



Connect



The magazine for the Old Vigornians of The King's School, Worcester

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A Letter from the Headmaster



I am delighted to introduce this latest edition of Connect magazine, published at the end of another academic year which has been rich in achievement of all kinds. These last two terms have seen a brace of musicals, *Return to the Forbidden Planet* and *The Little Shop of Horrors*, performed by our younger pupils. Recent activity in the music department has included a joint concert with a visiting choir from Brittany and a fabulous summer concert which included a bravura performance of Gershwin's *Rhapsody in Blue* by the First Orchestra, with homegrown soloist Jia Jie Huang handling the technical demands of the piano part with impressive aplomb.

In sport too there has been much to celebrate, including a national victory for our 1st XV rugby team in the NatWest Bowl and a magnificent effort from our U16 netball players who came fourth in this year's national finals. These are exceptional achievements, but still more pleasing is the extraordinary breadth of participation in extra-curricular activity across the school. In the Duke of

Edinburgh's Award, for example, 90 of our Fifth Form gained their bronze award, and record numbers are continuing to progress towards silver and gold. The CCF too remains popular, and also provides splendid opportunities for the development of leadership skills.

A highlight of this term was the annual OV reunion weekend, which featured a splendid dinner on the Saturday evening. It was wonderful to be joined by so many guests to celebrate the King's community; please do consider coming next year, particularly if you have not been to visit the school for some time. It is always a pleasure to welcome OVs back to King's and to show them the school as it is today, and the Development and Alumni Relations team will always be glad to arrange a tour at any convenient time.

We continue to be very fortunate to have the support of a strong and committed community of former pupils, and I am grateful to all those who have returned to their old school this year to speak, to promote possible career paths and to

inspire the next generation in a whole range of ways. We are hugely thankful too for the generous support given by many of you to our bursary appeal, 'Open the Door to King's', and hope that, if you have not already contributed, you might consider giving to this worthy cause. The campaign video, visible on the school website, makes very clear the transformative effects of a King's education and the value of bursary support to those who would not otherwise be able to afford a King's education.

The second half of this year promises to be just as busy, and the autumn sees reunions for our five and ten year leavers as well as our annual drinks event in London. We hope that many members of our community will join us for this - please do consider adding the date to your diary. It would give me great pleasure to see you there.

Matthew Amy



Memories

I remember flooding in the 1960s and having to walk over wobbly planks supported by oil drums outside the Cricket Ground entrance in order to get to the river bridge and then on to St Albans. I don't think that today's Health and Safety regs would have been so

keen on this solution! I also remember when I was in the Senior School (Hostel) sculling across the County Ground.

Mike Fardon (H 62-68)



It is a truism that only the most popular teachers have nicknames bestowed upon them by the citizenry of the School. In my day, (early 1950s) there were many. Miss A Campbell was Ack Ack, Mr Thomas was Wilf, Mr West was Pongo, Mr Strong was Sam, Mr Bailey was Basher, Mr N E Dilkes was Neddy (obviously!) and the Head, Mr F R Kittermaster, was Kitty. The Head of St Alban's at that time was Mr Wilson, who was known as Woodrow. He was a remarkable chap in many ways. He could be quite frightening, but he had a much lighter side, each year playing hilarious starring roles in The Entertainment which was basically a series of comedy sketches and songs – and great fun. I still remember some of them.

David Daniels (Cr 51-56)

The year of 1979 celebrated their 40 year reunion this year.

It was an absolute pleasure to welcome back the 1979 rowers and especially wonderful to be able to recreate this photo of them as a J14 crew, as well as to watch them take to the water, rowing together again for the first time in 40 years.

Pictured on the front cover of this edition of Connect are **Ian McCarthy, Philip Wells, Nick Holmes, Romano Subiotto, Tim Lucas, James Davies** and **Mike Perkins**, taken in May 2019 at the same location as the original was taken.

Mr Thompson who coached the crew when they were at school was sadly unable to join them for this new photograph but very much enjoyed catching up with the crew at the annual reunion dinner in College Hall in the evening.



We love to publish memories. Please email alumni@ksw.org.uk if you would like to be featured in the next issue of Connect.

OV Reunions & Events



OV football Team, 2019

Football Reunion 2019

It was an absolute pleasure to welcome sixteen OV's back onto King's turf in January for the annual OV vs King's 1st XI football match. It was a crisp and bright day where both sides played well and both scored impressive goals which saw the game end in a 2-2 draw. This led to penalties, where sadly the OV's lost 5-4. Our congratulations must go to the 1st XI on a game well played, and a deserved win. The OV's then enjoyed a curry in Worcester with their former King's football coaches **Jon Sarriegui** and **Mark Poole (Hon OV's)** which gave a great opportunity to catch up on studies, travel and work news. We were delighted that the following OV's took part:

Cameron Stanley-Blakey (S 10-17), **Harry Annable (Br 10-17)**, **Archie Humpage (K 10-17)**, **Sean Jarvis (S 11-18)**, **Angus Guthrie (Cr 10-17)**, **Will Newton (W 05-12)**, **David Newton (W 12-14)**, **Sam Lowe (W 11-18)**, **Richard Newton (K 15-17)**, **James Arnold (K 11-17)**, **Cameron Mathewson (Cr 11-18)**, **Will Price (Br 12-17)**, **George Fradgley (Cl 15-17)**, **Lewi Hobbs-Jeffrey (Br 10-17)**, **Henry Wilde (Br 09-16)**, **Tom Gidney (S 11-18)**.

Others that didn't play but joined in the evening were **Will Burgoyne (K 10-17)**, **George Francis (Cr 11-18)** and **Will Hood (W 11-18)**.

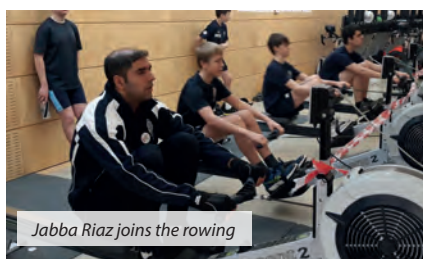
Festive Fun

Christmas is a perfect time for catching up with friends and OV's **Corah Lewis (Ch 07-14)** and **Livvy Deehan (W 07-14)** did a fantastic job of organising a festive 2014 leavers' reunion just before Christmas.

Over 50 OV's reunited for an evening of catching up, reminiscing and celebrating Christmas and the New Year at the Farriers Arms.



Corah Lewis Reunion



Jabba Riaz joins the rowing

Rowers Return

OV's gave a helping hand with this year's King's annual indoor one million metre row which raises funds for charity. This year's charities were Cardiac Risk In The Young, Alzheimer's Society & St Richard's Hospice. The event, which took place on 15th December in the Michael Baker Boathouse raised an incredible £5,544!

OV's who gave their support included Mayor of Worcester, **Jabba Riaz (Br 91-96)**, YouthComm radio presenter, **Jamie MacDonald (W 08-15)**, last year's Head of School, **Alice Evans (S 11-18)** as well as **Charlie Kenny (Ca 11-18)**, **Abigail Watson (S 11-18)**, **Michael Watson (W 08-15)**, **Matt Bladen (W 08-15)**, **James Beattie (Cl 10-17)**, **Henry Armstrong (Br 11-18)**, **Sophie Lee (W 16-18)**, **Ollie Colbourne (Br 11-18)**, **James Robins (K 12-17)**, **Andrew Salkeld (Cl 11-18)** and others.



Christmas Catch Up

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Joe Sullivan (Ca 12-18) organised a get-together of OV friends which we were thrilled to support and delighted to hear had been a success. OV's in attendance were **Tom Gidney (S 11-18)**, **Cam Mathewson (Cr 11-18)**, **Hugo Walton (S 11-18)**, **George Francis (Cr 11-18)**, **Sam Garland (Cr 12-18)**, **Noah Crampton (S 11-18)**, **Will Hood (W 11-18)**, **Dom Sullivan (Os 12-16)** and **James Austin (Os 16-18)**. The OV's enjoyed a meal at Miller and Carter, then headed to a few familiar places in town. The Development & Alumni Relations Office were thrilled to help facilitate and support this reunion. Do let us know if you have any OV get-togethers planned.



Basketball Players

Basketball Reunion

We were delighted to be sent this report from OV **Ilija Rašović (Cr 03-10)** who recently organised another successful OV basketball reunion...

"After the success of last year's basketball reunion, a small group gathered at short notice recently at Perdisswell Leisure Centre for some 3x3. Fitness forgiven, it was a great evening. There's a decent number of us kicking about the West Midlands so we are organising regular sessions over the next three months both in Worcester and Birmingham. OV's taking part with Ilija included **Quentin Elmhirst (Cr 03-10)**, **Andreas Neophytou (K 05-12)**, **Charlie Titmuss (Ch 03-10)** as well as former King's staff, Julien Cantin and coach Aleksandar Racić.

Cambridge Reunion

January saw Liz Elliott and Sophie Borrillo-McLellan from the Development & Alumni Relations Office host an OV Reunion in Cambridge for OVs who enjoy living, working and studying in the beautiful city of Cambridge and its surroundings. We were thrilled to be joined by **James Alexander (H 75-85)**, **Bill Bishop (Cr 11-18)**, **Ceredig Cattnach-Chell (W 86-98)**, **Maha Munir (Br 10-17)**, **Andrew Salkeld (CI 11-18)**, **Saskia Frisby (Ca 12-17)**, **Thomas Whitworth (Ch 12-16)**, **Rowan Kitt (77-87)** and **Henry Phillips (Ch 08-15)**. OV, and Head of Sixth Form, **Josh Hand (CI 91-01)** also joined which was fantastic, especially for the more recent additions to the OV community who remember him well as a teacher here at King's.

It was wonderful to hear how the OVs studying at Cambridge are enjoying their courses and with many having just finished exams, the reunion gave opportunity for a congratulatory beverage and a well-earned wind down. It was also a huge pleasure to meet OVs who now enjoy living and working in Cambridge, and an excellent

opportunity for those OVs to meet others whom they did not know at school but with whom they share King's Worcester, and now Cambridge, as common ground. With plenty of reminiscences varying from rugby highs and lows to Latin lessons, the evening was huge fun from start to finish.



OVs reunite in Cambridge

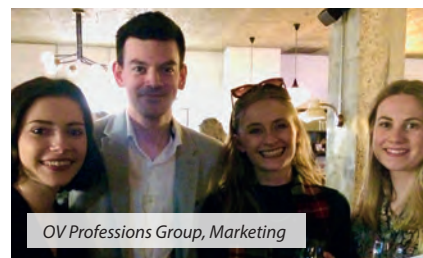
OV Professions

Head of Alumni Relations Sophie, enjoyed a trip to London on the 14th March, meeting with one of our OV Professions Groups (Audit, Tax, Pensions & Advisory), in the jam-packed Merchant's Pub, Canary Wharf. The idea of these groups is to provide an opportunity for OVs of all generations who now work in the same fields to meet up and share their experiences, to learn from each other, and to network as an OV community in an informal and relaxed environment. This was the second get-together for this finance group. Sophie was so pleased to be joined by **Tom Bradley (CI 07-12)**, **Geraint Davies (CI 65-72)**, **Tim Herbert (K 88-95)**, **Jon Preston (CI 02-09)**, **Hugo Watkins (CI 04-11)** and **Patrick Baldwin (Ch 02-09)** for what was a thoroughly enjoyable evening sharing professional and personal experiences, as well

as King's memories. There was even a party trick or two thrown in for good measure!

We also held the first of our gatherings for OVs working in Marketing & Communications, meeting up for informal drinks at the Hoxton Hotel, Holborn. **David Atkinson (W 79-86)**, Managing Director of SPACE marketing agency had initiated this event and kindly sponsored the initial drinks. It was lovely to see such a wonderful group of OVs, representing many years and finding much in common despite working across a wide range of industries, but in very similar marketing and communications roles. Liz, Development Director, really enjoyed meeting all the OVs and hearing about their journeys after leaving school.

The OVs who joined us were: **Leo Addis (Ch 81-86)**, **David Atkinson (W 79-86)**, **Lizzie Baxter (S 03-10)**, **Ed Brew (Br 01-08)**, **James Byrne (W 91-02)**, **Derek Evans (Cr 78-86)**, **Chris Goodreds (Os 00-07)**, **Vanessa Gott (CI 06-13)**, **Dan Harknett (Br 06-11)**, **Vicky Longster (Br 08-14)**, **Andrew Nunney (K 78-85)**, **Amanda Stacey (Co 84-86)**.



OV Professions Group, Marketing

Overseas Reunions

With OVs based all around the world, we are always delighted to hear about get-togethers taking place both home and away. It was great to hear that **Lucy Robinson (K 04-11)** and **Will Lucas (W 04-09)** had a chance to meet up in Australia recently! Lucy was out there visiting her sister and managed to meet up with Will backstage at a "Bring me the Horizon" concert in Sydney. Will is currently the Audio Technician for "Bring me the Horizon" who are on tour.



Lucy Robinson and Will Lucas

We were also thrilled that OVs **Beth Sears (K 03-09)** and **Tim Norton (Os 04-11)** got together for brunch at Bronte Beach, Sydney, in Australia in May. Despite it being winter, there was still plenty of sunshine and Beth and Tim had plenty to catch up on. Not only did Beth attend King's, she also worked here for a year when she left school, helping in

the Boathouse, Office and Reprographics departments.

Beth moved to Australia in 2018 and she is enjoying living and working in Sydney. Tim is also enjoying life 'down under', and is working as an Urban Planner in Melbourne.



Beth Sears and Tim Norton

Beth and Tim meeting up got us thinking Do you live in Australia and would you enjoy an OV reunion? We will be planning something for the end of this year or start of next, and would be delighted to hear any ideas on locations and logistics from anyone living out in there. (alumni@ksw.org.uk).

116th OV Reunion Weekend

The 4th & 5th May saw over 200 OV and Hon OVs return to King's for the annual OV Reunion Weekend. The 116th event this year was filled to the brim with laughter, memories and plenty of reuniting. The events began with Bubbly Brunch in the Dining Hall where we were especially pleased to invite Hon OV former and retired staff to meet with each other and OVs. The OV Club AGM followed and tours of school were enjoyed greatly by all the OVs who had fun revisiting familiar spots as well as exploring the newer facilities on site.

It was a particular pleasure over the weekend to meet the year of 1979, where they had, all bar one, managed to reunite their rowing crew. The group took to the water, courtesy of the King's Boathouse, 40 years after they had last rowed together. It took no time for the group dynamic to re-establish itself and Liz and Sophie from the Development Office were particularly impressed (and relieved!) to see that the crew were evidently all still active, capable and fully coordinated. Nonetheless,

everyone breathed a sigh of relief when the boat, (and all those inside it), returned to the water's edge in one piece, looking to have had a wonderful time together again!

The black-tie reunion dinner in College Hall was a spectacular evening. It was wonderful to be joined by OVs from all eras, and it was an especially lovely opportunity for those marking special reunion years to gather large groups together again. An archive display filled with photos prompted many memories and reminiscences and it was a pleasure to see so many OVs back together enjoying being in College Hall again. Dinner was followed by some short speeches and toasts and it was nice to welcome OV **David Ogle (K 76-86)** as the newest President of the OV Club and to hear him say a few words of reflection on his experiences as an OV.

The dinner was a huge success and tremendous fun, continuing late into the evening. For many, College Hall wasn't the end of the night, with the reuniting moving into Worcester city!



Jeremy Pendle and Simone Biewer



Year of 1969 table



Year of 1979



Gerald Lindner and Jeremy Lyon



Nigel Bayliss, Dawn Tyson,
Hilary Brearley and Jeremy Tyson



Neville Bulman



David Ogle, Ann Seabright and David Seabright



Year of 1994 table



Jo Hart, Sarah Flowers, Kirsten Wrigley, Sarah Mitchell, Dorcas Jones and Lisa Bates

Himalayan Reunion

It was such fun to welcome back OVs, members of the wider King's family and keen travellers and climbers, as we marked 25 years since Hon OV John Walton founded the Himalayan Club here at King's. As a result of this incredible initiative, pupils, staff and parents have benefited from amazing trips and treks to Nepal, Peru, Morocco and Tibet, to name just a few of the many locations groups have visited over the years. The evening was in aid of both the Himalayan Trust UK, of which both Hon OV and Former Headmaster **Tim Keyes** and **John Walton** are trustees.

The evening began with a drinks reception in the Michael Baker Boathouse, followed by a brilliant lecture by OVs **Jon Bracey (Br 90-95)** and **Nick Robertson (Br 89-94)**. Jon is one of the UK's leading alpinists and a former competitor at the Ski Mountaineering World Championships and Nick has scaled Everest and also reached the highest point on five of the seven continents! They had some absolutely incredible stories to share and it was particularly amazing to see how their early lives and time at King's helped shape a passion for travel and challenge.

Following the lecture we went into the dining hall, adorned with Nepalese prayer flags and beautifully decorated tables for a traditional Nepalese dinner – a real feast of flavours and spices. Then followed an incredible auction, full of truly unique lots; candlelit dinner in Edgar Tower, tickets for



Will Kerton



John Walton



Ella Armstrong



Andy Wright

the Royal Ballet, a climbing session with Jon Bracey himself, a beautiful, original painting by David Birtwhistle and a driving experience with **Derek Bell MBE (S 56-58)** all amongst the many prizes on offer!

The entire evening was filled with fond memories of amazing Himalayan experiences and good times spent at King's and it was lovely to raise funds for two truly fantastic causes. Our thanks to those who contributed prizes.

A Farewell to Alan Stacey

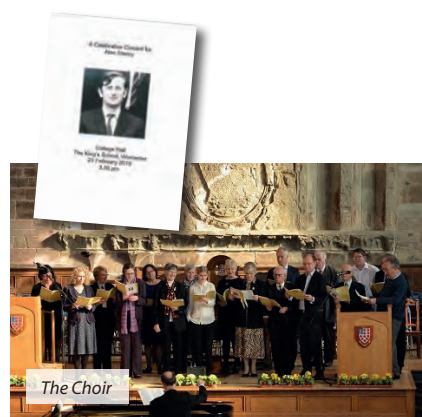
College Hall was the perfect place to celebrate the happy life of **Hon OV Alan Stacey** on Saturday 23rd February. Alan died in November 2018 and it was lovely to see his widow Jane and all his family joined by so many OVs and members of the King's family to say farewell.

The celebration took the form of a concert where Jane had organised beautiful readings and superb music. Mary Pope sang Richard Strauss's 'Four Last Songs' beautifully, and it was so wonderful to hear Hon OV and former Hostel Housemaster **Keith Bridges** sing 'Is She Not Passing Fair' in the programme. A particular highlight was the group rendition of Gilbert and Sullivan's 'When I was a Lad', led by a chorus of OVs, friends and family. Much of the music was led or accompanied by OV **Adrian Partington (S 66-76)**, and **Hon OV Malcolm Drummond**, former Director of Music here at King's. Readings included 'The Donkey' by G.K. Chesterton and three Hon OVs and former colleagues, **Peter**

Diamond, Stephan Le Marchand and **Ian Brown** also read wonderfully too.

As Housemaster of School House, History and French teacher, and also Contingent Commander of the CCF, Alan had crossed the paths of so many here at King's, and a tribute by **Nigel Bax (S 56-66)** articulated perfectly the positive effect his passion for his subject, and his pupils, had on all those who had the pleasure of knowing him. The tribute also included the fond memories of many OVs who had taken the time to send condolences and messages to the family after Alan's death.

Refreshments afterwards in the school dining hall, gave a really good opportunity for everyone to catch up further and to remember Alan. Jane and the Stacey family requested that donations be made to The King's School Worcester Development Trust. All donations support bursary places at King's and we are immensely thankful to the Stacey family for choosing this as the charity they wished to support in memory of Alan.



The Choir



Nigel Bax, David Thomas, Stephen Coulter

OV Visits



We were delighted to welcome **Hannah Shearburn (Os 09-16)** and **Zoe Harris (Ch 08-15)** back to King's. Zoe is a newly qualified physiotherapist and Hannah is training to be a nurse.

Hannah and Zoe met with sixth formers who are hoping to pursue these careers and they offered an overview of the demands of their respective professions. It was a pleasure to hear how well they are getting on and of the different (sometimes rather gory!) experiences they have gained. The sixth formers were able to ask lots of questions and the session was a huge success.



A number of OV's who are currently studying at Oxford or Cambridge, came back to school to talk to current sixth formers who have applied. They talked to the current students about the interview process, giving them top tips and advice, such as "Don't panic!", and "The interviewers aren't there to catch you out, so just enjoy it!"

The OV's also enjoyed being back at King's and met up with some of their former teachers and chatted with them about their experiences of university life. Head of Languages, Richard Ball, also took advantage of OV **Edd Peckston (K 10-17)** being back in school and persuaded him to attend and assist in a Lower Sixth German lesson.

Returning Oxbridge OV's were: **Joe Ashton (Br 11-18)**, **Sophie Mackay (CI 10-17)**, **Andrew Salkeld (CI 11-18)**, **Theo Beever (S 09-16)**, **Maha Munir (Br 10-17)**, **Dom Cronie (Br 15-17)** and **Edd Peckston (K 10-17)**.



One of King's more recent OV's, **Neil Seymour (S 13-18)** popped into school to meet his form tutor, **Jonny Mason (Hon OV)** and thank him for all the support and advice he gave to Neil during his time at school. Neil is currently studying for a BSc Hons in Policing at the University of Gloucester, having been part of the Police cadet programme whilst at King's. We wish Neil all the very best of luck in his policing career.



We were delighted to meet OV **Beth Robins (Os 13-15)** who was working in the Art department helping with their printing press. Beth is in her final year at Plymouth College of Art and is working on her final pieces before heading into the RAF. Good luck Beth!



We welcomed OV **Gareth Young (Os 89-98)** back to school as he embarks on his new career path to become a teacher. Gareth is studying for his PGCE at University of Worcester via the school direct route, and he spent two months on placement here at King's. Gareth enjoyed working in a place so nostalgic with some familiar faces although he said he found it strange to call his old school teachers by their first names now!



It was a pleasure to welcome OV **Claire Gott MBE (CI 97-06)** back to King's. Claire was invited by Head of Careers, Helen Airdrie, to speak to the pupils in a College Hall assembly about her journey to becoming an Engineer. Claire highlighted emerging STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics)

opportunities to all current students and her wonderful talk really demonstrated the link between STEM careers and the subjects that the pupils enjoy at school.

Claire is a chartered Civil Engineer specialising in managing multi-disciplinary design teams on major infrastructure projects and is currently WSP's Design Manager for High Speed 2 Curzon Street Station in Birmingham. Claire's passion for sustainable positive change led to her appointment as UK Head of Corporate Social Responsibility and in 2017 Claire championed WSP's commitment to becoming Carbon Neutral by 2025. Claire helped found the charity 'Cameroon Catalyst' which facilitates sustainable development in rural Cameroon and, in 2015, she was awarded an MBE in recognition for her "Services to civil engineering and charity work in Cameroon".



We were so very happy to welcome OV **Nigel Bax (S 56-66)** back to King's in February. Nigel was Professor of Medical Education and ran the MBChB programme at Sheffield University, and, in his retirement, still remains key to the institution as Emeritus Professor of Medicine. Nigel, is also hugely active with his wife Professor Deborah Bax, working around the world, particularly in Iraq, to improve medical provision, infrastructure, and education.

During the day, Nigel met a Lower Sixth Biology lesson getting pupils engaged in a wonderful conversation about disease and medical statistics around the world, asking the group to contribute their ideas on how to address the huge gap in the quality of medical care that exists between different countries.



We are hugely grateful to OV **Lorna Wilson (Cr 94-01)** who came back to meet pupils interested in a career in the Royal Navy. Lorna gave a fantastic talk to pupils, discussing her path into the Royal Navy, what her role as a Surface Warfare Officer entails and a really good insight into the diverse range of opportunities that a career in the Armed Forces provides. She showed some exciting film clips showcasing the purposes and activities of the Royal Navy. Pupils appreciated the opportunity to ask Lorna a host of questions including how the interview process works, sponsorship throughout school or University, and also the provision of continued development and learning opportunities once employed.



We love welcoming OVs back to King's and Head of Alumni Relations, Sophie, was delighted to have a visit from **Barney Burnham (Ch 59-69)**. Barney kindly came in to share a selection of Three Choirs Festival programmes which had been given to him by former teacher J. M. (Bobbie) Cash.

It was lovely to hear Barney's memories of taking part in the Three Choirs Festival in 1969, and the many other memories of school teachers, friends and experiences here at King's.



Our Careers department ran a 21st Century Careers Conference for students exploring careers in technology and, in particular, the exciting new developments that this industry is now using including AI (Artificial Intelligence), automation and more. Two OVs generously gave their time to present on their job roles and the journeys that led to them. **Benji Airdrie (Ch 06-13)** spoke about 'Working for a Tech Start Up' and **Mike Phillips (Ch 75-80)** also presented with the intriguingly titled talk, 'People don't want technology'.



We were honoured to welcome back acclaimed Shakespearean actor, OV **Clifford Rose (S 43-48)** whose most recent role is alongside Olivia Coleman in *The Crown*. Clifford recently sponsored one of the new theatre seats in the John Moore Theatre and spent some time with Hon OV **Andrew Maund's** English class and talked about examining the text of 'Macbeth', and Shakespeare and his relevance today.

Clifford also enjoyed a Q&A with Head of Drama, Shara Parry and a group of drama students in the Wightman Studio, who thoroughly enjoyed hearing about Clifford's personal experience of theatre. Clifford was a huge inspiration and wished the King's

drama students the best of luck, especially if they wanted to pursue a career in Drama.

After formally opening the new Theatre Supporters' Board, which is located at the entrance to The John Moore Theatre, Clifford watched the Removes performance of 'Return to the Forbidden Planet' a musical based on *The Tempest*. Clifford commented that the acoustics (& comfort!) of The John Moore Theatre was a huge improvement from when he had performed 'Macbeth' in College Hall in 1948!

Email alumni@ksw.org.uk if you would like to sponsor a theatre seat.



Wednesday 13th March saw our Upper Removes take part in Careers Speed Dating here at King's. This gives an opportunity for the students to meet a variety of representatives from a diverse range of professional sectors, spending a short amount of time with each, aiming to find their ideal career match.

We were hugely grateful as ever to the OV community for lending so much support to this event and we were delighted to welcome the following OVs back, and immensely grateful for all the advice they



offered our pupils; **Andrew Sadler (Br 59-69)**, **Franny Taylor (Ch 07-14)**, **Steve Crowcroft (W 62-69)**, **David Scrimshaw (W 63-68)**, **Sarah Fardon (Os 01-08)**, **Laura Bligh (Br 93-01)**, **Ben Alexander (Ch 06-13)**, **Lorna Wilson (Cr 94-01)**, **Nick Checketts (W 91-96)** and **Peter Ballard (Br 79-86)**.

The session was organised by Head of Careers, Helen Airdrie. The whole event was hugely successful and all the pupils left with lots of valuable career advice and ideas.



Professor David Brodie (Br 57-64) spent the day at King's recently and shared some of the wealth of his experience with King's biology students. David is a Professor of Cardiovascular Health, having initially gained a degree from Nottingham University in Education, Physical Education and Biology. During his talk at King's David talked about his research experience in Nepal and how people living in the rural areas of Nepal experienced high iodine deficiency.

David also touched on his time at King's and talked about his memories of King's from the 1950s.



It was a real pleasure to welcome **Philip Bannister (Cr 51-60)** back to King's. Philip and Development Director, Liz Elliott, visited St Alban's and a number of familiar locations in the senior school, such as the 'Reading Room' (Chappel Memorial Room), School Gardens and also Edgar Tower, where Philip met with Archivist, Harriet Patrick and spied himself in some Creighton House photos from 1959 and 1960. Philip was very impressed to see the wonderful new facilities that King's offers its students nowadays: the Keyes Building, the Michael Baker Boathouse, the Design & Technology and Art buildings and School House Library, all of which are well used and form part of the core of school life today.



We were so pleased to hear recently from OV, **David Daniels (Cr 51-56)**, as we had lost touch with him over the years. David had attended both St Alban's and King's School in the 1950s and it was a real pleasure to welcome David and his friend, Elizabeth, back to King's. David recalled the Reading Room and he was very impressed to see the current King's School Library but the most poignant memory of all was College Hall where David asked if the monitors still sat on the main stage during assembly, as they did in his day.

David also shared with us some memorabilia from his time at school, including some of his school reports – all handwritten in a little blue book.



Head of Alumni Relations, Sophie, was delighted to meet OV **Mike Rugen (Cl 98-05)** and to show him around school. It had been 10 years since Mike had last visited King's and he took the opportunity whilst on holiday for Easter from his role as Housemaster and History Teacher at College Alpin Beau Soleil, an international boarding school based in the rather enviable Swiss Alps. Sophie enjoyed showing Mike around the school, visiting familiar classrooms, house rooms and College Hall, and also visiting the newer additions to the school site including the Michael Baker Boathouse and the Keyes Building. It was fantastic for Mike to meet some Hon OVs and teachers who still work at King's today, including **Richard Davis**, **Sarah Le Marchand**, **Matt Parkin**, **Rachel Worth**, **Simon Cuthbertson** and **Russ Mason**.

One absolute highlight was Mike finding past production photographs lining the stairway in Choir House in which he quickly spotted a photo of himself playing Potiphar in Joseph & His Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat!

Barnabas



Keith Carnegie (H 86-88)

We enjoyed welcoming **Keith Carnegie (H 86-88)** back to King's as the newest member of our Barnabas Group in March. Our Barnabas speakers are inspirational and motivational OVs who have enjoyed successful careers across a variety of professions. Keith is CEO of the Partnerships Divisions at Bovis Homes, and he had a huge amount of personal and professional experience to share with us.

Keith began the day with a really inspiring address in College Hall where he spoke about his life growing up in Rhodesia, now Zimbabwe, before moving to King's. He spoke incredibly eloquently of his early experiences there, and the prevalence of politics and racism in the culture. He touched upon the importance of acceptance, self-awareness and humility, and used his own experiences, both personal and in his career, to highlight these. He talked especially about his experience of coming out as homosexual and the irony of having been brought up in Zimbabwe's homophobic culture. You can listen to Keith's address here: soundcloud.com/kingsworchester/barnabas-speaker-keith-carnegie-7th-march-2019



Matthew Armstrong, Keith Carnegie and Sam Martyn-Smith

Keith visited both King's Hawford and King's St Alban's where he talked about the housebuilding industry and took a host of questions. During morning coffee, Keith met with the Headmaster and the Head of School, Sam Martyn-Smith, where he was presented with his Barnabas shield and signed the Barnabas book.

Keith also visited an U6 Business lesson where he talked in great detail about his role and the various wonderful opportunities that exist within the housebuilding profession. He answered lots of questions from the group, particularly talking about the challenges of economic climate, the importance of partnerships and the role of affordable housing, sustainability, Brexit, and also the need to understand and meet customer expectations. Keith was also able to offer some very sound advice, including his own approach to stress, managing teams and the importance of enjoying your work. We are tremendously grateful to Keith for being so generous with his time and for the wealth of inspiration, experience and advice he was able to pass on.



Keith at King's St Alban's

OVs in the News

MBEs for Chris and Stephen

Congratulations to OV **Chris Koehli (Cr 70-71)** on receiving an MBE for services to Carers and Healthcare in Wales. Following a career in accountancy and finance, Chris was appointed as a Non-Executive Director for two Health Boards, where over a period of 11 years, amongst other responsibilities, he worked to ensure that unpaid Carers are recognised and can access the help they need to live their lives. Chris has also been involved with and been a trustee of a number of organisations representing Carers interests; he is currently a member of the Carers Trust Wales Board. Chris received the award from the Prince of Wales at Buckingham Palace in November 2018.

We were absolutely thrilled to see that **Stephen Darlington (Cl 60-70)**, Director of Music at Christ Church Oxford, was also made an MBE for services to music in the New Year's Honours. Stephen has only

recently stepped down from the office of Organist at Christ Church Cathedral after an incredible 33 years in post. The job was unique – in that the post-holder not only directs the Cathedral Choir but teaches in the Faculty of Music at the University of Oxford. Speaking to us following the announcement, Stephen said:

"I must say it is a delight to have received an award for doing a job I have loved for all these years."

Stephen's musical accomplishments are many. His recorded works amount to over 50 albums, of which several have won awards including Gramophone Awards. He has travelled worldwide, both with the choir, and as an organist and conductor. He has directed, among others, the Australian Brandenburg Orchestra, London Mozart Players, English Chamber Orchestra, Northern



Sinfonia, Hanover Band, English String Orchestra and London Music. Congratulations to Stephen on this wonderful achievement.

Lizzie in University Challenge Final

Having successfully made it through the first and second round of University Challenge, followed by impressive wins in the Quarter and Semi-final rounds, OV **Lizzie Fry (Cr 07-14)** competed alongside her fellow students from St Edmund Hall, Oxford, on Monday, 22nd April on BBC2 in the Final. 'Teddy Hall' competed against Edinburgh University and it was a close competition from start to finish. Edinburgh scraped a well-deserved win in the final few minutes, with 155 points to Teddy Hall's 140. It has been such a pleasure watching Lizzie compete and we are so



proud that she and her teammates did so fantastically, placing St Edmund Hall in the final for the first ever time.

Honour for Peter Watson

We were delighted to hear that OV **Peter Watson (S 38-41)** recently received the award of the Legion of Honour from the French Government for the contributions he made in 1944 to the Invasion of France and the expulsion of the German forces. The Legion of Honour is the highest French order of merit for military and civil merits, established in 1802, and the French government has been awarding the Légion d'honneur to veterans as a way of honouring and thanking those who fought and risked their lives to secure France's liberation during the Second World War

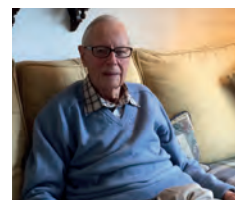
Of his achievements, Peter told us with great humility: "It all happened so long ago,



but I was an air gunner in an RAF Lancaster and we made many sorties over the French Invasion area helping to destroy their airfields, railways and "doodle bug" sites. Why they picked on me I will never know,

Clifford to star alongside Olivia Colman in The Crown

Clifford Rose (S 43-48), has recently finished filming the third series of 'The Crown' on Netflix. Look out for Clifford when the new series airs, starring Olivia Colman as Queen Elizabeth II.



but I didn't argue!". Huge congratulations to Peter on this well-deserved recognition. He is pictured here in 1945 and recently receiving his award with his partner Ruth.

King's Today

King's Worcester secured the U18 Schools Bowl in a brilliant performance at Sixways Stadium, beating Glyn School 34-10.



It's been another successful year for King's Sixth Formers, with six students securing university offers from Oxford and Cambridge. This takes the total number of offers received from the two universities over the past four years to thirty-three.

Pupils and staff across the school aged between 14-35 years old took part in CRY (Cardiac Risk in the Young) screening, organised by School Nurse Claire Furber. CRY screening can identify potentially life-threatening heart conditions and treat them in advance.



The King's School, Worcester has been named in Parent Power, The Sunday Times Schools Guide 2019 as one of the top 150 performing independent secondary schools in the country.

The 27th edition of Parent Power identifies the 2,000 highest-achieving schools in the UK, ranked by their recent examination results (both for A levels and GCSE).

The King's School, Worcester was the only Worcester school to be named in the Top 150 out of 900 independent and state schools. They ranked an inspiring 124th in the national table, an impressive 39 places higher than last year and were beaten by just six other schools in the West Midlands top 20.



The King's School Worcester Boat Club rowers have completed their annual charity challenge to row one million metres, raising funds for three charities. The challenge was completed in just over eighteen hours and even received video messages of encouragement from four Team GB rowers. They raised more than five thousand pounds and the total raised to date since the challenge started six years ago now stands at more than twenty thousand pounds.



King's retained the U16 Regional Schools' Netball Championship title at Telford in February in a dazzling display of fast, physical and high level netball.



At the end of January it was a huge pleasure for members of the School Choir and Chamber Choir to host visiting singers from the town of Sainte-Anne-d'Auray in Brittany. Our guests sang Evensong in Worcester Cathedral, attended a variety of lessons in school, and joined with our school choirs in a magnificent concert on the final evening.



One of the opportunities available to Combined Cadet Force RAF cadets is to visit an Air Experience Flight (AEF) whose main purpose is to give introductory flying experience to cadets from the Air Training Corps and the Combined Cadet Force. In April, eleven King's cadets flew in beautiful weather at Cosford.



OV Weddings

Send us your wedding news
and photos
alumni@ksw.org.uk

Annie Young (nee Duffy) (Br 01-08) married Stevie Young on 20 October 2018 in County Meath, Ireland.

Bridesmaids included OVs **Sarah Porter, Amy Procter Nicholls, Lizzie Isaac, Lizzie Unwin** and **Lucy Senior**. Annie's brother **Dara Duffy** was one of the groomsmen. OV guests included **Olivia Salmon, Nicky Wilkinson, James Yelland, Kit Smith, Robin Middleburgh, Lowri Brown, Tom Lea, Fran Weaver, Tom Mitchell** and **Emily McNally**.



Annie and Stevie Young with their Bridesmaids and Groomsmen

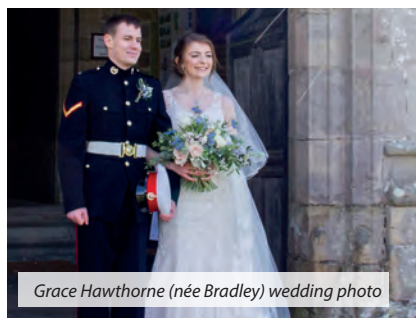


Annie and Stevie Young

Helen Harding (nee Lee) (Ch 94-01) married Paul Harding at Eastnor Castle on 21st December 2018. Both Helen and Paul are involved at King's as they help with the CCF Section on Fridays. Paul is with the Army Section and Helen with the RAF section. Helen was an RAF cadet when she was here at King's and says how nice it is to be back.



Helen Lee and Paul Harding



Grace Hawthorne (née Bradley) wedding photo

Many congratulations to OV **Grace Hawthorne (née Bradley) (Br 07-13)** on her marriage to Stephen on Saturday 27th April. Grace and Stephen were married at Pembroke Church and their reception was at Dunkertons Cider Barn. They were joined by lots of friends and family and Grace's 'Bride Tribe' included OVs **Jess Longley, Becky Brunt, Molly Farmiloe, Sasha McNeilly, Alice Chilman, Lucinda White, Tess Titmuss** and **Corah Lewis**.



Grace Bradley and her OV Bride Tribe

Archives

A Showcase of Drama at The King's School

Drama and theatrical productions have long been an important part of the school calendar.

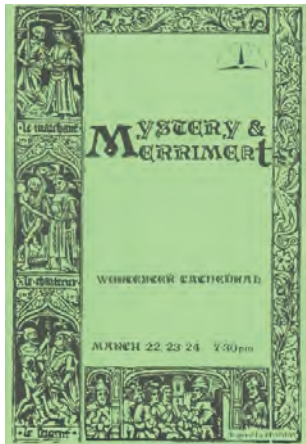
The earliest known records regarding theatre productions at King's come courtesy of a school inventory of 1576 housed in the Archives of Worcester Cathedral. This inventory – dated 35 years after the school's foundation – contains a list of "players' gere" containing:

- A gowne of frenes gyrdles
- A woman's gowne
- A cloth of tisew, a jerkyn, and a pair of breeches
- A lytill cloth of tisew, a gowne of sylke
- A jerkyn of greene
- Two cappes and the devil's apparel

It seems likely that these rather strange items were provided for use in the representation of Miracle Plays, which were very popular from the medieval period onwards. King's last performed something in this vein in 2010 with the production of Britten's *Noye's Fludde*, based on a fifteenth-century play from the Chester Mystery Cycle telling the well-known biblical story of Noah. In 1984, King's performed *Mystery and Merriment*, written by Peter Diamond (KSW Staff 1970-1992) based on surviving texts from medieval mystery plays, as part of celebrations to mark the 900th anniversary of Worcester Cathedral.

Dramatic entertainments were particularly popular after the Restoration of 1660, partly as a reaction against the disapproval of Puritanism during the Commonwealth; and it seems that King's pupils were once again allowed to participate in acting and recitation. The school's 1672 accounts, again housed in the Cathedral Archives, list "Twelve paires of gloves for ye boys declaiming in the schoole, 18s." A year later, the school accounts includes the entry, "Paid to Mr. Wright, schoolmaster, for the Schollers, for their actinge of a playe at Christmas, by Mr. Deane and the Chapter's orders, £2".

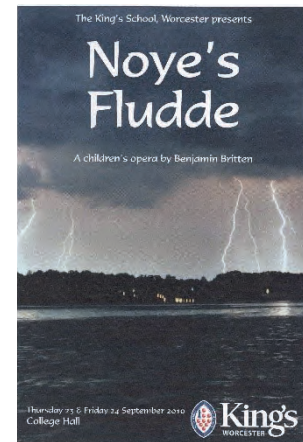
But it was during the twentieth century that school drama productions really took off at King's, largely thanks to the appointment of Alex Macdonald (Ca 1911-1915, Staff 1933-1949) as Modern Languages master.



Programme for "Mystery and Merriment", 1984



Harriet Patrick,
King's School archivist



Programme for "Noye's Fludde", 2010

Macdonald's eloquence and love of literature and music made him a stimulating teacher and he was an inspiring producer, producing his first play at the school in 1935. College Hall provided a brilliant setting for the Trial Scene from George Bernard Shaw's *St Joan*. A review of its eye-opening excellence appeared in *The Vigornian*, concluding:

All honour and all thanks to Mr. Macdonald and Mr. Whitaker, who thus made the dry bones of History live, and to the boys who caught and so well passed on to us the spirit which they inculcated.

Next year followed T.S. Eliot's *Murder in the Cathedral*. Eliot had written the play for E. Martin Browne to produce in the Chapter House at Canterbury in June 1935: simultaneously Faber and Faber had published it as a book. In January 1936, however, they published a Second Edition, in which Eliot added a "Chorus of Women of Canterbury" to the start of Part II, and The King's School production was the first in the country to be based on the text. When the boy playing the Fourth Tempter was sick at the last moment, Alec Macdonald played the part himself. The play's reviewer in *The Vigornian* was especially impressed with the set and costumes:



"St Joan" performed in College Hall, 1935



Alec Macdonald, photographed in 1931

Much of the success of the undertaking must be attributed to the staging and costumes. College Hall provided a perfect setting, and clever use was made of the platform steps and of the body of the Hall. The costumes, designed by Mrs Macdonald, and made by her with some help by Mrs Pedder and Mrs Burnett, were admirable – simple yet effective; they toned well together, while the surcoats of the Knights made brilliant splashes of colour in the overhead lighting.

At the Dean's request the production was revived the following term for the Annual Meeting of the Friends of the Cathedral. Whilst the original Fourth Tempter was back on form, the boy playing Becket had had an operation and was incapacitated for this production, so Macdonald filled in the part. As College Hall could not be darkened enough for the murdered Becket to leave the stage away from audience view, at the end of the play Becket's dead body was carried the full length of the Hall to the chanting of a plainsong *Nunc Dimittis*.



Programme for "Trial Scene from St Joan", 1935



Programme for "Macbeth", 1939



Programme for "Richard of Bordeaux", 1937

The third play produced at King's by Macdonald was Gordan Daviot's *Richard of Bordeaux*, a modern play on a medieval subject, performed in College Hall on 5 April 1937. Its reviewer in *The Vigornian* declared:

The play was a good choice for the School, as it contains so many worthwhile male roles and only one important female part. There was a record audience of over six hundred, including many distinguished visitors and friends of the School."



"Richard II" performed in College Hall, 1946



"Faust" performed in College Hall, 1949

New Accessions

- In December 2018, **Anthony Coward (Ca 1979-1985)** visited the archives and donated his programme from the KSW Removes 1983 Drama performance, *The Strong are Lonely*: thank you.
- Shortly before the Christmas holidays, Susan Yarwood, sister of the late **Mike Rudge (Hon OV 1986-2012)**, donated a collection of KSW CCF material including clothing and training material: thank you very much indeed.
- In January 2019, **Martin Bodimeade (Cr 1964-1971)** donated a collection of Creighton House and Rugby XV photographs to help fill in gaps in the Archives collection: wonderful, thank you.
- Just before February Half Term, **Jane Stacey (Hon OV)** visited the school archive and donated a photograph of CCF RAF Upwood, 1961, and a photograph of Dan McTurk. Jane also kindly donated missing School House photographs from Alan's years as Housemaster to complete the archives collection of house photographs 1968-1980: thank you ever so much.
- Also in the run-up to February Half Term, **Barney Burnham (Ch 1959-1969)** donated a wonderful collection of Three Choirs programmes 1948-1972: thank you very much.
- In May, **John Whitehead (Ch 1952-1957)** donated five photographs of Choir House: thank you.
- During the OV Reunion, **Bill Harris (S 1984-1989)** donated a large collection of material regarding his father's (**Michael Harris, Ca 1948-1955**) time at King's and Tredennyke, including reports, bills and correspondence. Thank you very much.
- Shortly after the OV reunion, Thalia Constantinidou, widow of **Daryl Jelinek (Ch 1972-1979)**, donated a professionally-made copy of her late husband's notebook of Rugger Notes, 1975-1978, which describe in great detail his games and matches and helps us to understand the history of school rugby at King's during the 1970s – thank you very much.
- Also in May, **Jane and Keith Bridges (Hon OVs 1963-2003)** donated a wonderful array of material to the school archives including a set of Hostel House photographs and papers, two rugby team photographs, Field Club papers, and other school ephemera. Thank you ever so much indeed.



Visits from OVs

- In January, **Nigel Bax (S 1956-1966)** visited the school archives to gather material for his tribute to Alan Stacey.
- In February, the archives received a visit from **Michael Phillips (Ch 1975-1980)**, who viewed old House photographs from his time at King's.
- In March, **Phil Bannister (Cr 1951-1960)** came up to Edgar Tower to view the school register and photographs during his visit to King's.
- Also in March, we were visited by **David Brodie (Br 1957-1964)** who looked at rowing photographs and back issues of *The Vigornian*.
- It was also lovely to welcome Barnabus speaker **Keith Carnegie (H 1986-1988)** to the archives in March, and to fetch out material from his time at King's.
- In April, **Mike Rugen (CI 1998-2005)** viewed house photographs, drama programmes and *Vigornian* issues.
- In May, we were delighted to receive a visit from the son of OV **Peter Blake (née Korolanzi, S 1939-40)**, and were able to confirm details of his father's time at King's during the year that the school was evacuated to Criccieth: we found his entry in the school register and appearance in House photographs.

As ever, the School Archives is very grateful for such donations of original material from Old Vigornians. Please keep them coming in!

Features on Teachers

A.L. Stacey

History and French Teacher, Housemaster of School House, 2nd XV Coach, Rowing Coach, CCF Commanding Officer, President of the Common Room, 1958-1991.



Alan Stacey as
Housemaster of
School House, 1967



Alan Stacey caving
for KSW CCF

After studying at Cambridge, Alan Stacey taught at Bradfield for two years before arriving at King's in 1958 to teach History and French. Four years later, he succeeded Dan McTurk as Housemaster of School House, remaining in post until 1980. Alan also contributed towards life at King's by coaching the 2nd XV and the Boat Club, and as Commanding Officer of King's CCF. In addition, he made memorable appearances in King's staff Christmas pantomimes. In 1983 Alan Stacey played Mrs Barton, a "splendidly developed character with an excellent voice, controlling her meek husband with a resounding Sergeant Major's roar" in Cinderella; and when playing henchman Bubble (alongside Keith Bridges as Squeak) he "dashed about to the point of exhaustion to fulfil King Umpty's bidding" in Jack and the Beanstalk in 1987. Alan Stacey retired from King's in 1991, having served on the staff for 33 years. Following his death in 2018, a great many OVs attended Alan's memorial service in College Hall on 23 February 2019 to celebrate his life and share memories.

The following extract is taken from MJ Points' (KSW Staff 1961-1991) tribute to Alan upon his retirement from King's in 1991:

A teacher of verve and style, clear and precise in his work, Alan made a full contribution to the success of the History Department. To some extent, as he himself has been heard to say, he ran his classes on a basis of good-natured banter: this was far from being a device to court popularity with pupils, however, and there was never any doubt as to who was in charge in his lessons. Though History was his specialism he was a valued member of the Modern Languages Department too.

As a Boarding Housemaster Alan ran a tight ship, while maintaining the friendly, often quite informal, relationship with his boys which is desirable but not always easily achievable. The 60s and early 70s days of the emerging spirit of liberalisation and relaxation of previously traditional standards of behaviour were in some ways not an easy time to be in charge

of a House for those of us anxious to preserve some standards that might be thought old-fashioned: we clung obstinately, maybe, to the belief that change is not necessarily synonymous with improvement, but Alan had a genuine interest in the members of his House and, though not blind to their shortcomings, a willingness to see the best in them.

Beyond the classroom and the House, Alan's range of contributions to the general life of the School was formidable. A good games player himself, for many years he looked after the 2nd XV, coaching them with skill and enthusiasm, and refereeing their matches with authority, and he spent long hours in the summer coaching rowing.

As Commanding Officer of the CCF he guided that body through difficult times when it was unfashionable, and when its values and ethos were being challenged, to being a highly successful outfit from which many boys gained a great deal in areas untouched by other school activities.

A man of wide cultural interests, drawn particularly to music and the theatre, he was a gifted performer on stage, regularly taking leading parts in the continuing series of light-hearted staff productions which started with 'Alice in Wonderland' in 1967. Among several notable performances one remembers his Rabbit in 'Winnie-the-Pooh', played as a hectoring Welsh Sergeant-Major figure, and his valedictory performance in last December's 'Puss in Boots'. Here he gave a virtuoso performance in the Dame role, establishing a real rapport with successive audiences, and playing happily on such moments as his arrival on stage on a minute child's tricycle, feet over the handlebars and bloomers on full display.

Alan will be missed by the School at large, as he will by his colleagues in the Common Room, of which he served as President for a number of years. A gregarious man, amusing in conversation, and with a wide circle of friends, he will have no difficulty in filling the free time which retirement will bring, and which he has so richly earned.



Alan Stacey as Mrs
Barton in the staff
Christmas pantomime
Cinderella, 1983

Testimonies from OVs:

Sue Dereham (Co 1985-1987)

Alan Stacey was the most inspirational teacher taking us on wonderful journeys across medieval European history bringing everything to life!

Peter Hewitt (Ch 1964-1969)

I remember him well as a skilled, firm yet benign teacher who later took a keen interest in what one was doing whether or not one was part of his more immediate tutor group or house, and who amazingly seemed to remember all he'd come across at the school in whatever capacity.

Donald Howell (S 1953-1961)

Alan will be greatly missed by all who were privileged to be taught by him or to know him. He was a true gentleman; cultured, courteous, warm, friendly, possessing many talents – and, above all, fun to be with!

Gordon Leah (KSW Staff 1968-1999)

Alan was a highly esteemed colleague, always active, vigorous and cheerful, whose contribution to the School and School House was immense. As Head of Modern Languages, I always appreciated the fact that Alan had a slot of French teaching in junior forms which he carried out with terrific enthusiasm and commitment. It is good to know that he has been able to continue his involvement with French through his family contact in Lyon.

Peter Loveday (S 1969-1971)

At Kings, he was both my French teacher, and also History, not to mention also my house master. He made me very welcome when I joined Kings after a bit of an unhappy time at my previous school, and it was largely down to him that I remember my days at Kings with great affection.

Jon Palmer (Cr 1963-1970)

He and Richard Gabriel got me to Oxford. It still gives a smile to remember his unique style of pirouetting around the room while teaching. He could also get his gown into some really spectacular knots! Nobody was ever allowed to forget he was THE Head of School House!

Our next 'Teacher Feature' will be: Mr R.J. Castley (KSW Staff 1903-1933). Please email any memories to archives@ksw.org.uk

Where are they now?

We love to hear news from around the world and each week we publish an 'OV of the Week', to help showcase the diversity of OV activity, to inspire and motivate members of the current pupils and members of the King's family.

Noel Webb (Cr 93-01)



Major Noel Webb (Cr 93-01) was active member of the CCF and judo club at King's and he also pursued kayaking outside school. Graduating from

the University of East Anglia with a degree in Environmental Science in 2004, Noel spent a short period working in sales. However, a bet and a copy of National Geographic led him to resign and go kayaking instead. Six months, three thousand five hundred kilometres and a lot of debt later, Noel completed a solo circumnavigation of the UK mainland by sea kayak, raising money for the Cystic Fibrosis Trust along the way. Noel joined the British Army in 2008, commissioning into the Royal Regiment of Fusiliers. As an infantry officer he has spent the intervening years working with some outstanding characters. His role has seen him travel to some fantastic places globally on exercise, as well as some less fantastic ones on operations. Now a Major, Noel is currently working in an office role in London.

Imogen Schofield (Ch 01-08)



Imogen Schofield (Ch 01-08) was actively involved in the music scene as a music scholar and leader of the orchestra. Imogen says, 'I am still grateful

for the opportunities given to me by the music department. Even though music is not my chosen career path, it is still an important part of my life.' After leaving King's Imogen qualified as a veterinary surgeon in 2013 from the University of Bristol and has worked as a small animal vet since. With an interest in research and internal medicine, Imogen recently undertook a Master's degree at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine in veterinary epidemiology, while also continuing her practice work. Currently Imogen is undertaking a doctorate at The Royal Veterinary College, investigating the methods of diagnosis and management of hyperadrenocorticism in dogs. This latest step in Imogen's career has provided the opportunity to present her findings at European conferences as well as the chance to teach on the veterinary degree course.

Rebecca Garrod-Waters

(Co 91-93)



Rebecca Garrod-Waters (Co 91-93) was involved in a number of school plays. Rebecca went on to study genetics at Swansea University, after

being inspired by Mr Allum, and followed this with postgraduate study in bioprocessing at UCL and research into gene tagging at Bristol University. Rebecca has an exciting career which has taken her out of the laboratory and into government and business. Her previous roles have included Assistant Director in the Department of Trade and Industry (now BEIS) and Director of Innovation at Advantage West Midlands. Rebecca is now CEO of the Ufi Charitable Trust, a grant funder that supports the development and use of novel tech for vocational learning – from motion sensor tech to help you to learn about molecular interactions, through to gaming to support numeracy.

David Frape (Ca 44-47)



Whilst boarding at King's, **David Frape (Ca 44-47)** was a house and school monitor and he played for the First XV. Following King's, David received a scholarship to

study Agriculture at Reading University before completing a post-graduate diploma in Agricultural Science at the University of Cambridge; a PhD in Animal Physiology at the University of Iowa followed, and then came a post-doctoral fellowship on goitre. David is a mammalian patho-physiologist and has had a fascinating career with roles including Head of Animal Nutrition at Spillers Ltd, Research Director on the Board of CANTAB Group Ltd and Chief Scientist of Clinical Science International Ltd; as a consultant physiologist he also advises on metabolic diseases and has been expert witness in several court cases. David has written many scientific papers and books. In 1998 he was elected a Fellow of the Royal College of Pathologists. David is now a volunteer Managing Editor of World Agriculture and, at the age of ninety, he is currently writing a book on diet, disease and health.

Richard Tomlinson (CI 83-90)



Richard Tomlinson (CI 83-90), was captain of the First XV as well as the First XI while at King's. He carried on playing rugby at Loughborough University

where he studied PE and Sports Science before completing a postgraduate course at Sheffield Hallam in Property Valuation and Management. Richard began a career in surveying, qualifying as a Chartered Surveyor. However, in 1996 Richard had an immediate

career change when Rugby Union became a professional sport (he had previously played for Rugby Lions and Nottingham RFC) and went to Worcester RFC (now known as Worcester Warriors) to become a professional player. Unfortunately, due to injury Richard took early retirement from rugby in 2000 and reverted to chartered surveying, becoming a partner at Humberts. Richard was then a founding member of Halls Midlands in 2008, which merged with Fisher German in 2016 where Richard is now an equity partner specialising in commercial property and development sites. Richard is also a King's parent with three children at the school.

If you would like to be featured in 'Where are they now?'; or know of someone who would, please email alumni@ksw.org.uk

Foundation Development &

Our team (Development Director, Liz, Head of Alumni Relations, Sophie, Development Assistant, Alice & Database Assistant, Cath) are based at the top of Hostel House. In fact many OV's say our desks are now where their beds used to be! You can get in touch any time by emailing alumni@ksw.org.uk or phoning **01905 721737**.

We are passionate about keeping the OV community and wider King's family connected with both the school and each other, and we host reunions and events as well as welcoming OV's back to King's for tours of school or to meet and inspire current pupils. We are also always keen to help OV's make other OV contacts, both professional and personal.

As an office and a school we are committed to realising the intentions of Henry VIII, raising the funds for forty free King's places in perpetuity. We were greatly saddened this year by the death of OV Michael Baker (Ch 48-55) who gave two tremendously generous gifts to King's in his lifetime; £2.5m to build The Michael Baker Boathouse and

£1m to start our bursary fund. The long term aim of the bursary fund is to ensure that King's remains a school that any able and aspiring child can attend, regardless of financial background. With further support offered by so many of you, the bursary fund now sits at just over £3m. We will forever remain immensely grateful to Michael and his family for the incredible part they have played on this journey.

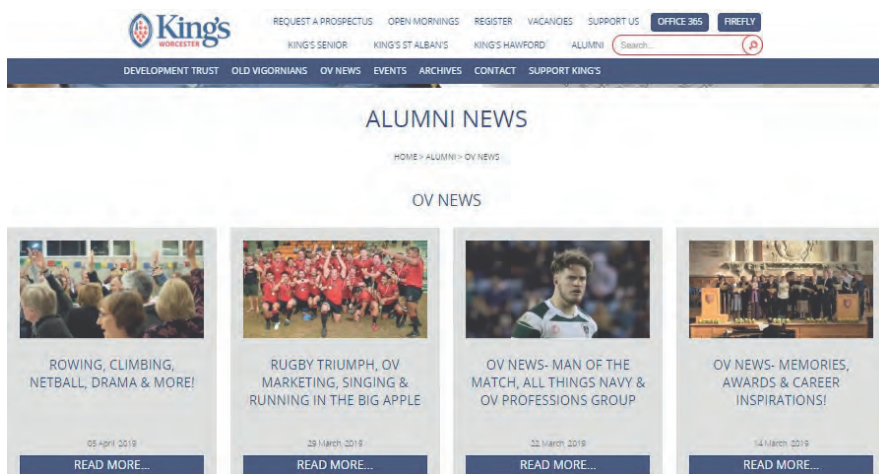


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The King's School Development Trust has been very fortunate to benefit from some incredibly generous donations to bursaries in recent months.

John Weston's (£62-69) donation of over £450,000 will provide bursarial support to pupils at King's long into the future and will be invested to ensure the long-term security of King's Bursary Programme.

John Weston is a Trustee of The King's School Worcester Development Trust and therefore has a clear understanding of the importance of our Bursary Appeal in enabling life-changing opportunities to children, for whom a King's education would not otherwise be possible. At King's we currently provide ten fully funded bursary places out of Trust funds and John's very generous donation means that there will be an additional bursary at school for the foreseeable future. Our Trust bursaries really do change lives and many of our previous bursary students have talked about the transformative power of a bursary place at King's; you can read and listen to some of their stories at:

www.ksw.org.uk/bursary-stories

John left King's in 1969, going on to Cambridge to study Engineering, as an undergraduate apprentice with the British Aircraft Corporation (later British Aerospace), where he enjoyed a 32 year career, concluding as Chief Executive of BAE Systems. Subsequently he chaired a number of engineering and software companies, including the e-learning business 'LearnDirect'. John was appointed as a CBE in 1994 and is a Commander of the Order of the Pole Star (Sweden), and a freeman of the City of London.

We are enormously grateful to John, both in his role as a Trustee and also for his financial commitment to our Campaign.



Alumni Relations



Recently one of King's monitors, Charlie MacKintosh interviewed **Simon Webb (H 60-69)** about his experience of King's and also his motivation for a significant donation which – in Simon's words – is a donation coming from a King's scholar who in his era, would otherwise not have been able to come to King's.

CM: *How did you come to attend King's?*

SW: Mostly because of a couple of primary school teachers. Mrs Stithen at Cleeve Prior Primary got me enthusiastic about learning and the headmaster, Mr Handley at Foley Park Primary School. He said to my parents, "Simon seems to be learning quite quickly and the right school for him would be The King's School."

I was fortunate in that era, there were some state-funded grants and there was also the King's Scholarship. So I was very conscious that others' previous generosity were enabling me to come and have a great education.

CM: *What impact do you think your time at The King's School had on you?*

SW: Probably two things. Apart from generally good quality teaching, which was tremendous. Breadth was one key thing: I ended up specialising in Maths and Physics, but the moment I said I was interested in doing something wider than that at university, the school said, "you need to do some other things as well then." Jasper Cash, Head of English, said, "I think you could do with learning how to write essays so come to my classes and we'll pick subjects for you to write essays". I also kept up a bit of history with Alan Stacey as I was interested in Industrial Engineering.

The other thing was a sense of connection with the wider state and the wider world and people who had been in business. There was a sense that people like you could go and do jobs like getting involved in government or being a judge.

CM: *Do you think your experiences at King's School helped you in your later career?*

SW: There is an angle on this: it is apparent that the way the world evolves nowadays, so quickly, is that the skills you need turn out to be less predictable. You're going to find that one of the things that helps you is that you don't feel you're put into a small box of skills. There's this sense of breadth where you can have a range of academic interests and when it comes to the world changing, you adapt more.

There is also something about communication which is quite an important thread: performing in a band or doing plays, projecting yourself, having talks, having debates and discussion groups is all about putting things across to people.

CM: *Simon, you've given very generously to the King's Bursary Appeal, do you think that bursaries are more important now than ever?*

SW: I do, I think that because there isn't the government Direct Grant scheme and because there is social layering. Certainly if you look at the statistics, social inequality has worsened since the 1970s. And that is a worry about British Society as a whole so it seems to me to be all the more important that we try and find a mechanism for people to get to King's, who can benefit. In Cumbria my company set up a training scheme for high level apprentices because there are shortages across the economy in skills, so my thesis is that we should all try and get all the people we can into a school like The King's School if they've got potential, because we cannot afford as an economy to miss out.

CM: *What would you say to anyone who might be considering giving money to a bursary at King's?*

SW: I think I would say that if you want to make a contribution which helps society, for a societal problem in Britain, this is a good investment and there is decent evidence around that says providing education will give a return to the economy. This is an investment worth making; most business people will tell you that they invest in their own people already and this is another way of doing one level beyond that. It's not charity but it is a good investment for the economy and society. And actually it helps The King's School because then the school gets people from a wider range of backgrounds and should mean that The King's School's own performance will improve.

If you've been fortunate in life and have a bit of money to invest somewhere, this looks like a traditionally good return and it is just a genuinely good contribution to both the needs of the economy but also a societal problem.

The full interview with Simon can be found on our website at:

www.ksw.org.uk/alumni-stories

Michael Pimley (H 61-71) has been one of our most loyal supporters; he has created a fund in his father's memory: The John Pimley Fund, with the aim of providing long term financial support for bursaries at King's. Michael has a keen appreciation of the importance of King's Bursaries and we are privileged to have his support.

Robert Spier (S 45-55) has been a very generous supporter of King's over the years, giving to King's in a variety of ways, including in the past via a donation of shares. More recently Robert spent a day at King's, experiencing the wide variety of activities and subjects we offer to the pupils (including sitting in on a fifth form maths lesson!). Having a good understanding of how a King's education can make a difference, Robert has since made a wonderful donation to our Enduring Bursary Fund.

The Trust has also been given a substantial donation from **Mark Haworth (CI 81-88)**. Mark gained a funded place at King's, after passing his 11+ exams in the 1980s, and he feels keenly the importance of bursarial support and enabling youngsters to have the opportunity to attend a school like King's. After school, Mark attended St Edmund Hall, Oxford and gained a first in Modern History and he talks about how the teaching he received at King's influenced his university studies and indeed, later on, his professional life. Mark is now based mainly in the US, with his principal businesses being in emerging markets and US-concentrated equity investments. Mark is also lead Trustee for a large UK charity and we were delighted when Mark informed us that he wished to make a donation to King's, to support a new bursary place at King's immediately and with an element also to be assigned to King's Enduring Fund.

If you are interested in talking to us about making a donation or leaving a legacy to King's in your will, please contact Liz Elliott, Development Director on 01905 721719 or elliott@ksw.org.uk

A Picture Paints a Thousand Words



U14B Netball Team 2002



Choristers, 1954



Pottery Class, 1959



A trip to London in 1959



Drama Devising Workshop, 2014



Informal Leavers photo, 2012



Pink Day, 2005



Gareth Edwards opens the Pavilion in 1983



Eliot House, 1990-1991



1st VIII Crew, 1984



Fives Courts 1920s



School House, 1984

Upcoming Events

Dates for your diary

Old Chapel Reunion
Saturday 20th July 2019
The Old Chapel
12 noon-3pm

Bring your picnic and enjoy a trip down memory lane as we welcome OV's back to the Old Chapel for a reunion day. For more information and to book a spot, please email alumni@ksw.org.uk for full details.

Please note that minibus rides will run from King's School Worcester or the main carpark in Crickhowell. There is not capacity for any guest parking at the Old Chapel.

1984 Reunion
Saturday 20th July 2019
6pm Tours of School, 7pm at The Sociable Beer Company, Worcester

The year of 1984 are getting together in Worcester on Saturday 20th July. Please email expressions of interest to Mike Morgan c/o alumni@ksw.org.uk.

Recent OV BBQ
Monday 2nd September 2019
The School Gardens
4-6pm

We look forward to welcoming back to King's the years of 2017 and 2018, who we hope will join us in welcoming the year of 2019 into the OV family.

OV Golf & Carvery
Friday 6th September 2019
Ombersley Golf Club
1.30pm start

Organised by OV **James Bailey (Cr 84-93)** with support from **Hon OV Russ Mason**, we hope you will want to join them both for a round of golf followed by a carvery. £34 per person, paid directly to James. Please confirm attendance and book your place by email alumni@ksw.org.uk or phone 01905 721 737

5 Year Leavers' Reunion
Saturday 7th September 2019
The Michael Baker Boathouse
6-8pm

We look forward to welcoming the year of 2014 and their parents back to King's for a drink reception.

Worcester Cathedral Choir Annual Reunion
Saturday 7th September 2019,
Worcester Cathedral
5.30-7pm

OV Choristers are invited to sing with current boys, girls, and gentlemen of the Cathedral Choir. A rehearsal will precede a sung evensong in the Cathedral. For more information, please email alumni@ksw.org.uk.

OV Professions Group (Law)
Thursday 12th September 2019
The Hoxton Hotel, Holburn
6.30-8.30pm

Open to all OV's working in Law, we hope you will join us for a drink in London. This is a relaxed opportunity to meet with OV's working in the same profession. Email alumni@ksw.org.uk for more information or to confirm your attendance.

School House 70ish Lunch
Monday 14th October 2019
Oxford and Cambridge Club, London.

The lunch welcomes School House OV's of about 70 years of age. Enquiries or expressions of interest can be sent to Timothy Wadsworth, c/o alumni@ksw.org.uk or 01905 721737

Modus Challenge Cup
Wednesday 23rd October 2019
Sixways Stadium, Worcester
7pm

Don't miss the hotly anticipated annual rugby fixture against RGS, and please come and support the boys in blue! Tickets available in advance via Worcester Warriors or on the night.

London Drinks
Friday 15th November 2019
The Bankside Gallery, London
7-9pm

We hope that OV's will join us in London for this fun and relaxed opportunity to meet with friends and network with OV's of all generations. Booking form and full details are enclosed.

Andrew Reekes Lecture
Tuesday 3rd December 2019
The Michael Baker Boathouse
6.30pm

OV & historian Andrew Reekes, will speak on his new book, 'Worcester Moments', documenting key moments in Worcester's history. All members of the King's family are warmly welcome. Please email alumni@ksw.org.uk to confirm your attendance.

Ten Year Reunion
Saturday 14th December 2019
The Michael Baker Boathouse
6-8pm

The year of 2009 are welcome to join us for twilight tours of school and a drinks reception.



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