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## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE KING WILLIAM'S COLLEGE SOCIETY

The Annual General Meeting of the Society was held in the Meeting Room, King William's College at 5.00 p.m. on Friday 29 November 2013.

Those present included: PB Clucas (President), Alfred Cannan (Deputy President), BW Harding (Honorary Secretary), Pauline Millard, Cameron Halsall and Sam Alder. The Principal, Martin Humphreys and GB Trustrum were also in attendance. On this occasion, apologies were received from: JV Oatts (Bursar), Mrs Alison Hedley (Head-teacher of the Buchan), Brian Cottier, GEF Green, JM Crookall, JD Gibb, JD Bolton and RL Braidwood.

### **Ordinary Business**

The minutes of the Annual general Meeting held on 20th December 2012 were approved and signed by the President.

The President referred to the Annual Accounts and Financial Statements for the year ended 31st July 2013. On receipt of the draft documents they would be circulated to all of the Board members, for examination. Thereafter, subject to there being no material comment, the documents would be signed by two directors, Sam Alder and Cameron Halsall. The annual accounts would then be approved and adopted for filing at The Company Registry.

It was proposed by the President and seconded by the Honorary Secretary that Joanna Crookall and Sam Alder, having retired by rotation, be re-elected to the Board. This motion was accepted unanimously. The resignation of Rachael Braidwood and Douglas Bolton as Directors, was noted. The President thanked them for their long and dedicated service to the Society. It was proposed that the resignations would take effect from 1st January 2014. On a motion proposed by Sam Alder and seconded by the Deputy President, Alf Cannan, Pauline Millard and Cameron Halsall were appointed Directors, also with effect from 1st January 2014. This proposal was accepted unanimously and as a consequence Pauline Millard and Cameron Halsall were duly elected.

It was confirmed that the current Honorary Auditors /Examiners of the Accounts were happy to continue in that role and that they had no objection to being re-appointed. It was therefore proposed by Sam Alder and seconded by BW Harding that BDO be confirmed in the role of Honorary Auditors /Examiners. The meeting approved this motion unanimously.

The Lottery takings having amounted to £500, the following prizes were established: a first prize of £100 and two prizes of £50 each. The draw was made and the first prize was won by Stephen Cannell (H 1970-77). The second prize of £50 was won by Sam Alder (JC 1954-63) and the third prize by Michael Watson (HW 1064-66).

The meeting closed at 5.45 pm.

## A SHORT REMINDER OF WHY THE SOCIETY WAS ESTABLISHED IN 1889

(Source: Memorandum & Articles of Association, King William's College Society)

1. To promote and assist the provision of education at King William's College, and more recently The Buchan School, in the traditions of Independent Schools and in conformity with the principles and doctrines of the Christian faith and moral teaching.
2. To keep former pupils and members of staff in touch with each other for their mutual benefit and support.
3. If possible assist in cases of need for boys and girls about to leave, or have recently left, who are financially unable to make provision to train, enter a profession, pursue research or post-graduate courses.
4. To do all such things as may be necessary to further the interest of pupils and former pupils.

### BARROVIAN ALUMNI

#### LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



On the 13th May 2014 a dinner was held in the Barrovian Hall at which members of the 2004-05 year group hosted members of the King William's College Society in celebrating 125 years of your Society. It was an evening of friends brought together in the common bonds of shared experiences and values. I took the opportunity to pay tribute to the Society and its work over many years and more personally to acknowledge its role in the life I live today. I think it fitting that having existed for a century and a quarter I further acknowledge the continuing role of the Society within the modern framework of our school and its relationship with its alumni by sharing with you some aspects of my address to the members and guests who attended our 125th anniversary dinner.

I remember first walking through the west gate in the Spring of 1977 on a journey which shortly thereafter led me to become one of a cohort of 'new boys' starting their college career that same year. In taking that step, I, with many of my young companions, no doubt failed to acknowledge the sacrifices made by our parents to provide us with a college education. However, despite grounding me for higher education I returned to the Isle of Man some years later without the first idea what I was going to do. The island's business community in the 1980s was still some way off achieving its internationally recognised status as a leading offshore finance centre and there were fewer opportunities for graduates. The best way to get a job in those days remained "Who do I know?" Fresh out of education and having been off the Island for a numbers of years and before that closeted in the grey stone walls of College, I didn't know anyone or at least any one important enough to give me a career on the Island. Or so I thought. For this is where the King William's College Society and I crossed paths.

The King William's College Society was founded in 1889. The original objects of the Society were:

1. To keep old boys in need of assistance on their going to a place of higher education, or the regular armed forces, or her majesty's civil colonial or foreign services - Bishop Barrow would note with dissatisfaction that by this time there was no mention of the clergy;
2. To act as sponsors for and to raise funds for any purpose associated with College;
3. To assist old boys in finding employment in civil life;
4. To further the interests of old boys and the College in any other manner which the Society shall determine.

The constitution of this Society may have changed here and there in the last 125 years but its ethos remains the same. It is a Society born out of comradeship. It is a Society born out of shared experiences and common endeavours, whether those endeavours be on the playing field or in the classroom. This comradeship, this common friendship, transcends beyond the personal bonds of friendship which each of us made during our own times spent at College or the Buchan. We are a family of alumni. This is most evident by the instinctive manner in which we try to assist old boys and girls. This was my own experience as I found myself in the privileged position to avail the help of many old boys who freely gave their time and shared their knowledge and experience in guiding me Towards my chosen career. Nowadays we call it networking. The King William's College Society remains a society of friends - friends of College, friends of the Buchan, but most of all friends to each other.

I have referred to the 1889 objects of the Society. By 1989 on the occasion of the Society's 100th anniversary, its objects had changed little save that its prime object was then described as "*keeping OKW's in touch with College and each other*". The primacy of such an object was a clear reflection of the work undertaken by the Society between 1889 and 1989 in creating a register of alumni. In 1902, the King William's College Society asked H.S. Christopher, with the assistance of Canon John Kewley, to compile a register of old boys. This was no easy task despite the school having a register of names going back to the opening of the school, no addresses were kept prior to 1880. Such difficulty will strike a chord with our current Director of Alumni Relations, even if it is now e-mail addresses rather than postal addresses which elude us. Despite such difficulties the first King William's College register was published in 1905. Since then further registers have been published in 1927, 1956 and the latest, fourth edition, was finalised in 1989. A fifth edition must surely be on the Society's "to do list".

The Society was not the first old boys society. A London "Old Williamites" had met at least as early as 1881 and a Scottish association was formed in 1888. The tradition of old boys and old girls cementing their common ties with in their own locality is upheld by the Society's kindred societies, which play an invaluable role in delivering the Society's prime object of keeping alumni in touch with each other and College. It is particularly encouraging to see recent development of informal get-togethers. Such a gathering most recently occurred in Munich and there is already interest in repeating this event this year. Their enthusiasm to maintain links with College leads me to hope that before long the Society establishes its first European branch. It is always challenging to put on formal gatherings for our alumni. That said, I am deeply encouraged by the interest expressed in College by our younger alumni. The emergence of a nascent kindred Society in Germany and the attendance of a larger number of younger alumni at the recent London dinner buck any suggestion that the Society is past its time. In the last two years we have modernised our constitution so that the Society business can be conducted on line. Furthermore we have aligned the Society closer to the School's own administration which has allowed us to transfer the Society's greatest asset, its database, the modern equivalent of the registers, to a new electronic database. Although the Society is keen to emphasise that its prime objective remains keeping its members in touch with their school and each other, the Society must find a place with in the modern structure of College where it can be continue to add value. I am ever keen to ensure that our governors can make the best use of the Society's resources for the better future of both College and the Buchan School.

In a year of significant anniversaries, I particularly remember the ultimate sacrifice made by many of our alumni, in fighting for their country in the Great War and other conflicts. The role of the Society in ensuring that their deeds are memorialised within College life is something that the Society can be rightly proud.

I return, however, to the central theme of my address. At the heart of the Society is friendship between alumni. Friendships made at College and the Buchan last a lifetime. This is why I say with absolute confidence that the Society will continue to exist and will always endeavour to promote the interests of College, the Buchan and alumni for the many years to come.

**PB Clucas J,S (1977-84)**  
**President of the King William's College Society**

## MESSAGE FROM THE HONORARY SECRETARY KING WILLIAM'S COLLEGE SOCIETY

I am pleased to welcome you to the 69<sup>th</sup> Edition of The King William's College Society Magazine, which is published electronically. The Society, however, also contributes to the Barrovian School Magazine, via the Alumni Section in the latter magazine. The Barrovian School Magazine is published in hard copy and posted to alumni. Readers of the Barrovian School Magazine are advised that the Alumni Magazine is available on the web-site: **www.kwc.im** from where it can be down-loaded at no cost. A paper version of the Barrovian Alumni Magazine can be obtained by contacting the Alumni Relations Office, King William's College.



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During the last twelve months the Society has staged a number of social events and has given administrative assistance to the organisers of events for alumni other than on the Island. In the first place the Society hosted an excellent talk by Dr. Jennifer Kewley-Draskau, (Bu 1945-54), concerned with the life of Iliam Dhone. The occasion was attended by forty alumni and was delivered in the Bragg Lecture Theatre. A most enjoyable Wine and Cheese Tasting Party took place at the British Hotel, Douglas, in September 2013. This event was sponsored by Heron and Brearley and the Isle of Man Creamery whose assistance was much appreciated. The Society also organised a successful Advent Drinks and Carols Party on 29th November 2013 at which approaching one hundred alumni were present. The high light of the evening was the performances given by the Buchan School Choir and two, very talented, young violinists. In January 2014, the Society arranged a visit to the Isle of Man Astronomical Society's Observatory at Foxdale, where Mr Howard Parkin, FRAS, gave an engaging talk on astronomy and the Observatory's 16 inch telescope was demonstrated.

In terms of overseas gatherings, the Alumni Relations Office has also provided support for the visit of the Choir of the Chapel of St. Thomas to Liverpool Cathedral in October 2013. Fifty one alumni from the North-West of England were in attendance to support the Choristers. Some assistance was

also provided in connection with the staging of the Liverpool and Manchester Society's dinner in November 2013. In addition, administrative support was given to a group of former pupils now living in Munich, Germany. This enabled them to renew their friendships and enjoy a memorable Christmas Dinner. The Alumni Relations Office has also worked closely with the London Old King William's and Buchan Society in order to stage the annual dinner in the Naval Club, London. That event was well attended and included a welcome number of former pupils of the Buchan School.

At the time of writing a further batch of social events has been arranged. These include: the 125th Anniversary Celebrations for the Founding of the King William's College Society, the visit of the Chapel Choir to sing at St Matthew's Church, Douglas, a forthcoming Autumn Fashion Show the performance of which will involve Claire Christian Couture and pupils in the School, an Evening of Comedy featuring Pierre Novellie and the annual Christmas Drinks and Conversazione. A weekend of rugby for alumni is also being planned for November. Finally, in February 2015, Dr. Patricia Tutt, who is a former pupil of the Buchan school, will deliver a key note lecture on Manx Architecture.

Information about the forthcoming events will be circulated to all alumni and the President and the Board of Directors of the King William's College Society look forward to seeing you at some if not all of the activities on offer. In conclusion I would like to thank all Alumni who have notified us of any changes in their contact details and any news they have provided for inclusion in our database and the magazine. Please keep the Alumni Relations Office advised about any changes in your address and personal details and do not hesitate to contact me at any time if you feel that the Society can be of assistance.

**Bryan Harding (H 1949-56)**  
**Hon Secretary of the King William's**  
**College Society and Director of Alumni Relations.**

## LIVERPOOL & MANCHESTER OKW SOCIETY ANNUAL DINNER 22nd November 2013

On Friday 22nd November, the Liverpool and Manchester OKW Society held its annual dinner at the Artists Club, Eberle Street, Liverpool. The Artists Club is the favoured location for the annual gathering of the membership and their guests. For the information of those alumni for whom the Artists Club is an unknown quantity, the Club was founded in 1877 and has occupied premises in the centre of Liverpool since 1889. The latter is the date when the King William's College Society was founded! The Club is a private members establishment which provides a convivial environment for gatherings of alumni of King William's as well as members of other social and professional bodies.

Once again, the Club provided an excellent meal in its historic surroundings. Amongst the guests were: The Principal, Mr Martin Humphreys, Mr Peter Clucas, President of the King William's College Society, The President of the Liverpool and Manchester Society, Mr Stewart Thompson, Mr Chris Kelly, President of the London OKW and Buchan Society, Mr Bryan Harding, Hon. Secretary of the King William's College Society and Director of Alumni Relations and Ellen Epstein, Development Director.

Following an excellent meal in the historic surroundings, the formalities of the evening were orchestrated by The Hon. Secretary, Mr Duncan Gibb. The Principal delivered his usual excellent update on the progress made at the School during the year and also some idea of what the future might hold. He also responded to the toast to King William's College in the traditional manner it was delightful to have the company of Robin and Claire Humphreys - Jones prior to Robin's retirement at

the end of the academic year. Over the years Robin has been a more than adequate stand-in when for different reasons principals have not been able to attend.

Also present at the dinner were: David Cowley (1943-54); David Breadner (1950-56); David Bull (1951-56); Bob Chadwick 61/65; Pat Cullen 47/56; Geoff Denner (1959-64); Nick Ellis (1960-68); David Gill (1960-67); Terry Hazelhurst (1960-64); Peter Lambert(1952-56);David Fachiri (1953-56); Tim Shennan (1981-87); John Lambert (1955-61); Mike Hanson (1952-59); Richard Hanson(1953-61); Mike Ledsham (1960-67); Tim Ledsham (1962-67); John Shennan (1952-58); Howard Morris (1975-82); Howard Dolan (1954-59); Keith Lang (1950-55); David Allen (1952-55); Bertie Vick (1948-55); Keith Lewis (1960-67); Kim Wallis (1962-69); Colin Weston (1946-53); Arthur Allen (1954-57); and Robin Cowley (1950-56); Alan Smith (1948-53).

**Duncan Gibb**  
**Hon. Secretary of the Liverpool and Manchester OKW Society**

## LONDON OKW AND BUCHAN SOCIETY DINNER

**Friday 7th March 2014**

An enthusiastic response to our President's call to arms in 2013 saw a packed Naval Club bringing together 50 OKWs (including not only a younger group but also a large and quite glittering contingent of former Buchan School girls, whom it was generally felt were ageing much more slowly than their male counterparts) for a memorable and highly convivial edition of the London Society Annual Dinner. We also welcomed as our guests the Principal, Martin Humphreys and his wife, Francesca, the Vice-Principal, Robin Humphreys-Jones and his wife Claire, Jane Corlett, Head of the Buchan School, Peter Clucas, President of the King William's College Society and Ralph Ingram, President of the Liverpool and Manchester Society.

The President, Christopher Kelly, gave a moving speech of introduction on behalf of the Society, returning to his theme concerning the importance of maintaining the OKW network and how the support of OKWs had assisted him in a very direct and meaningful way in the last twelve months since the last gathering during a very troublesome year for his family.

Peter Clucas spoke first for the guests with an excellent response bringing good wishes to the London Society from the Island, explaining the various changes to the OKW Societies and encouraging all to attend the Alumni weekend on the 13th and 14th June to celebrate the 125th Anniversary of the Founding of the King William's College Society.

Martin Humphreys reported entertainingly about the continued, excellent health of our School. His report was shorter than usual but the deficit was more than compensated for by his jokes and witty stories. We are looking forward to next year's dinner when the Principal will, no doubt, regale the gathering with more humorous and highly informative material about the achievements of College. The guest of honour this year was Robin Humphreys-Jones. Robin is an immensely popular figure amongst the OKW community. He is a much respected teacher of physics, former Housemaster of Walters House and latterly Vice-Principal (Pastoral). Robin is retiring this year having served, as he wittily pointed out, under no less than seven or possibly eight principals. Various incidents and personalities, some of whom we might have preferred not to have been reminded about, were recalled with his aplomb and good humour which has inspired generations of budding OKW sportsmen and scientists. Robin will be greatly missed at the School but, we hope, will not be a stranger to future London dinners.

While the standard of entertainment this year reached a new level the main motivation for attendance was to see our friends again. Thomas Jefferson once said, "Friendship is precious, not only in the shade, but also in the sunshine of life, and thanks to a benevolent arrangement the greater part of life is sunshine". How true that was on a splendid Friday evening in March. Until next year, then, when our President will be inviting you all again to meet at the Naval Club for the 132nd Annual Dinner of the London OKW and Buchan Society which will be held on Friday 14th March 2015 prior to the England v Scotland match on Saturday 15th March at 5pm.

**Christopher Kelly, President London Society (S 1970-75)**

## VISIT TO THE ISLE OF MAN ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY OBSERVATORY AT FOXDALE

On the dark and rainy night of 13th January 2014, forty alumni, their friends and children gathered at the Isle of Man Astronomical Society's Observatory at Foxdale to hear an illustrated talk on astronomy by the Chairman, Mr Howard Parkin, FRAS., and to be shown the workings of the Meade 16 inch telescope which is located on site.

Howard Parkin spoke enthusiastically and fluently about the development of astronomy, as distinct from astrology, citing evidence, for example, that the Abbot of Rushen Abbey as well as the Bishop Isaac Barrow had been keen astronomers who had recorded sightings of celestial events in their records. In particular, since the visit coincided with the season of Epiphany, he examined the story of the Star of Bethlehem and showed that in all probability that this phenomenon, which was observed by the Magi, was the conjunction of the planets Jupiter and Saturn.

During the course of the evening, everyone had the opportunity to witness a demonstration of the Observatory's 16 inch Meade LX 200 GPS Schimdt Cassegram telescope. Unfortunately on this occasion, the demonstration was limited owing to the extent of the cloud cover which was prevalent on the night. Nevertheless, the valuable contributions which the observatory and its telescope make to the monitoring of the movements of the planets, comets, asteroids and other features of the heavens observable from earth, was made apparent. The Observatory and its staff of volunteers are part of the global scientific body of enthusiasts and experts which is developing mankind's knowledge and understanding of space. The event was well received by everyone and it is not unlikely that the Isle of Man Astronomical Society will gain some recruits as a consequence!

**Bryan Harding (H 1949-56)  
Director of Alumni Relations**

## BARROVIAN ADVENT DRINKS AND CAROLS EVENT Friday 29th November 2013

On Friday 29th November 2013, the King William's College Society held an Advent Drinks and Carols Party in the Barrovian Hall. The event was attended by nearly 100 alumni of King William's and the Buchan School together with their partners and friends. The President of the King William's College Society, Mr Peter Clucas (JS 1977-84) undertook the role of Master of Ceremonies. The Domestic Bursar, Mr Martin Howland, supervised the catering arrangements and the logistics required to prepare the Barrovian Hall for the festivities. The tables were arranged partly in cabaret - style and partly with bar tables which together enabled the guests to sit or stand facing the stage whilst watching



and listening to the musical and choral entertainment or the lectern when the speeches, raffle and auction took place.

The evening commenced with an overture on the keyboard by the Director of Music, Mr John Wright. His repertoire provided a fitting introduction to the Buchan School Choir under the direction of the Head of Music, Sue Mills. The Choir sang a selection of seasonal carols which provided opportunities for the guests to engage in some congregational singing. The high light of this part of the evening was a performance of Pachabel's canon by two, young and very talented violinists, Polly and Anna Glynn. The audience was very impressed by the standard of the young choristers and the two violinists. Accordingly, the Choir and the two instrumentalists received a most enthusiastic and appreciative ovation.

Following the choral and instrumental episodes, the assembled guests were welcomed by the president, Mr Peter Clucas. The Principal spoke next about his visit to China as part of a team of head-teachers gathered by the British Council to promote the availability of educational opportunities in the United Kingdom. He referred to the importance that China placed on mathematics, science and foreign languages which he was glad to say were covered amply at King William's by means of the International Baccalaureate. The final speakers were the Head of School, Alice Bowen, and the Head Boy, Alex Long. Alice and Alex spoke eloquently about the opportunities they enjoyed at King William's, their pleasure at being invited to the party along

with the Upper Sixth and their intention to support the alumni community in the interest of the School.

The proceedings moved on to the raffle and the draw which was made by Mrs Francesca Humphreys, the wife of the Principal. The valuable prizes included: a bottle of single malt whisky, a bottle of vintage port, a bottle of champagne, vouchers for meals at two restaurants, a large box of Thornton's chocolates and a voucher for a health club. Needless to say the prizes were soon claimed and it was time for the auction of a trillion dollar bank note, in a handsome frame, from Zimbabwe. The auction was conducted by Mr Keith Kerruish (S 1959-63) with his usual expertise resulting in the item being sold to the highest bidder for £100. The evening's entertainment was continued by Mr John Wright, Director of Music. He rendered a wide selection of keyboard works suitable for the occasion whilst the guests were able to continue socialising until the conclusion of the evening's festivities.

**B W Harding (H 1949-56) Hon Secretary,  
King William's College Society and Director of Alumni Relations**

## FROM PUPIL TO SCHOOL HEAD

In January 2014 Jane Corlett, Vice-Principal was appointed Head- teacher of the Buchan School. This is the first time that a former pupil has returned to lead the Buchan school which forms the primary school section of King William's College.

Jane Corlett was educated firstly at Peel Clothworkers School from where she won one of the two full boarding scholarships for academic achievement which secured her entry to the Buchan School. In pursuing her studies she discovered a talent for sports such as swimming, netball, tennis and hockey. In due course, she became a school prefect whilst in the Upper Sixth, as well as head of house and the School Hockey Captain.

On leaving The Buchan School in 1975, she went on to read French and Spanish at Manchester University and having graduated she went to Portugal in order to manage an entire holiday complex. She returned to the Island in 1983, and whilst contemplating a career in accountancy, she was contacted by a former teacher at the Buchan with a request to assist a Portuguese - speaking pupil who wished to complete her GCE in the subject. During the year an opportunity arose to teach Spanish and French at the school and having accepted the challenge she went on to gain a formal teaching qualification at Liverpool University. Subsequently she became Head of Modern Languages at The Buchan School before moving to King William's where she held the position of House mistress, then Head of Senior School before being appointed Vice-Principal, a role which she occupied for fifteen years. Jane's interests extend beyond school life and education. She is a motorcyclist, a licensed HGV and bus driver, a former street circuit kart racer, (at one time British Women Raving Driver Club Champion), a community volunteer with the Isle of Man Constabulary and she is a qualified Independent Schools Inspector with a specialism in boarding. We congratulate Jane and wish her well in her new post.

**BW Harding (H 1949-56)**  
**Hon. Secretary and Director of Alumni Relations**

## FOUNDERS' DAY 2014

Founders Day, on Saturday 21st May, began with the usual valedictory service for the Upper Sixth, in the Chapel of St Thomas, to mark the end of their time at King William's. The Reverend Erica Scott conducted the service which concluded with the Lord Bishop giving the blessing. On leaving the Chapel, the Upper Sixth Leavers received certificates of membership of the King William's College Society and Alumni Community from Mr Peter Clucas, President of the King William's College Society and a gift of The Collected Poems of The Rev. TE Brown, a former pupil and Vice-Principal of King William's College, from the Principal Mr Martin Humphreys.

The Valedictory Service was followed by the Prize-giving Ceremony in the marquee. The ceremony commenced with the singing of the British and the Manx national anthems. The Chairman of the Governors, Mr Nigel Wood, then invited the Lord Bishop to open the proceedings with a prayer. And then he invited the Principal to give his annual address. The Principal began by paying tribute to the late Dosch Macleod, a pupil of the school, who lost his life tragically in a recent car accident. He thanked all of those teaching staff who were leaving at the end of term, and he thanked the Common Room for their continued efforts and support throughout the academic year. The Principal then turned to the current issues of national identity and sexism. He referred to the potential threats posed by the re-emergence of extreme nationalism in Europe and everyday sexism. Nevertheless the

Principal drew satisfaction and inspiration from the many positive qualities which were being cultivated in the School; qualities which were much needed in our global community.

The Guest of Honour, The Rt Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila presented the pupils with their awards and followed with his address. Firstly, he entertained the audience with his introduction to life at King William's as a former pupil. He then went on to develop the importance of education since education has the power to effect the transformation and development of individuals and their communities. He was sad that such opportunities were being threatened by acts of terror. In his role as a legislator in Africa's biggest country, economy and democracy he said that he had made it his priority to put the availability of education to the fore.

Bringing the proceedings to a close, the Chairman of the Governors, Mr Nigel Wood spoke of his regret at the loss of a promising pupil, but he also emphasised that Founders Day is an occasion to celebrate achievement and success. He elaborated on the series of objectives which had been established to secure a modern, broad, excellent educational product and to that end he spoke of the continued investment in teaching staff, improvements in the infrastructure and the buildings, all of which are in train.

**BW Harding (H 1949-56)**  
**Hon. Secretary and Director of Alumni Relations**

## VISIT OF THE CHOIR OF THE CHAPEL OF ST THOMAS TO LIVERPOOL ANGLICAN CATHEDRAL



The sublime vault of Liverpool Cathedral, the highest church ceiling in the world, drew gasps from the Chapel Choir as we entered for the first time on Saturday 19th October. We were preparing to sing evensong there the following day alongside the Cathedral's resident choir of men and boys. After a relatively calm journey on *Manannan*, choristers attended an organ recital by Professor Ian Tracey who adjudicated House music at College last year. This annual concert attracts enthusiasts from all over the world. The organ's 10, 256 pipes were deployed to full

effect, and, in some crescendos, apparently menaced the structural integrity of the building! King William's Choir received VIP treatment by being allocated the best seats in the house!

On being ushered to the front, Mr Moore and I became slightly embarrassed by the messages on our Choir Trip hoodies, which we had allowed the choristers to select unimpeded by good taste or concern for our welfare about town. Mr Moore's said (note the nature of the event and the professional interest of most of the large audience) 'The Organist' and mine, worst of all, said simply 'The Boss' !

On Saturday afternoon and evening, Mr and Mrs Jeffers, Mr Barnes and Mr Moore were joined by King William's singing tutor Mrs Kinrade and Mr Coarse, Mr Rimmer and Mr Qualtrough, musical parents. My most important job during the trip was, apparently, to provide a translation service: Scouse - English - Scouse at Liverpool 1 shopping centre, where pupils, especially the girls, shopped

till they dropped! We consumed gourmet burgers and finished the evening at the cinema. Sunday morning brought a trip to the Albert Dock, the Tate Gallery and a visit to Liverpool's other cathedral, the Roman Catholic Metropolitan. After lunch, we headed back to the Anglican Cathedral for a rehearsal with Mr David Poulter, Director of Music. Professor Tracey provided the accompaniment.

The acoustics present quite a challenge when both halves of the choir are about 50 feet away from each other, when the organist is about 100 feet in the air above and whilst the congregation are up to 160 metres away. However, our pupils performed magnificently. We sang, 'How Beautiful are Thy Dwellings' from the Requiem by Brahms and the *Uni Caritas* by Druhle.

The congregation was augmented by nearly 50 members of the The Barrovian Alumni (thanks to Mr Bryan Harding for organising this). Many of these OKWs were members of the Chapel Choir as early as 1950 and they were delighted to meet their 21st century counterparts in a reception held afterwards. One gentleman even presented me with a "48 recording of a Friday service from 1952 in which Canon Ernest Stenning was preaching! There followed a brief trip to MacDonalds and a rough sailing home. We all had a brilliant time.

Chapel Choir is central to the identity of this great school and its members are enriched by involvement with its life. Whether they go on to become choral scholars at Oxbridge, members of cathedral and church choirs or whether they sing in secular groups as a hobby, their appreciation of this repertoire, the friends they made, and the intellectual challenges they have overcome to perform these masterpieces, remain with the choristers for life. This was the common experience of all the OKWs who attended, some of whom were in their 80s. Choir was, for many, their cherished memory of school. Membership is no longer compulsory for the musically talented and our modern pupils choose to sacrifice two lunch times per week. Many OKWs in attendance noticed that musical quality has risen in these circumstances and that should make all of us proud of their contribution to College's corporate life. All who care about this school will want to join me in encouraging members of the Chapel Choir for their efforts - Euge Choro!

**John Wright - Director of Music**

## CHRISTMAS DINNER IN MUNICH



On Monday 6th December 2013 a small but lively group of young alumni living in Germany gathered in the Andechser Restaurant in Munich for a Christmas Dinner. This event was arranged by Marius Mueller, (C 2007-09), the Year Group Coordinator for the Year Group 2007-09, with the assistance of The Alumni Relations Office in College. Those who attended included: Ben Kraus (2007-09); Benedict Blaseio (C 2007-10); Casper Henle (C 2007-09); and Karl Bertram (C2006-09). This was not a large gathering but there is no doubt that those present really enjoyed the meal and the opportunity to meet

again and renew friendships. The gathering was an informal affair but it is hoped to arrange a bigger event this coming Christmas drawing on alumni living not only in south Germany based on Munich but also from north Germany based on Berlin and involving a skiing trip to complement the meal.

**Bryan Harding (H 1949-56)**

# 125TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS FOR THE FOUNDING OF THE KING WILLIAM'S COLLEGE SOCIETY

## THE DINNER



The King William's College Society, which is the alumni body for both King William's and the Buchan School, was founded in 1889.

Accordingly, the Board of Directors of the Society decided to celebrate this special occasion. With the assistance of The Office of Alumni Relations the celebrations were hosted by Year Group 2004-05 under the capable leadership of Flt. Lt. David Bellamy, the Year Group Coordinator. The celebrations began on Friday evening the 13th June with an excellent champagne reception and dinner in the Barrovian Hall. Those in attendance included: The Principal, the Chairman of the Governors, the President and Board of Directors of the

Society and a substantial number of alumni consisting principally of the year group which left in 2004-05. It was encouraging to see former pupils who had travelled from as far away as the USA and Germany in order to be present.

The meal commenced with the traditional Latin Grace which was rendered perfectly by Sam Alder (JC 1954-63), a Trustee of Bishop Barrow's Charity and a Board member of the Society. In due course, David Bellamy (LHW 1995-2005) proposed the toast to King William's College and then delivered an entertaining speech which was appreciated for its wit and relevance by his year group colleagues. The President, Peter Clucas (JS 1977-84) replied setting out his vision for the future of the King William's College Society and emphasising the significant role which alumni relations plays in providing support between members of the alumni community and to the School.

Sam Alder (JC 1954-63) also spoke to outline his plans to establish a formal body which will organise and administer the archives of the King William's College Society.

During the course of the evening a magnum of champagne was raffled. There being only one prize when the time came for the draw to take place the atmosphere was electric! The Principal's wife, Mrs Francesca Humphreys, kindly agreed to make the draw which not surprisingly had everybody's rapt attention. The winner was Falkmar Finke (C2003-05), who had travelled all the way from Germany to be present. He collected his prize amid loud cheering and applause from everybody in general and his fellow alumni in particular. At the end of the evening, having organised transport in advance in order to go into Douglas, the Year Group 2004-05 sped off into the night to continue their festivities.

## THE CHAPEL SERVICE

The service to celebrate the 125th Anniversary of the founding of the King William's College Society took place on Saturday morning the 14th June at 10.30am in the Chapel of St. Thomas. The service was led by the School Chaplain, the Reverend Erica Scott and the sermon was delivered by the Very Reverend Nigel Godfrey (JW 1962-69), the Dean of St German's Cathedral. The organist was Gareth Moore, Deputy Director of Music.

The service, which followed the order of matins suitably supplemented for this special occasion,

commenced with Cardinal Newman's great hymn, Praise to the Holiest in the Height. The readings were rendered by Peter Clucas (JS 1977-84), President of the King William's College Society, and James Wood (HC 1998-2005). In between the readings the congregation sang, Come Down O Love Divine, a hymn which celebrates the Holy Spirit which is part of the Trinity. Its being Trinity-tide, the Dean's sermon focused on that great mystery of faith. After the Creed, the collects were read by the Dean, The Principal and three of the newly appointed praepositors for the new academic year, namely: Sosanna Cox, the Head of School, James Allen, Head Boy, and Nick Prestridge. The final hymn was, The Day Thou Gavest Lord Has Ended, written by the Reverend John Ellerton MA Cantab., (OKW 1842-44), who was a prolific and significant hymn writer of the 19th Century. The service ended with the Chaplain rendering the College Charge, customarily given at Leavers services, and then the Blessing. Afterwards, the congregation retired to the Barrovian Hall for refreshments before being taken on a tour of the School and prior to the Buffet which was served over lunch time.

## THE AFTERNOON EVENTS



The afternoon was notable for its variety and for the enthusiasm of all those who participated either as players or spectators. The All-England Under 14s Rounders Team played the Island Under 14s Rounders Team under the expert eye of Bernie Dunn, Director of Physical Education. David Bellamy's year Group 2004-05 XI played the President's XI and lost 4-2 to the latter. Rosie Cope, the referee from the Department of Physical Education, undertook her role most tactfully! Thanks to the enthusiasm of the coming year's Head of School and Head Boy, Sosanna Cox and James Allen respectively, the Lower Sixth played a friendly rounders match under the watchful eye of Matt Crabtree of the Physical Education Department. The Classic Car Club and the Vintage Motor Cycle Club provided static displays of their vehicles completely filling one side of the Hundred. Thanks to Lyn Ilott, an opportunity to have a properly supervised swim in the School Swimming pool was enjoyed by Master Nicholas Luft, son of Peter Luft (JD 1969-80). Whilst all of the foregoing was proceeding, refreshments including tea, coffee, biscuits and ice cream were served in the Barrovian Hall. Our thanks to Martin Howland, the Domestic bursar, his able assistant David Quayle and all of the domestic staff concerned for their wonderful and unstinting service.

**BW Harding**  
**Director of Alumni Relations**

## VISIT OF THE CHOIR OF THE CHAPEL OF ST THOMAS TO ST MATTHEW'S CHURCH, DOUGLAS

Following the 125th Anniversary Celebrations on 13th and 134th June, on the Sunday 15th June the Chapel Choir assembled at St Matthew's Church, Douglas, to sing Mass on Trinity Sunday. The Church, with its regular congregation and Sunday School supplemented by the Principal, parents, relatives, friends and alumni, was practically full for the great occasion.

St Matthew the Apostle, standing on North Quay, Douglas, is the parish church for lower Douglas in the Diocese of Sodor and Man. The building was constructed in 1902 to replace the old church which stood on the site now occupied by the Market Hall. The new church is probably one of the last churches designed by John Loughborough Pearson who was the architect and surveyor of the fabric of Westminster Abbey. The church has, amongst other things, a magnificent reredos behind the high altar, a beautiful Lady Chapel and sanctuary. This rich and beautiful environment provided the backdrop for the choir's performance.

The service, which formed the usual Sunday mass at St Matthew's, was lead by the priest –in –charge, Father Bob Boyle, assisted by Father Robert Ferguson. The choir was directed by Mr John Wright, Director of Music, King William's College, and the organist on this occasion was Mr Gareth Moore, Deputy Director of Music, King William's College. Mr John Riley (JS 1958-65), the resident organist, gave valuable assistance. The Mass commenced with a magnificent procession from the sanctuary led by the Thurifer, Crucifer and Acolytes followed by the Choir and the Clergy. Then the Choir, together with the Celebrant and his assistants, initiated the singing of the liturgy and led the congregation throughout the service. The intercessions were read by a former pupil and past Chairman of the Governors of King William's College, Major-General Sir Laurence New, (JD 1943-50), who happens to be a member of the congregation. At the end of the service, the ceremonies were concluded with another grand procession into the Parish Hall for refreshments.

The visit of the Choir was very much appreciated by everyone who attended.. Under the able direction of John Wright and with the support of Gareth Moore playing the organ, the Choir contributed significantly to the beauty and meaning of the mass, filling the Church with their glorious crescendos. All thanks to John Wright, Gareth Moore, the pupils in the Choir, the staff members of the Choir, namely, Duncan Matthews, Oli Barnes and Jayne Cain as well as Clwyd Parry, who drove the mini bus, who together made the visit a most memorable and moving occasion.

**Bryan Harding**  
**Director of Alumni Relations**

## ST THOMAS' CHAPEL A SERVICE OF BAPTISM, CONFIRMATION AND HOLY COMMUNION

**Friday 31st January 2014**

This year, the service of Confirmation included two baptisms and was followed by the celebration of Holy Communion. The candidates for Baptism with Confirmation were: Sarah James and Wilfrid Kermode. The candidates for Confirmation were Adam Corby-Fayle, Katy Davidson, Patrick Gough, Leah Jay, Breeshey Jansen, Alice Main, Angus MacLeod and Jemima Shepherd.. They were confirmed by the Lord Bishop, the Rt. Rev. Robert Patterson in the Chapel of St. Thomas on the occasion of the Presentation of Christ in the Temple.. Many family and friends were there to celebrate the significant moment in the lives of these young people.



Their preparation included weekly classes and visits to other churches on the Island including a memorable pilgrimage to St Matthew's Church, Douglas, where the candidates were able to see and understand the iconography of the interior, view and learn about the liturgical vestments used and light votive candles before they left.

**The Reverend Eric Scott, Chaplain**

## SIXTH FORM EPIPHANY DINNER AND SIXTH FORM BALL 2014



## KING WILLIAM'S COLLEGE AND THE BUCHAN SCHOOL ALUMNI WINE AND CHEESE TASTING PARTY



On the evening of Friday 13th September 2014, the King William's College Society held a very successful and enjoyable wine and cheese tasting party in the elegant surroundings of the Embassy Room at the British Hotel, North Quay, Douglas. Over sixty alumni and their guests attended. As a result, the Embassy Room was almost filled to capacity. Nevertheless, the informal arrangements allowed everyone to mingle comfortably, engage in animated conversation and enjoy each others company. The event was sponsored by Heron and Brearley, who provided an extensive selection of wines, whilst the Isle of Man Creamery supplied a wide range of delicious Manx cheeses.

During the evening, Mr Peter Clucas, the President of the King William's, welcomed everybody and thanked the sponsors for their support without whose assistance the event would not have been possible to stage. Before handing over to the principal, Mr Martin Humphreys, the President drew everybody's attention to the forthcoming social events for alumni. These included: the Advent Drinks and Carols Party in the Barrovian Hall on Friday 29th November and the visit to the Isle of Man Astronomical Society's Observatory at Foxdale on 13th January 2014.



The Principal in his address also declared his pleasure that so many alumni of King William's and the Buchan School had got together for the evening and he looked forward to other social events referred to by the President, which were in the offing. The Principal took the opportunity to confirm that both King William's and The Buchan

School, which are inextricably linked, continued to achieve outstanding academic results as well as excellent performances in the sporting arena and the visual and dramatic arts.

**Bryan Harding**  
**Director of Alumni Relations**

## REMINISCENCES OF BILL SLEIGH (JW 1935-41)

Bill Sleigh has kindly provided some very valuable material about his career in the aircraft industry. His contributions were initiated by the obituary of Wing Commander EBB Smith DFC (1929-32) which was written by Air Commodore Graham Pitchfork of the Aircrew Association which appeared in the Daily Telegraph at the end of 2013.

After leaving King William's, Bill eventually found himself working at the frontier of aeronautical research as a member of a small but cohesive team of aviators on the flying staff of the Chief Test Pilot at Rolls –Royce. Bill flew as an engineer and his Flying -log is both extensive and impressive. He flew in the ex-RAF Pathfinder Force Lancaster JB 675 which became the most powerful of all Lancasters with piston engines. Bill was also involved in the development work which enabled both the Lancaster and the York to become high class passenger aircraft after the Second World War.

Bill's log book also records a highly unscheduled visit to the Isle of Man in Lancaster PP779 on 10th April 1946 during a night flight to Canada. Flying down the east coast of the Island from Prestwick at about 2000 feet Bill took to the bomb aimer's position to navigate the aircraft over Silverdale by giving the pilot the necessary heading directions and azimuth corrections. On reaching Port Soderick the plane dropped down to 500 feet and travelling at nearly 200 miles per hour it passed over Silverdale Glen and then climbed over Castletown Bay to get a good view of King William's! After the flight and on arriving at home Bill rang his mother who had heard the aircraft in which he was flying as it passed over her house, and thinking it was going to crash, threw herself to the ground! Bill commented, that at least he had got the navigation spot on !

All of Bill's very valuable source material will be included in our archives for which the Society is most grateful. Our thanks go to Bill for his generosity.

**Bryan Harding**  
**Director of Alumni Relations**

## FRIENDS AT BUCHAN - ICONIC HOLLYWOOD

'Iconic Hollywood' came to Buchan on Saturday 29 June for the ICT Buchan Auction Dinner Dance. The event was organised by Friends at Buchan (FAB) who generously give their time and efforts to raise money for school projects, while building a strong community spirit between pupils, staff and



parents. Previous community building events have included their 'Christmas Carol to Remember' which was designed so that all children could take part and was followed by a wonderful Christmas fair for parents and children.

Over the past 7 years, FAB have raised money for playground equipment, a mini bus and the Outdoor Learning Environment. This year's focus has been on ICT with FAB purchasing GPS Units and Lego Mindstorms to enhance Buchan students' ICT experience. The Dinner Dance and Auction successfully raised the funds

needed to update the Buchan's ICT suite making it more interactive and bringing it into line with current technology.

The stunning event saw guests walking up the red carpet to the marquee which was decorated with a giant Oscar statuette ice sculpture. The Manx Educational Foundation (MEF) sponsored the live and silent auctions with generous donations from sponsors including Manx Telecom, the Abbey Restaurant and Skanco Business Systems.

Nicole Perry Ellis, chairperson of FAB, explained 'we wanted to bring the Buchan Community together with local businesses who have been so supportive and generous, and promote the importance of acquiring ICT skills for all children.'

## CLAIRE CHRISTIAN - FORMER PUPIL AND FASHION DESIGNER

Claire Christian, who is a Manx resident and distinguished fashion designer, has recently launched her own luxury women's wear brand. Claire was educated at King William's and returned recently to the Island in order to establish her own business.

After spending eighteen years in London working for iconic British global fashion brand, Burberry, and other top fashion houses, such as Hardy Amies, dress-maker to the Queen and Melissa Odabash, luxury swimwear designer, Claire established Christian Couture Limited, which opened its doors to customers on the Island and globally, in April 2013.

Claire explained that her business is a luxury women's wear brand dedicated to providing exceptional customer experiences. Her vision is a playful take on modern classics, each creation being beautifully made and allowing each customer a creative connection to the designer. Claire has confirmed that customers can be sure that they will never see the same dress on another person or at the same event. Due to the success of her business, on 22nd December 2013, Claire established a website which showcases her First Spring/Summer 2014 cruise collection which is available internationally. The collection specialises in red carpet wear, evening wear, crystal embellished pieces and seasonal pieces for all occasions.

Speaking about her philosophy of design she believes that fashion is so much more than the clothes worn by her customers. The spirit which imbues each design and the care and attention embodied in its making can transform the mood of the wearer. Drawing on her experience of working with some of the best people in the fashion industry her mantra is: quality and service. Operating from her home and showroom on the Island, Claire has stated that she aims to go above and beyond customers expectations by creating beautifully executed garments.

Claire's collection is soon to be extended into other product categories, such as knitwear and jeans. She believes that the fashion industry has considerable potential for sustaining and developing the economy of the Isle of Man. The fashion industry in general and Claire Christian Couture in particular can and is creating opportunities for young people on the Island to gain real and worthwhile experience of the design and manufacture of desirable and valuable products. Indeed, Claire has already helped the School by contributing to the careers evening last November when her presentations attracted a lot of genuine interest. Moreover, on 27th September 2014 she is mounting an Autumn Fashion Show in Big School at King William's. This will be a spectacular event with which pupils of the School will have had the opportunity to get involved. We wish Claire and her enterprise much success now and in the future.

**Bryan Harding - Director of Alumni Relations**

## SPORTING EVENTS AT KING WILLIAM'S COLLEGE AND THE BUCHAN SCHOOL

### King William's Rugby Under 14s Paris Tour



The team were the winners in the 2014 International Junior Rugby festival in Paris at Easter 2014. The squad trained and competed in two 7's tournaments as well as numerous other fixtures against a Ramsey Club side in order to prepare for the tour. The tour began at Meaux Rugby Club where King William's drew with St George's School, Harpenden and defeated the other three sides including Manchester Grammar School. This put King William's at the top of the table and a semi-final draw against Albany in two days time. On the second day coaching clinics were held with several ex-internationals giving the boys a chance to develop their technical and tactical aspects of their games. The following day the semi-final went so well with King William's beating Albany 40-0! In the final against St George's, the scores were level at half-time but thanks to a monumental effort by the team who kept to their team game plan they beat St George's 26-10. This was the zenith of a very successful season and the team thanked their sponsors, Mr and Mrs Rattgever and Kreston (IOM) Limited for their support.

### Buchan Rugby Tour against Rossall School Juniors



In March 2014 the Buchan School under-eleven rugby team travelled to England on their annual three day rugby tour. They played against six schools in total recording wins over Rossall School, St. Ambrose and St Mary's College but losing to Liverpool College, Stoneyhurst College and Kirkham Grammar School. Many thanks to Mr Neil MacGregor for his organisational skills and enthusiasm which together helped to make the trip so enjoyable.

### Alumni Girls Hockey Match: September 2013



## KWC SOCIETY LOTTERY

The Lottery Draw took place on 29th November 2013. The total takings were £500 and, as usual, over 40% was awarded in prizes. The total awarded was £200 and the winners were: £100 Stephen Cannell (H 1970-77); second prize of £50 was won by Sam Alder (JC 1954-63); and the third prize of £50 was won by Michael Watson (HW 1964-66). The following contributed to the 2013 Lottery and/or have already contributed to the 2014 Lottery, to be drawn at the 2014 AGM:-

DC Adcock, SG Alder, TAJE Connor, RE Cooper, SC Cannell, JP Cullen, GM Denner, PGC Fletcher, DC Gelling, G E F Green, K Lang,, PDP Moulton, MJ Parker, ME Quirk, J F Roberts, CF Robins, PH Scott, SM Shasha, MB Turner, MJ Watson, PJ Watson and HSL Robinson

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## GOLDEN OLDIES

Below are listed the oldest OKWs or Buchan Old Girls who according to our records are alive and for whom we have an address. Names are listed by date of birth together with the houses and years at College. Prior to 1920 the houses regularly changed their names so we have tried to give the names that the houses were called when the Golden Oldies were pupils. (See Register 4<sup>th</sup> Edition Pages 450-2 and 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition Pages 847-9).

M M Brownsdon (nee Kirkpatrick)	05/09/ 1917	Buchan School	1920-30
A T H Von Heijne	08/12/1919	Dickson	1933-35
J K Lewin	31/08/1919	Walters	1933-37
M T Loughborough	01/11/1920	School	1935-38
Rev. J E Morris	07/06/1920	Junior, Walters	1932-39
E Lloyd-Jones	26/08/1921	School	1937-40

The following is sadly no longer with us: JB Mylchreest (JC 1927-34)

## OKW AND OLD BUCHAN NEWS: BIRTHS, ENGAGEMENTS AND MARRIAGES

**BIRTHS** - None reported

**ENGAGEMENTS** - None reported

**MARRIAGES** - None reported.

## OKW NEWS AND OLD BUCHAN NEWS

### **Charles Chambers (H 1960-70)**

Charles has written to express his appreciation of the Barrovian and to remind us that he was one of the first Buchan School Old Boys! He attended pre-school classes there.

After leaving College he attended Salisbury College of Art and Photography. He qualified as a commercial and industrial photographer and joined Kodak Limited where he enjoyed a career spanning thirty-nine years in sales, European and World-wide marketing. He was world-wide Director of Graphics, Films and Chemicals and world-wide Director of Operations and Suppliers Relations for the printing and packaging group of Eastman Kodak Company.

He has three sons, one of whom is a consultant pathologist, one a contemporary artist and the youngest is a music producer with a world-wide following. He now lives in semi-retirement in the New Forest area where he sails and enjoys photography and classic cars. Charles sends his best wishes to all teaching staff and pupils for which we thank him.

### **Tim WB Cullen (JS 1952-63)**

Tim is a much valued Trustee of Bishop Barrow's Charity and we are absolutely delighted to record his appointment as a MBE in the Queen's Honours List. The official citation says that the award is for services to international financial management. Tim not only enjoyed a distinguished career at King William's but he also contributed to the success of the World Bank in the capacity of Chief of External Relations.

Since his return to the Island he has instituted programmes in collaboration with the Isle of Man Government in the field of financial development for small countries. He is also a member of the Financial Services Commission. In parallel, he runs courses in negotiation skills as part of the Oxford University Management Programme and has also found time to share his knowledge and skills in the field of negotiations with the Upper Sixth at College. We wish Tim and his wife, Nora, continued health and happiness.

### **Nicholas Cringle (JH 1975-84)**

Having graduated BA(Hons) in History from the University of Bangor, Nick worked for the banking house of Coutts and Company in London and Hong Kong where he held senior positions including that concerned with tailored portfolio management. He is still employed in financial services as a managing partner. We wish Nick well in his career.

### **Sean E Elwell (W 1983-84)**

Sean now lives in South Carolina, USA., where he is engaged in health care information technology. This permits US patients gain access to healthcare services via the internet. He is now founder and Chief Executive Officer of his own two companies. Sean has a BSc degree from Denison University and holds ACP certification. Congratulations, Sean.

### **Alexandra Haley (2002-2009)**

Alexandra has just completed her master's degree in International Law at the Australian National University and is now embarking on her PhD in Security in the Asia Pacific region. Alexandra's grandfather also attended King William's and he and Alexandra parents, Alison and Richard Haley, are justly proud of her achievements. We also congratulate Alexandra on her success and we look forward to hearing from her at any time but particularly when she has gained her PhD in due course. Well done, Alexandra.

### **Jack Wolter (DC 2001-2006)**

We are pleased to hear from Jack who graduated from the University of Falmouth in 2012 with BA (Hons) in Fine Art. Well done, Jack!

### **Lily Wolter (D 2007-11)**

Lily has written to the Alumni Relations Office to let us know that she is studying for a BTech Extended Diploma at the Isle of Man College. She has also been accepted at BIMM in Brighton to study for a BA (Hons) in Professional Musicianship (Vocals). The course begins October 2014. Well done, Lily. We wish you every success with your studies.

### **Justin White (JD 1979-88)**

Justin visited King William's recently and provided a most interesting personal update. Having completed an engineering degree at Oxford University he was ordained as an Anglican priest. He has just been appointed Canon Precentor of Grace Anglican Cathedral in San Francisco in the Diocese of California. In that position he will be responsible for the ordering of the liturgy and the organization of the services in the Cathedral. We wish Father Justin well and look forward to hearing from him in the near future after he has settled in to his new appointment.

### **Keith Lang (S 1950-55)**

Keith has just completed sixty years as an adult volunteer with the Scout Association in march 2014 and on 29th April, the Chief Scout, (none other than the inimitable Bear Grylls), granted Keith his Chief Scout's Sixty Years Service Award. The presentation was made to Keith by Mr Warren Smith, the Lord Lieutenant of Greater Manchester. Keith's present role in Scouting is the Hill Walking Assessor for the Greater Manchester West County Scout Council.

Whilst at College, not surprisingly, Keith was a Senior Scout, Queen's Scout and Assistant Scout Master with the 1st King William's College Scout Group. Well done, Keith !

## OKW AND BUCHAN OBITUARIES

### **A B ACTON (C 1943-49)**

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Arthur died on 7th April 2014 aged 83. He was a resident in Hazelmere House, Wimslow. He was brought up at the Glen Maye Dental Surgery in Sale Road, Northenden, Manchester where his father practised as a dental surgeon. Arthur became the principal partner in due course. After leaving Glen Maye he lived at Smithy Cottage, Wilmslow for over 30 years. Whilst at College, Arthur was a Prae and gained his swimming colours. He was married to Valerie who pre-deceased him. His Son DG Acton (J 1974-75) attended College briefly.

Arthur enjoyed a most successful career in dentistry. He gained his LDS RCS at Manchester University between 1949-55. Thereafter he was in general dental practice and in addition he was a part-time lecturer in restorative dentistry at the Turner Dental School from 1960-77. He was a Dental officer/ Senior Dental Officer at the Department of Health and the Dental Practice Board from 1977-95. He also acted as a specialist witness in the law courts. He was a member of the Manchester Medical Society and the Society of Manchester Dental Alumni where in 2011 he was appointed an honorary member, a distinction restricted to only five members of the Society.

He was deeply involved in the former Manchester OKW Society, of which he was President for two years, as well as the King William's College Society. He was a Rotarian and President of the Wythenshawe Rotary Club from 1963-64. His other interests include the Manchester Rugby Club and freemasonry. In respect of the latter he was Past Master of the Madrigal Lodge.

**Keith Lang (S 1950-55)**

### **PG ADCOCK (JW 1948-56)**

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Peter died on 21st July 2013 in Birmingham. He was aged 73. He was an accomplished rugby player gaining his Colts Colours, following in the footsteps of his uncle FS Adcock (HR 1922-30), who was Victor Ludorum in 1930, and his father GS Adcock (H 1922-26).

Peter became an apprentice at BSA and was Apprentice of the Year in 1959. In the same year he gained an Outward Bound Honours award and later a BSc in Industrial Administration at Aston University. In 1968 he became a sales executive with BSA/Triumph Motorcycles. Almost coincidentally, Leslie Earnshaw, (H 1937-44, Master 1974-86) and a future Hon. Secretary of the King William's College Society, was selling Triumphs in Nigeria. By 1973, Peter was Sales Manager UK and Eire and shortly afterwards he became Regional Manager BL Unipart, Oxford. Other senior appointments followed with Perkins Engines and AE Edmonds Walker and Company. He became a consultant in 1986 and was awarded his Fellowship of the Institute of the Motor Industry in 1988.

Peter was commissioned into and served with REME as part of the Territorial Army Volunteer Reserve from 1965-70. He was also an avid sailor and gardener. He was a great supporter of the King William's College Society. He had a life long friendship with DC Fox –Smith (W 1951-59) now a retired GP and dental surgeon in Melbourne, Australia. Our sympathies go to his widow, Madryn sons Charles and Rupert as well as his five grandchildren.

**Brian Trustrum and Charles Adcock**

**JS BEMROSE (C 1966-70)**  
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Died of a heart attack on 29th November 2011 while playing with his grandson at his daughter's house in Worcester. Simon was in the 1st XV and 1st XI cricket and hockey teams. He gained his athletics colours two years in succession. His brothers, MEC and C Bemrose, confirmed that he enjoyed every minute of his time at College. After retirement from running the family printing company he played golf and was a keen walker. He and his wife, Barbara, enjoyed continental holidays. We extend our deepest condolences to every member of Simon's family in their tragic loss.

**MEC BEMROSE (S 1938-44)**  
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Michael first attended Derby Grammar School before arriving at King William's where he was a consummate sportsman. Whilst at the latter he was a member of the 1st XV, 1st XI and gained his Athletics Colours. He also played for Liverpool Schoolboys. On leaving King William's he joined the RAF and served as a rear gunner on Lancaster bombers as part of Bomber Command. He also trained as a photographer at the RAF photo school, Farnborough. Following his demobilisation, Michael joined the family printing firm of Eric Bemrose Limited where he was production director. At that time the company printed such prestigious publications as the Eagle Comic and the TV Times. He left the family firm in 1960 to start his own business. This was the Bemrose Press in Ellesmere Port. Later he started Cheshire Typesetters in Chester. Michael continued to be active in sport playing rugby for New Brighton and then later cricket at Oxton Cricket Club. Finally, he played golf at Wirral and bowls at Prenton Bowling Club. Michael is succeeded by his wife Daphne, who attended the Buchan, his sons Chris (S 1967-72) and Marcus and by his seven grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

**Chris Bemrose (S 1967-72)**

**WK BAZETT (H 1939-47)**  
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We are sad to record the death, on 21st March 2014, of Major William Kyfiin Bazett. At College he was Captain of Shooting and in 1949 he went on to Sandhurst and then joined the Border Regiment. He served in many theatres of war and conflict until his retirement in 1969. His second career in teaching began with his gaining qualified teacher status via St Luke's College, Exeter. Thereafter he taught in Stroud, Gloucester until 1984. We send our deepest condolences to all of his family in their loss.

**BERNARD CAINE (H1946 -51)**  
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Bernard Caine passed away on Friday 30th May 2014. Bernard was a member of the Trustees of the Manx Museum and National Trust for many years and held various positions within the Trust including that of Chairman. His contribution to the Manx language and the Island's heritage was incalculable. More than that he was a gentleman with a generous and kind heart and he will be sadly missed by all who knew him. As a mark of respect for Bernard the Manx National Trust flew the national flag of the Isle of Man at all of their sites. Similarly, the standard of King William's College was flew at half mast on the day of his funeral., Monday 16th June 2014. Bernard was a scholar who was known to many and he was a favourite uncle. He served the Manx Museum as a Trustee and he was Chairman during a period of expansion in the 1980s and 90s. Compared with his successors in the

post he was distinctly “laid back” but this did not mean that his leadership was ineffective. Beneath his somewhat crumpled exterior lay a keen mind and he knew what were the correct priorities.

His dedication to the cause of the Manx National Heritage was total. He wore his scholarship lightly and displayed the same courtesy and good humour when he escorted the Queen around the Museum’s new extension as he did when he met everybody else in the street.

Bernard’s funeral was held at the Cathedral in Peel and not surprisingly the Cathedral was packed. Eulogies were delivered by his brother Philip Caine (D 1956-62) and by his life long friend, Frank Cowin (JD 1946-54). Bernard is survived by his son Chalse Caine (JD 1980-87), and another son Patrick. His other living relatives include; first cousin Harold (JW 1936-39), and Sir Nigel Teare (JS 1963-70). Keith Kerruish (S 1959-63) is also a distant cousin. There is no doubt that Bernard was a talented, personable and gregarious character whose dedication to the cause of Manx national heritage in all its aspects was second to none. He was undoubtedly a man who achieved great things and his legacy will long be remembered. We send our deepest condolences to all of his family in their sad loss.

**Bryan Harding with the inestimable assistance of Philip Caine**

**ANDREW CADWALLADER (JC 1975-81)**

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Andrew attended King William’s where his principal house was Colbourne. His housemaster was Richard Turnbull and his favourite master was Dick Boyns. His first interest was sport and whilst he played rugby and cricket he also took up golf and was a keen swimmer. On leaving King William’s he attended the Isle of Man College of Further Education where he followed a catering course although, as it turned out, he did not enter the catering industry. Instead he became an employee for Rent –a Kill and keen to apply his knowledge and skills learnt in that environment he established his own pest control business: Pestmann Environmental Services. This enterprise was successful and he had many satisfied customers. In his spare time he played football first for Onchan and then for Ronaldsway. Having given up football four years ago he was tempted back to play for Castletown prior to his untimely death. His other interests included local history and local Manx postcards of which he had over 2000 examples.

His funeral at Rushen Parish Church was very well attended by his friends and business associates. He was a quiet man, who had a dry sense of humour and high moral standards both on and off the sports field. He was a loving father who leaves three children: Leigh -Ellan, Lucy and Jamie.

**Denise Denoven-Jones (Bu 1972-78)**

**GEORGE E. CORKILL (JD 1947-52)**

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Ed died in Noble’s Hospital on 22nd December 2013 aged 77. He followed his brother into Junior house and then into Dickson. He was a well liked at school. He gained five passes at GCE Ordinary level and stayed on into the LVI for one term during which he gained his 2nd XV Colours. He also gained his Queen Scout badge and extended his scouting activity beyond King William’s after he left. He embarked on a career in the Merchant Navy as an engineer. This choice was due largely to the persuasion of his father who became Commodore of the Fleet with the Isle of Man Steam Packet Company. He commenced as a fourth engineer and then went deep sea for 28 years with TJ Brocklebank, Port Line and Fyffes Line. He was a Chief Engineer from 1968 until he retired to the Island in 1981. Life at sea was not always very comfortable and Ed recounted how, during one global

trip, he had dental problems which were rectified in New Zealand.

Ed was a chartered engineer and upon his return to the Island he put his engineering skills to use for the Manx Government and became Head of Waste Management. On retiring again,

He worked part-time in Port Erin Co-op store whilst helping his younger daughter Naomi Callister and her husband at the Sound Farm.

Ed had a firm Christian faith and a liking for correct Church ritual. His conduct at Rushen Parish Church was a fine example to us all. He was devoted to his wife Pauline and to both of his daughters, Lurna and Naomi. Unfortunately, Pauline was ill at the time of their Golden wedding anniversary in 2013 and soon afterwards Ed was seized with an aggressive cancer. Like his brother, TJ, he died from the disease. Fortunately, Pauline's health is improving. We offer our deepest sympathies to his family and his sister Catherine Shimmin.

**GB Trustrum (HJS 1943-53)**

**MAX CROOKALL (Junior/Dickson 1941-48)  
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Max was born in the Jane Crookall Maternity Home in Demesne Road, Douglas, in June 1931. He was the first son of Ramsey and Ena Crookall and he was brought up on Lhergy dhoo farm near Peel. It was there that he developed a love for the outdoor way of life and things mechanical. Before the Second World War the family moved to Alexander drive, Douglas. During the war years Max attended King William's where as a young cadet in the OTC he recalled marching to St John's to form the Guard of Honour for the Tynwald ceremony and then marching all the way back carrying a .303 rifle! On his demobilisation the family moved to Derby Haven and Max became a runway controller at Ronaldsway airport. He used to take a short cut through the grounds of College on the way to work and there he spied Barbara, the only daughter of Edgar and Jean Richmond of Ramsey, who was working in Junior House as an attractive young cook. They were married on 28th March 1957 with cousin Jim Cain as best man.

Max and Barbara started their married life in a bungalow near the Mooragh Park in Ramsey and Max joined his father-in-law in the market garden business. Max joked that Edgar had told him that now he was one of the family he didn't need to be paid! Their first child was born in September 1958 but not long after with responsibilities growing Max decided to apply for a job as a long distance lorry driver with Welshes Transport of Whitham in Essex. He stayed there for several years and Sandra was born in Chelmsford in January 1961.

Around 1964, with the family stockbroking business growing Max's father, Ramsey, persuaded him to return to the Island as more staff were needed. The firm was operating from ground floor offices in the old Victory House and on quiet afternoons with a telephone extension under the table Ramsey, Max, Neal and Cecil Pritchard, a retired master from King William's, were able to play the occasional game of snooker. Max tried to get to grips with stockbroking but office life was not for him. He had, among other things, an interest in steam trains and the Isle of Man Railway Company where he met Lord Ailsa.

Following his father-in-law's sudden death it fell to Max to carry on the family business which he thoroughly enjoyed. He and Barbara built a new farm house at Westhill and he gradually developed his business interests in road transport carrying all manner of goods to and from the Island.

Unfortunately, Max suffered a heart attack when he was 65 after which he gave up heavy work and moved to Lezayre Park where he built himself a magnificent model railway. He also enjoyed going on

day trips to places like Strangford lough and Whitehaven as part of the crew of a friend's boat. At the same time he was a member of Probus Club of Ramsey, a founder member of the Manx Diabetic Society and did charity work for Hospice.

Max always counted himself very lucky to have his family living near to him and he was very proud of his granddaughters achievements. Latterly, he nursed Barbara until she died in 2010 and thereafter, coped by himself, with family help, until his fall last Christmas. We all have our special memories of Max. He was his own man and had a mischievous sense of humour. May he rest in peace.

**Neal Crookall (H 1951-59)**

**WJ CORLETT (JW 1942-48)  
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Bill passed away on 24th August 2013 in Melbourne, Australia where he was resident since 1957. Bill started his career as deck officer with the P and O Shipping Line and then became manager of the Chirnside Park Shopping Centre in Melbourne. His widow, Jeanne, recounted that Bill always enjoyed receiving and reading the Barrovian Magazine and that he always looked forward to being advised about the exploits of his compatriots. We send his widow and his family our deepest condolences.

**Bryan Harding (H 1949-56)**

**SCOTT ROSS DONALDSON (S 1950-56)  
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Scott was born in Poole, Dorset on 2nd April 1937 and his family moved to Ramsey in the 1940s where his father established a shoe-repairing business. He attended St Maughold's Primary School and then Ramsey Grammar School from where he gained a scholarship to King William's. At King William's he was a praepositor, gained his First Colours for rugby and cricket and was captain of fives. After School he did his National Service in the Royal Engineers and also volunteered for the Airborne Engineers. Following his demobilisation he went to St Andrew's University in 1958, gaining his degree in chemistry and geology. His teacher training was completed at Hull University and following his marriage in August 1962 he moved to take up his first teaching appointment at Auden Shaw Grammar School. After three years he transferred to County Durham and in 1968 he took up an appointment as Head of Science at Minsthorpe High School in the West Riding of Yorkshire.

Ross always involved himself in out of school activities such as supporting the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme. He spent lots of time stage-managing school plays and helped to establish a field centre for the school on the North Yorkshire coast. He was also teacher representative on the local examinations board.

After taking early retirement he spent time with his family on camp sites in France where his practical skills were much needed and appreciated and where he had the chance to entertain his children and grand children. He was a devoted husband, father and grandfather and was especially proud of his daughters achievements. He was always grateful for the influence which King William's had on the way he approached life in all its aspects. Indeed, he was an exceptional schoolmaster and family man. We send his widow and all of his family our most sincere condolences.

**Bryan Harding (H 1949-56) with help from Mrs Donaldson**

**GD GELLING (JC 1943-49)**  
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David George Gelling was born on 22nd December 1932 in Saskatchewan, Canada, where his father, a Manxman, was the Rector of several parishes including a Cree Indian Reserve. In October 1938 the family returned home travelling via Montreal and Liverpool. His father, The Rev. Frederick Woodhouse Gelling took up the living of Santon.

At King William's he took a keen interest in scouting and became a King's Scout. But sea-faring was his ambition and at the age of 16 along with his friend Harry Watterson he attended Outward Bound Sea School before taking up an appointment as a midshipman with the Alfred Holt or Blue Funnel Line. Progressing through the ranks he obtained his master's certificate in 1960 and shortly afterwards married the love of his life, Margaret, daughter of John and Ida Caine, of the well-known drapers: James Caine. Margaret and George had three children: two daughters, Nicola and Anne, and a son Tim. Eventually George gave up sea-faring and commenced work in the marine paint industry. Thereafter, he established his own business as a paint merchant, on the North Quay, Douglas, in partnership with Gordon Woodley.

George was an enthusiastic freemason. He was initiated into the King William's Lodge in May 1964 following in the footsteps of his father-in-law who was a Past Provincial Senior Warden. He was Secretary of the Lodge for many years and in 1984 he was appointed Provincial Grand Secretary an office in which he served for ten years. As a result of his dedication and attention to detail he was raised to the office of Provincial Grand Master for the Isle of Man in 2004, a post held which had been held previously by his forebear Deemster Frederick Lamothe in 1919. Further masonic honours followed in 2006 with his appointment as Inspector General for the Rose Croix district of the Isle of Man. George's other interests include the love of jazz along with sea voyages around the world to places that he had visited during his sea-faring career.

Being a son of the church he was a staunch upholder of the Church of England hence his many visits to the Anglican churches around Douglas. He was a regular attender at Holy Communion at Kirk Braddan where the Book of Common Prayer is still in regular use. George was respected, liked and admired by his many friends around the world and, in addition, he was a devoted father, grandfather and husband. We send his family our most sincere condolences in their loss.

**GBTrustrum (HJS 1943-53)**

**RS MERRILL (HD 1947-52)**  
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Roy died on 24th November 2013 at the Hospice in Douglas. He entered King William's on 2nd May 1947 and left in 1952 to go to agricultural college in England. Farming was in the family DNA since on his mother's side, the Southwards, were steeped in Sulby and Manx northern history.

At King William's he excelled at sport and he achieved his 1st XV Colours in 1951, 2nd XI Colours and 2nd Athletics Colours in 1952, the school steeple chase VIII in 1952, as well as Open House Rugger 1949-51 and Open House Cricket 1950-52. He loved competing in all the available sports. After agricultural college Roy returned to the Island and took up farming in the north of the Island including the production of milk. Thereafter, he established, developed and operated a sizeable newsagent's business in Ramsey along with a number of other shops and properties. He became a well known and respected member of the Town's business community and in 1977 he joined the Rotary Club of Ramsey where he was able to find an outlet for his unflagging community spirit and generosity. He always said that he would give up selling newspapers when papers were published on

Boxing Day and so it came about in 1990!

His enthusiasm for strengthening the Manx identity, sport and his love of motorcycles, the countryside and the community were all channelled through various Rotary projects that he led and worked hard to be successful. He held many offices in Rotary including the office of President and was awarded the highest honour Rotary International can bestow, that of being made a Paul Harris Fellow for Service above Self in the community and the wider international area in which Rotary worked.

He relaxed by playing golf regularly and competitively with friends at Ramsey Golf Club. He was great fun to be with, a traditionalist and a gentleman, who will be very much missed by all who knew him. We extend our deepest sympathy to his wife Pauline and his wide family, to Gary and Donna, Helen and John, Debby and John and all of Roy's grandchildren of whom he was so fond, proud and deeply loved.

**Terry Groves**

**ROBIN MAXWELL MCINTOSH (C 1957-62)**  
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Robin was born in Douglas to Harry and Eileen McIntosh who had moved from Dublin two years previously. He was the elder brother of David and Patricia. He was educated at Murray's Road Primary School before winning an Isle of Man Government Scholarship to King William's College. On leaving College he went to the University of Liverpool from where he graduated with a BSc in Chemistry. He began work at Pilkingtons and he was sent by that company to Sheffield University to undertake a Master's degree in Glass technology. For the remainder of his working life he was a member of the research and development section of Pilkingtons. That appointment involved many trips abroad, checking furnaces in float glass plants and later working in environmental control.

Whilst at School Robin played bass guitar in a group called the Embers, which had a following in the Island and he also played with the group in England. He was also a keen sportsman and enjoyed playing squash, cycling, playing and watching golf and especially watching and supporting Liverpool Football Club. He was mine of information on many subjects and a very keen member of a quiz league. He collated the results for the local league.

On retirement, he found great satisfaction in working with the local Lions Club and began to research family history in order to find out all he could about his Irish ancestry.

Robin was a wonderful uncle to Huan, Alistair, Heather and Rachel taking a keen interest in their progress and helping them whenever he could. He continued his interest and support in their children, Fletcher, Harris, Pepper, Freya, George and Harper. He will be much missed.

**Pat McIntosh (sister)**

**CHRISTOPHER HENRY RYCROFT (S 1939-43)**  
**Died 20th October 2013**  
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Christopher was born in 1926, the eldest of three brothers whose father was a very successful businessman in Yorkshire. When the Second World War broke out he and his brother Victor were sent to the Isle of Man and to King William's where it was considered they would be safer. On leaving school Christopher went to work for his father in the family mill in Huddersfield from

where he was conscripted into the army and shortly afterwards he was commissioned in the Royal Army Service Corps. As an officer, his main task was tank transportation. He was sent to Egypt where he managed a prisoner of war camp full of Italian prisoners.

Following demobilisation in 1948, he returned to Yorkshire and to the family business of running a wool spinning mill. There he did extra– studies in mechanical engineering in order to learn about the maintenance of the mill machinery. His love of machinery also extended to motor-cycles possibly inspired by the TT races and he and his brother had many escapades one of which led to a massive crash which hospitalised both of them. Thereafter, motorcycles were replaced by cars particularly a suave Jaguar which helped him to win the heart of Nancy who ultimately became his wife. Nancy and he were married and lived in Scar House for 62 years.

The 1960s saw the decline of the textile industry and the mill had to close. Using his mechanical knowledge and skills Christopher started a new career restoring antique clocks. His business was known as ‘Horologia’. Such was his reputation that he even had customers from as far away as the USA. At the same time he developed an interest in family history which resulted in the production of a very useful family tree.

His daughter Alice has confirmed that undoubtedly Christopher’s great passion was for his wife Nancy. Nancy and his two daughters, Alice and Judith together with brother-in law Peter and to Gillian looked after Christopher at home in his decline so that he was able to pass away peacefully in his own bed. We send the family our deepest sympathy in their loss.

**Nancy Rycroft and Alice Rycroft  
Widow and daughter of Christopher**

**DAVID MACKENZIE TAGGART (JD 1948-56)  
Died 18th December 2012 aged 75  
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David was a great sportsman and his achievements were legendary. He was Captain of Swimming in 1955 and 1956 having gained his First Colours. He set the record for the 50 yards breast stroke, using the innovative butterfly stroke, in the period 1953-56. In 1957 his record became the butterfly record which stood till 1970. In addition, he was Captain of Athletics in 1955 and 1956 again having won his First Colours. In that period he not only won the 100 yards three years running but remarkably for two of those years he also won the shot and discus, setting a record in the shot in 1955. Again, in Rugby he played for the 1st XV from 1953 to 1955 where his versatility was second to none. He started as a wing three quarter and then became a devastating prop forward for the unbeaten 1955 side, a position in which he played for the Douglas RFC and ultimately his beloved Waterloo RFC. But his exploits at King William’s were not one dimensional. He was a Praepositor and took a great interest in Scouting becoming an Assistant Scout Master and Queen’s Scout.

On leaving School he served his National Service in the Parachute Regiment and saw service in the Mediterranean and the Middle East, areas which he ultimately revisited in later life. On demobilisation, before returning to the Isle of Man, he became a much respected Civil Engineer with Limmer and Trinidad Lake Asphalt Company (later Tarmac plc), in Cheshire.

Thereafter, in the Isle of Man he formed his own company to take over the interests of Tarmac plc and he continued to consult for Clover Asphalte (IOM) Limited up to shortly before his death. David was very interested in motorcycles. He had three in his garage all of which were licensed. He also took much pleasure in following the Tour de France and had made a booking for 2013 to be in Corsica and Mont Ventoux.

His greatest love was his wife Joy, whom he married in 1969, and his son Andrew (JD R 1975-83). Sadly, Joy died in 1994.

David's biggest challenge came about ten years ago when he was diagnosed with serious heart problems but thanks to Wythenshawe Hospital Transplant Unit he had a successful heart transplant in 2005 and eventually became the longest surviving transplant recipient in the Isle of Man. All this he treated as a minor inconvenience and continued to participate in all normal activities involving his career, touring, socialising and attending Liverpool and Manchester OKW Dinners.

David will be much missed by Andrew and his many friends to whom we send our sympathies.

**Michael Hartley (JD 1949-56), Andrew Taggart (JD 1975-83)  
and Brian Trustrum (HJS 1943-53)**

**WING COMMANDER E.B.B SMITH, DFC., (D 1929-32)  
Died 15th September 2013 aged 98 years**

Edward Brian Brotherton Smith was born in Formby, Lancashire on 12th January 1915. His family had been landowners in Lancashire and had a strong link with the early running of the Grand National at Aintree. During the Second World War he flew Spitfires during the Battle of Britain and was credited with the destruction of four enemy aircraft.

He was a founder member of No. 610 (County of Cheshire) Squadron when it was formed in 1936. He and his colleagues trained at weekends. The Squadron became part of RAF Fighter Command in August 1939. On the 27th May 1940 Smith attacked a force of Heinkel bombers south of Dunkirk and shot down one of them. In July 1940 he became a flight commander at Biggin Hill, Kent. In that period he accounted for four enemy aircraft, including two ME 109 fighters and damaged a further three. In August, Smith led his section across the Channel and shot down a Heinkel HE59. The following day he engaged 12 enemy fighters but his Spitfire was hit and caught fire. He suffered burns but managed to bail out and was rescued. A little over two weeks later he was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross.

Following the end of the Battle of Britain he trained as a flying instructor and spent two years training student pilots. He was then sent to North Africa and served on the air staff during the invasion of Sicily and Italy. He commanded the Advanced Flying Unit at Setif in Algeria which provided in-theatre training for fighter pilots new to the area. In May 1944, he formed and commanded a parachute training school based in Southern Italy. He jumped regularly with his instructors and with his dog, Sally, who had her own parachute! He left the RAF in February 1946 after having served with the HQ of the Balkan Air Force. On leaving, he received the Air Efficiency Award.

Edward returned to Lancashire and joined J.Bibby and Sons, a firm which specialised in animal feeds. He was an area manager in Liverpool and operated around the country before settling in Worcestershire. Tragically, he died on Battle of Britain Day 2013. He married Pamela, a former WAAF, in 1940, but she died in 2002, and a son also pre-deceased him. He is survived by two sons to whom we send our deepest sympathy and admiration for such a brave airman, father and former pupil.

**PETER VANDERPUMP**

**Former Trustee of Bishop Barrow's Charity and Governor of King William's College  
Died 19th January 2014**

It is with very great sadness that we mourn the death of Peter Vanderpump who was a Trustee and Governor until 2012. He served the School with untiring energy over many years and the Trustees and Governors benefited so much from his wise counsel and good sense. He was a chartered accountant by profession and the knowledge and skills which he had developed in that role made him a highly valuable, but modest and effective colleague.

During his time as Chairman of the Finance Committee, which he led with good humour, he steered the enterprise through the vicissitudes of running an independent educational establishment and the many strategic changes which were necessary. These included a return to profitability, the introduction of the International Baccalaureate and the challenges of day school dominance whilst maintaining a boarding ethos. Throughout all the time he devoted he was patient, collegiate, supportive, unstinting and his colleagues on the Board will remember with a fond smile, only the occasional rant usually aimed at the price of energy, a minority of tardy fee payers or a particularly frustrating round of golf!

He was a lovely man who gave so much during his short lifetime. He was a joy to work with and we feel privileged to have known him and to have called him a friend. Our thoughts and our sincerest condolences and love are with Julia, Katherine and William, their family and friends in their sad loss.

**Nigel Wood (JD 1967-74)  
Chairman of the Governors**

**CBG WOOD (JS 1944-51)**

**Died 11th October 2013**

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Brian was a Ramsey boy who arrived at King William's during the Second World War. He excelled particularly at sport. He played in the 1st XI for cricket in 1950 and 1951 and 1st XV for rugby in 1951. After leaving College he undertook his national Service in the Royal Artillery during the period 1953-55. When his father died Brian and his family moved back to Sheffield to manage the family brewing business. After the brewing business was sold he spent the rest of his working life in various roles in the distribution industry.

**GB Trustrum**

**NOTICE OF DEATH**

**INGO KLEIN (C 1994-96).** Sadly, Ingo passed away on 2nd April 2014 as a result of a skateboarding accident in Germany. He was 37 years of age. We send our deepest condolences to his family.

**NOEL JOHN QUAYLE HOWARTH ((HS 1949– 58).** Noel died on 17th May 2014. Please page 190 in the register.

**PETER DUFF KENNAUGH (H 1936-41).** Peter died in January 2014. Please see page 115 in the register.

**LT. COL. BRIAN MYLCHREEST LVO, OBE, TD, JP. (JC 1927-43).** Passed away on 16th June 2014 at the age of 98. Please see page 92 in the register.

**JM NELSON (H 1941-51).** Please see page 139 in the register.

**WD REID (H 1936-40).** William passed away on 26th January 2013. Please see page 116 in the register.

**PH SCOTT (JW 1929-34).** Died some time in 2013. Please see page 95 in the register.

**NP SKILLICORN (C 1954-60).** Please see page 218 in the register.

**LT. COL. BARRY KENDALL SMEETON (H 1947-53).** Barry passed away on 21st February 2014 after a long illness. We send our deepest condolences to Prue, his wife, and sons Simon and George. Please see page 180 in the register.

**MALCOLM PHILIP HAZZEL VANT (HJW 1961-69).** Malcolm died on 6th April 2012. Please see Page 257 in the register.

## PUBLICATIONS

Copies of the following two books are available from the School Shop, details below. Their author, Michael Hoy, was Head of English and Drama, Housemaster of Walters House and Director of Studies during his time at College from 1970-2003. He was appointed MBE in recognition of his services to education and the arts in the Isle of Man.

### **ISAAC BARROW – HIS LIFE AND LEGACY**

This illustrated biography of the founder of King William's College, one of the Island's most important ecclesiastical figures, was launched in the Barrovian Hall in September 2010, beneath the newly-discovered and only known portrait of the Bishop.

Published by the Manx Heritage Foundation at £12.00.

### **A BLESSING TO THIS ISLAND**

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Published in November 2006 £15

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### **NEWSPAPER ROUND TO REAR ADMIRAL: ODYSSEY OF A CASTLETOWN BOY**

#### **Rear-Admiral James Carine (H 1945-50)**

This appropriately illustrated autobiography charts James' successful career as a naval officer as he recounts his steady rise to high rank in Her Majesty's Senior Service. The author's account of his epic progress, written in a clear and engaging style, is both entertaining and informative. Rear-Admiral Carine acknowledges his great debt to King William's in helping him gain entry to the Royal Naval College Dartmouth, which set him on his course for a career both on land and at sea. He has managed to combine a successful career without compromising his happy family life and, as he acknowledges in the Epilogue: "You can't ask more of life than that!" *B W Harding (H 1949-56)*

The book is published privately. Copies can be obtained via the Alumni Office, King William's College, Castletown IM9 1TP or [okws@kwc.im](mailto:okws@kwc.im)

### **OLD YOURSELF ONE DAY**

Personal memories published privately by Major General Sir Peter Downward K.C.V.O., C.B., D.S.O., D.F.C. (J, W 1935-41)

Sir Peter, at the age of 82, is concerned that his family have a record of his life and he has written this book mainly for them. It is a limited edition but Sir Peter has kindly offered a few copies to be sold for the benefit of his Regiment and the KWC Society.

£25.00 (519 pp with illustrations) cheques payable to KWC Society: postage & packing as above.

### **KING WILLIAM'S COLLEGE GENERAL KNOWLEDGE PAPERS (1981-2010)**

#### **The World's Most Difficult Quiz**

A compendium of the GKPs by the current Quizmaster, Pat Cullen, is available at a discounted price of £7.99 + p. & p., please contact Janet McDermott Liverpool University Press, 4 Cambridge Street, Liverpool L69 7ZU 0151 795 2149 [janmar@liverpool.ac.uk](mailto:janmar@liverpool.ac.uk). Full details at:-

<http://www.liverpool-unipress.co.uk/html/publication.asp?idProduct=4041> In October 2012 a companion volume has been published at £9.99 available on the Island from Waterstones or The Lexicon and on line from Play.com (post free) and Amazon at £8.99 with a possible concession through Janet McDermott, as above.

In October 2012 Pat Cullen brought out a second compendium, published by the Liverpool University Press, retailing at £9.99, available from Waterstones and the Lexicon and on-line post free from Play.com and Amazon at £8.99. Janet McDermott, as above, might offer a concessionary price.

### **DENIS F GLASS REMINISCENCES**

#### **Man from Man (published privately)**

Denis (D 1929-33) left an incomplete biography, now published, giving interesting descriptions of pre-war life on the Island and post-war dentistry. Copies of the book can be obtained from Mrs Juniper, Court House, Toot Baldon, Oxford OX44 9NG, cost £10 per copy to cover postage and printing.

The Alumni Office has copies of Denis's account of his wartime experiences "Drilling in a Tin Helmet", reviewed in Magazine 62. Send £1 (£3 if overseas) to cover postage for a copy.

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