandchildren, who brought him great joy and for whom he was a dedicated and very proud 'Taid' (Grandad). Iori finally retired back to Ruthin in February 2019, moving to Plas Gwyn Residential Home in July 2020, where he lived extremely happily until passing on peacefully aged over 90 years. He was buried in Llanaber Cemetery, Barmouth, followed by a service of thanksgiving in Capel Tabernacl, Ruthin.

Iori is survived by his three children. Martin Gruffudd-Jones OKS (1977) trained at The Welsh National School of Medicine, Cardiff from 1977 to 1984 then trained in Surgery (General and Cardiothoracic) in London Hospitals. From 1990 he worked in Psychiatry around England and N Wales and started GP Training on the North Wales Coast in 1995 after Obstetrics and Gynaecology in Chester and Ear, Nose and Throat in Ysbyty Glan Clwyd. He lives in Chester and has been a GP for 28 years (21 years in Liverpool). Alys Cole-King, is Clinical Director of 4 Mental Health and a retired Consultant Psychiatrist (previously Ysbyty Glan Clwyd) and Ruth Crowther teaches Modern Languages at Ruthin School—opposite Ysgol Brynhyfryd, where her father once taught.



Michael Cornes OKS (1959)



Michael was born on 15th September 1942 which meant he was 15 days shy of his 80th birthday when he died on 31st August this year following a valiant fight against cancer, keeping up his lively spirit and good humour to the end.

He was the son of a Cheshire farmer and lived at the time at Lodge Farm, Farndon, and attended the local school until gaining a place at King's School in the early 50's. Michael enjoyed his years at both Junior and Senior schools but left after the Fifts to work with his father on the family farm. However, wishing to broaden his horizons, he went to Dagenham to study engineering which eventually took him to work for the Bosch company in South Africa, Zimbabwe and Botswana where he enjoyed the lifestyle of an expat for several years before returning to take over the family farm on his father's retirement.

Those of us who knew him well, knew he was a somewhat reluctant farmer who found that civil engineering was more to his taste so he founded Michael Cornes Contracts based at Lodge Farm and continues working both enterprises until he retired initially from farming and later from the civil engineering firm. In the meanwhile he enjoyed a long and happy marriage to Wendie with their son Peter, a keen canoeist. In recent years he and Wendie sold the farm and retired to Tarvin.

Michael's leisure pursuits were also partly waterborne and included sailing on Tall Ships, being a keen supporter of the Tall Ships Youth Trust, and also negotiating his beloved narrowboat on the local canal network where a merry quip and good natured banter

was shared with all whether they were on other narrowboats or walking the towpath. These activities may seem at opposite ends of the spectrum in that a trip on the tall ships might have ended in the Azores, whilst a trip on the narrowboat might have ended in Liverpool via Wigan and Stoke on Trent but he enjoyed them equally. A keen shot, Michael also enjoyed many years of shooting and the camaraderie it provided.

Michael enjoyed a long Masonic career which began when he was initiated into a Lodge in Wrexham in 1985, later to become Worshipful Master and also fulfilling every office. He subsequently joined Chapters in Chester and participated with his usual enthusiasm, making a significant contribution whenever required. A committed Christian, Michael took all vows and responsibilities very seriously and he has helped and supported many friends, charities and good causes over the years.

"Cornsey" was very proud of being a King's School Old Boy and was a regular supporter of events and President of the Association in 1988. We will miss his good humoured banter, especially over the snooker table against the Chester Grammar School Old Boys and on the bowling green on a summer evening.

We have lost a true and trusted friend.

Jeremy Lloyd OKS, President of CAOKS 1983

John Donaldson OKS (1975)

John Donaldson died on 21st September 2022 at a hospice in Shrewsbury following a period of illness. John, who was born on 29th April 1956, entered the King's School in 1967.

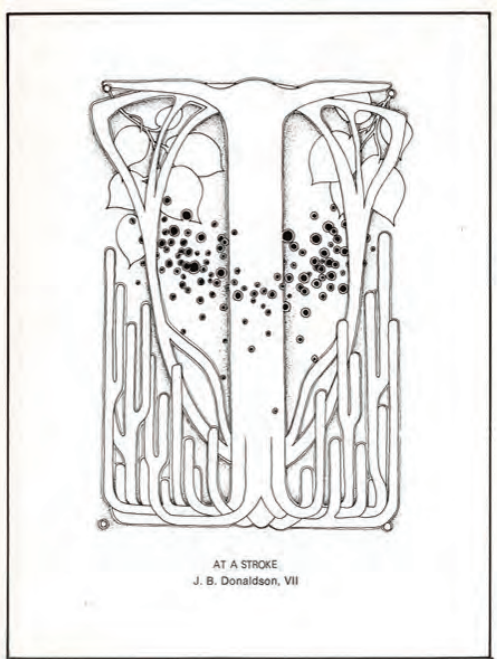
At school John was noted as a talented artist. One of his drawings, published in the school magazine during his last year, is reproduced below. He studied Art to "A" Level with Gordon Orry, and was one of a team who painted the scenery for a number of school productions. John won the school's Caldecott Senior Drawing Prize in 1974 with his picture of Bridge Street. He stood as a candidate in the school's February 1974 mock election as a "Die Hard" candidate, wearing a straw boater and spats!



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John went on to study History of Art at Manchester University. He moved to Cambridge where he worked at Andy's Records on Cambridge Market and later at Haverhill, which was an ideal job for someone with great love and considerable knowledge of popular music. He had a wide range of interests, including the works of Mervyn Peake and he contributed articles for the Mervyn Peake Society Journal.

From 1988 until he retired in 2013, John worked as Curator of the Museum of Classical Archaeology at Cambridge. He turned his hand to many things whilst there, including managing the largest accession to the museum collection for years, a nearly 5-metre tall cast of the Samian Kouros. The current director, Carrie Vout, wrote: "John was a gem, a quiet, capable person with a wry sense of humour, someone who didn't suffer fools gladly."



Although he lived away from Chester for most of his life, he never forgot his roots and remained a keen supporter of Chester Football Club, attending the team's away matches in East Anglia whenever he could.

John's last home was in Shrewsbury and he is survived by his wife, Beverley, and two elder brothers.

Norman Foster OKS (1933)

We learnt recently of the death of one of our oldest members, Norman Foster, at the age of 105.

A search of the archives found a photograph of a school production of Macbeth in 1931, in which Norman Foster played one of the witches, the middle of the three witches, seated at the front, carrying a staff.

The review of the play stated: "the financial result was good, but even more gratifying was the proof that such an essentially highbrow programme could be popular. Macbeth was well produced from start to finish. The play seems to need no scenery, and the simplification of its setting added to the effectiveness of its presentation."



Mark Grant OKS (1972)

Mark Grant, who attended the senior school between 1965 and 1972, died on 16th May 2022, aged 68, after a long battle with cancer. His good friend from his school days, Peter Holmes OKS, has written this tribute.

My friendship with Mark Grant started in the first year of the Upper School when Mark persuaded me to join the "brass band" run by Keith Lysons, a weekly after school event. Mark had a knack of getting people involved and over the years we coalesced into a brass quintet, all from members of our year; Mark & Terry Rowe (trombones), Michael Archer (horn) and Keith Woodward & myself (trumpets) – see photo (albeit not with Terry Rowe on 2nd trombone...)

With encouragement from Keith Lysons we moved from the world of brass band music to that of "early music" which was coming into vogue in the 1960's and 70's, and in later years at end of term services in the cathedral, we would regularly play a "Canzona"



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composed by Giovanni Gabrieli for performance in St Mark's Basilica in Venice in the early 17th Century.



Mark had numerous interests, not least British motorbikes and was a fan of British engineering. As his life progressed he added a classic Jaguar to his collection.. He lived in Hoole with his parents and 3 brothers and was very much a Chester City boy. I was based out in the sticks near Northwich, and was often grateful for accommodation at his house when school and other events went on past the time for the last train home.



I am pretty certain he also persuaded me to spend an afternoon at school "orienteering" – running around the Eaton Estate with maps and compass as part of a project run by a student at Chester College. The photograph shows the team of runners, I think before they set off, given the mud free attire.. From left to right – Peter Meaney, Richard Ashton, Geoff Eastaway, Mark, Richard Booth, Chris Green, Jon Shanklin and Peter Jones (maybe I took the photo..)

Mark & I lost contact not long after leaving school; we both went on to further education, Mark to study biology and complete a PhD. He married Moira, who went to the Convent school and I think they met when they were 15 or 16. They settled in Chester and lived in a wonderful interwar house in Shavington Avenue,

Hoole, with their daughter. Mark continued to play the trombone in a brass band and a jazz band, in both of which he was key to their organisation. Throughout his life he stayed close with the group of Chester boys he had met at school – Roderick Ainslie, Peter Meaney and Richard Booth.

Mark and I were brought together again relatively recently following the death of Keith Lysons, who was such an important person to both us during our time at school. We hatched a plan to give a cup to the school in Keith's memory, the "Keith Lysons Bell", to be awarded annually to a promising brass player. The bell was cut from a cornet from Mark's collection and the base was carved from a piece of Cheshire sandstone, reflecting the local heritage and Keith's interest in music and buildings.



Sadly that was the last time we met. Mark contracted cancer as we were all separated by Covid, and regrettably it wasn't possible to visit before he finally succumbed. I was unable to attend his funeral as I had previously committed to the opportunity to sing the services at St Mark's in Venice on that day. There was no music by Giovanni Gabrieli, but there was a certain something in being able to think of him whilst performing in the building we had often imagined at the end of term services.

I am sure that Mark touched the hearts of many, many people during his life and he will be very much missed.

Peter George Shobbrook OKS (1944)

We have been informed that Peter George Shobbrook, who was President of the Association in 1969, died in January, aged 94. Mr. Shobbrook was born on 27th August 1927.



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