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

NOTICE is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Society will be held in the Walker Library, King William's College at 5.00 p.m. on Thursday 20 December 2012 for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, passing the following resolutions which will be proposed to be passed as **ORDINARY AND SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS**

### ORDINARY BUSINESS

1. Minutes of the AGM held on Tuesday 6 December 2011
2. Presentation of the Annual Accounts and Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 July 2012
3. Re-election of Directors:  
R E Cooper (Hon Treasurer), G E F Green
4. Appointment of Hon Auditors
5. Election of Officers:  
President: P B Clucas (J, S 1977-84)  
Deputy President: AL Cannan (C 1982-86)  
Hon. Secretary: B W Harding (H 1949-56)

### SPECIAL BUSINESS

6. To consider and, if thought fit, to pass the following resolutions which will be proposed as Special Resolutions:

That, subject to the receipt of the approval of the Attorney General pursuant to Section 18 of the Companies Act 1931-2004, the Articles of Association of the Company be amended as follows:

- i) by inserting the following Article as Article 2.5 and renumbering the Articles 2.5 to 2.16 of the Articles accordingly:

““Electronic Communication” has the same meaning as is ascribed thereto in the Electronic Transactions Act 2000”;

- ii) by the deletion of Article 13.15 and the insertion of the Article to be numbered Article 13.15:

“The Executive Committee shall engage a person to act as the Director of Alumni Relations and such other employees of the Company as it may consider necessary or desirable and shall regulate their duties and fix their salaries and remuneration. The Director of Alumni Relations shall not be a director of the Company for the purposes of the Acts, unless he is also a member of the Executive Committee.”

- iii) by the deletion of Article 18.1 and the insertion of the Article to be numbered Article 18.1:

“A notice may be given by the Company to any Member either personally or sending it through the mail, postage prepaid, addressed to such member at the address, or by Electronic Communication at the e-mail address, if any, supplied by him to the Company for the giving of notices to him.”

iv) by inserting the following Article as Article 18.3

“The provisions of Section 2 of the Electronic Communications Act 2000 (as amended) shall apply to all notices dispatched by the Company by means of Electronic Communication except that for the purposes of Section 2(2) the dispatch of the Electronic Communication shall occur when it leaves the Company’s information system.”

v) by renumbering Article 18.3 as Article 18.4

## 7. Any Other Business

**B W Harding**  
**30 October 2012**

**By Order of the Board**

**Note:** A member entitled to attend and vote is entitled to appoint a proxy to attend and, on a poll, vote instead of him. A proxy need not be a member of the Company. Please contact the Secretary if you require a proxy form.

## 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

The King William's College Society continues to evolve and adapt into a grouping of alumni and friends keeping in touch with their alma mater, be it King William's College or The Buchan School and the friends they made in their school days in the Isle of Man.

Increasingly old pupils keep in touch with each other and their schools through communication by electronic means such as email, facebook and twitter, in addition to the more conventional communications of the Barrovian and King William's College Magazines and Newsletters.

Social events, sporting activities, Barrovian and OKW dinners, drinks parties, barbecues and Chapel Services are being organised for alumni of KWC and Buchan by groups of interested alumni and friends not only in the Isle of Man, Liverpool and London but also in Hamburg and Munich. Increasingly, the KWC Register, previously the KWC Society's database, is being used to communicate with the wider Barrovian family of over 3,000 names and interested parties.

I can report an eventful year in which I was able to visit the Liverpool and Manchester OKW Society at the Arts Club in Liverpool in November 2011 as their guest and the London KWC and Buchan Society at their dinner at the Naval Club in March 2012. The opportunity was taken to discuss with the officers of both these longstanding kindred societies their merger under the KWC Society umbrella into a unitary alumni society which takes in all Barrovians who have been to KWC or The Buchan.

We were also able to hold a Barrovian Dinner at KWC during the Founder's Day Weekend in May 2012. His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, Mr. Adam Wood, Chairman of the Trustees of Bishop Barrow's Charity, was our guest and the Principal, Mr. Martin Humphreys and the Chairman of Governors, Mr. Nigel Wood, contributed to the evening with words of wit and wisdom.

It is hoped that this convivial occasion will become an annual fixture and that alumni from whatever year will regard it as an opportunity to visit their old school and renew old friendships. The Founder's Day Weekend, with the Prize-Giving Ceremony and Summer Ball on the Saturday before half-term presents pupils, parents and alumni with an attractive mixture of events at which they may choose to participate.

An innovation in December 2011 was the Christmas Drinks and Carols Party held in the Barrovian Hall. We are grateful to the Principal for College's organisation of this alumni and Sixth Form event. Mulled wine and mince pies were served to over 100 assembled distinguished guests, serenaded by the choir, who sang from the Minstrels' Gallery.

College also organised an impressive evening at the beginning of the new term in September 2012 to celebrate 10 years of the International Baccalaureate. A splendid dinner was served in the Barrovian Hall which was attended by almost 20% of our IB cohort of 461 pupils. Alumni travelled from Germany, London and far flung locations to meet up with their friends and look askance at their old school which of course was not the place it was when they were there!

This following day a Chapel Service and barbecue rounded off a delightful weekend which we hope will be the pattern of such events in the future.

During the year the Governors of King William's College commissioned the King William's College Development Plan which covers a business plan for the next five years. The KWC Society was asked

to contribute and I am grateful to our Hon. Secretary, Mr. Bryan Harding, for collating the Society's contribution to the Development Plan which was adopted by the Board of Governors in June 2012.

The Society's Business Plan foresaw an electronic media Barrovian Alumni grouping whereby former pupils, friends and schools communicate directly with each other through a professional organisation at its core. To this end the Society had adopted the recommendation that it appoints a Director of Alumni Relations and we are delighted to announce that Mr. Bryan Harding has taken up that position from 1<sup>st</sup> November 2012.

It is particularly fortuitous that King William's College has appointed a Development Director to the Barrovian Foundation, and it is foreseen that the Barrovian Foundation and the Barrovian Alumni will work alongside each other to the greater good of the King William's College and Buchan community.

In the interests of inclusivity we will increasingly use the collective term "Barrovian" for past pupils of King William's College and the Buchan School. Although it is now one school on two sites, they are beneficially descended in their ownership and governance from the Charity of Bishop Isaac Barrow, which was founded in 1668. We are one family.

The King William's College Society has some housekeeping tasks to bring its corporate Articles of Association up to date. These matters are in the course of being addressed for consideration at our Annual General Meeting on the 20<sup>th</sup> December 2012 at 5 pm in The Meeting Room. All are welcome.

It remains for me to say that I have greatly enjoyed my two years as President of the KWC Society and it is a pleasure to hand over to Peter Clucas who has an exciting challenge ahead in this fast-changing world of communications. He will be well served by our Hon. Secretary and now Director of Alumni Relations, Bryan Harding, to whom I am most grateful for his unstinting support and hard work.

***S.G. Alder (J,C 1954-63)***  
***President, King William's College Society***

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

Welcome to the 67<sup>th</sup> Edition of The King William's College Society Magazine, which has now been re-named The Barrovian Alumni Magazine. The magazine remains a publication for the whole community of ex-pupils of College and The Buchan School.

In keeping with the changes and developments in the means of communication, the Society's magazine is now published electronically, focussing on material geared to alumni. The Barrovian, which is a school publication, on the other hand, is designed to serve a wide audience which includes current pupils and parents. Since membership of the Society is bestowed on new pupils in their second term, the Society's contribution to The Barrovian serves to initiate current pupils into the greater College community to which they rightfully belong.

This latest edition of the Barrovian Alumni Society's magazine contains the Society's Development Plan 2012-17, to be found at the end of this article. The Society's Plan forms a critical component of the School Development Plan, which was presented to the Governors on the 29<sup>th</sup> June 2012. The innovation is an acknowledgement that the Society is a key asset of the School and the Plan heralds a more focussed and coordinated involvement between the School and the Society. Hence, the Development Plan positions the Society as a core function of King William's College. Recently Tracey Dean, a talented and noteworthy Manx artist, donated a painting of College to be used to raise funds for the Society. She has strong connections with the school through her close family, including her husband Stephen Harding (J H R 1973-78). The Society is most grateful for this generous gift.

The Society is most grateful to our contributors for their excellent articles on a variety of subjects and to all Alumni who have contacted the Alumni Office with news of their activities or those of their contemporaries over the last twelve months. In particular, readers will have noted that the spectrum of contributors includes articles by two current pupils: Emily Rimmer who have provided a further instalment of her life at College and the new Head of School Jamie Kirkham.

Our thanks are extended in particular to Brian Trustrum (H, J, S 1943-53) who has retired as Hon. Secretary and has been our acting Hon Treasurer in recent months. His dedication to the Society's office has been exemplary. We are also grateful to Ron Cooper (J, S 1944-52) for taking over as Hon. Treasurer. We look forward to the Presidency of Peter Clucas, [J S 1977-84] who will succeed our current President, Sam Alder [J C 1954-63]. Our thanks are extended to both Sam Alder and the Principal for their leadership in strengthening the relationship between the Society and Alumni of both College and The Buchan School. We are delighted that Alf Cannan MHK [C 1982-86] has joined the Board of Directors. Finally I would like to thank all Alumni who have notified us of any changes of contact details and any news they have for inclusion in our database and the magazine.

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

# KING WILLIAM'S COLLEGE SOCIETY DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2012-2017

## INTRODUCTION

Since 1889, King William's College Society has played a significant role in defining and shaping King William's College. The Society has been instrumental in providing alumni with opportunities to remain in touch with King William's, in recognising the contributions of ex-pupils and encouraging alumni to support the College in various ways. In 2012 the Principal acknowledged that the King William's College Society was the School's greatest asset. With that in mind, the need for a more focussed and coordinated involvement of the Society with that of the School was recognised. This Development Plan is predicated on that end of positioning the Society as a core function of King William's College.

## AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

The strategic aim of the King William's College Society Development Plan will be to cooperate with College in the implementation of a coordinated programme which engages all alumni of the King William's College and The Buchan School.

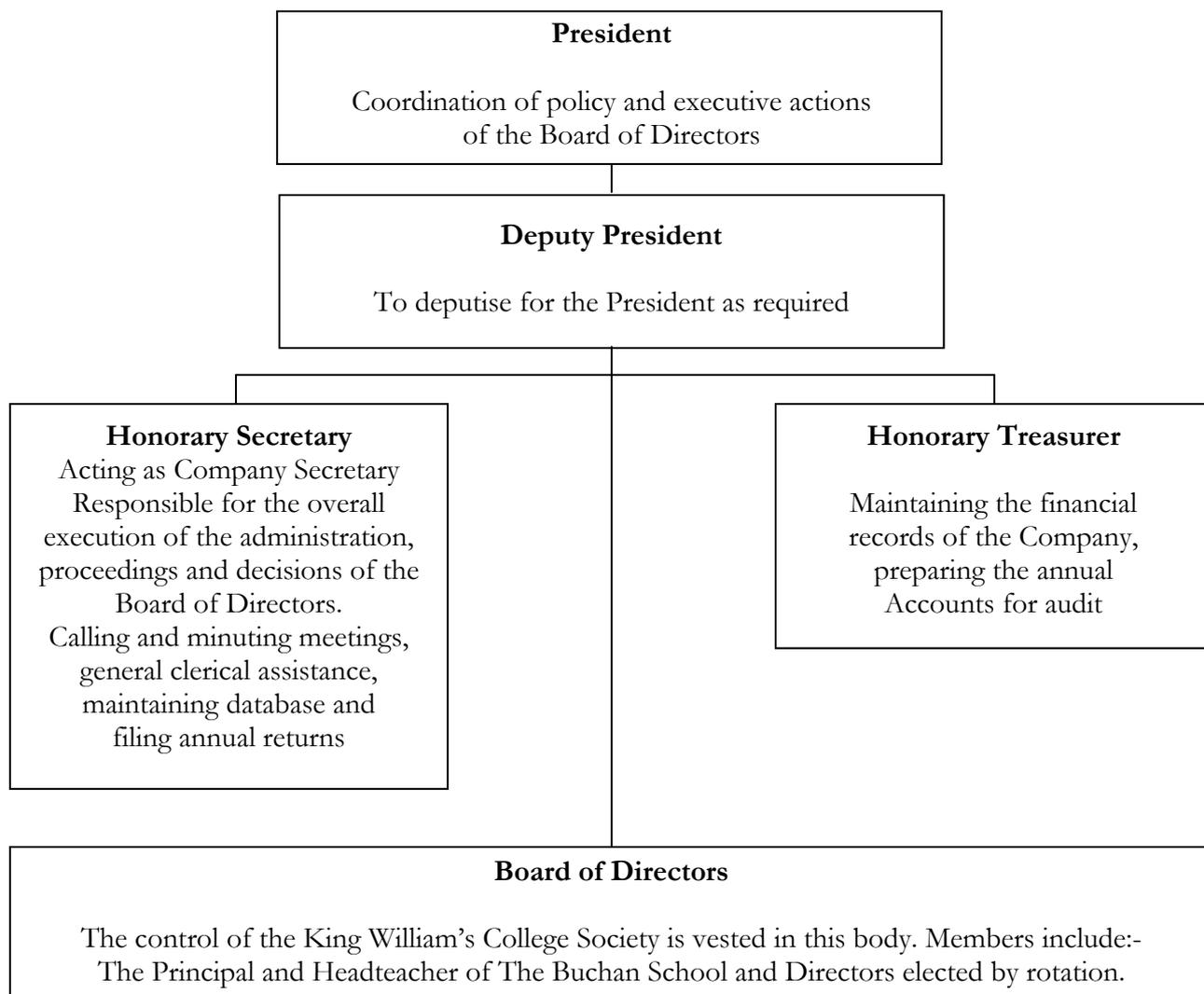
## OBJECTIVES

- All alumni will be recognised as an integral part of the School
- Alumni activities will be designed to benefit both alumni and the School
- Achievements of all alumni will be recognised and celebrated
- The experience and knowledge of alumni will be sought to advance the direction of both King William's and The Buchan School
- The contributions of alumni will be acknowledged and all alumni will be supported as far as reasonably practicable
- Opportunities will be provided to identify leaders in the alumni community who can promote engagement of ex-pupils and foster alumni relations
- Develop and implement an effective communications strategy to inform and engage all alumni
- Build an information management system which collects, updates and employs alumni data to promote the King William's College Society and King William's College
- Establish procedures for effective communication with and between alumni.
- Support alumni networks in order to foster support for King William's College and the Society  
Develop a culture where alumni view the Society and King William's College as a lifelong resource for social and professional development.

## CONTEXT

The Society is a private company limited by guarantee. The organisational structure and modus operandi conforms to company law. Thus the Company has a membership and a Board of Directors. The latter executes a management role on behalf of the Society's members. All directors and officers are unremunerated except for the general administrative assistant who acts as Company Secretary. The latter is a part-time paid appointment. There are no full-time officers.

## King William's College Society's Organogram



Currently the Society's activities are consistent with the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Company. These are:-

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

In practical terms, the functions of the Society are translated as follows:-

- Publishing an Alumni Magazine on an annual basis; contributing to the Barrovian Magazine, the annual publication of King William's College
- Arranging social functions for alumni, such as the Barrovian Dinner, which prefaces the Founders' Day Ceremony
- Supporting the kindred societies, namely the London Society and the Liverpool & Manchester

Society in their endeavours to enable alumni to keep in touch with each other by organising social events

- Publicising the activities of associated bodies such as the King William's Lodge of Freemasons and Friends of King William's College
- Acting as a focus and reference centre for enquiries from alumni, their relatives and friends seeking information about ex-pupils
- Maintaining an electronic database of all pupils and alumni
- Running the King William's Society Lottery, the proceeds of which go to the Bolton Bursaries, whose purpose is to provide some financial support to current pupils of the School and their parents in time of financial difficulty
- Receiving and allocating donations to the Society's funds and/or the Bolton Bursaries.
- Publishing the achievements of current pupils and the activities of School and alumni
- Attending notable events and activities of the School curriculum, including for example: the Combined Cadet Force Open Day, Confirmation, Holy Communion, Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols in the Chapel of St. Thomas; school plays, art exhibitions and Founders' Day
- Collecting, preserving and archiving memorabilia of all kinds donated by alumni or their relatives.

## ISSUES

- The issues concerned with achieving the strategic aims and objectives of the Alumni Society can be addressed by constructing a formula for success. The formula for success can be based on four imperatives. These imperatives are:-
  - i) The identification of alumni most likely to help.
  - ii) Motivating alumni by consulting them about their priorities.
  - iii) Creating opportunities for various forms of commitment to the promotion of the Society's activities. Finally, developing resources to support the involvement of alumni.
- In terms of identifying alumni, this exercise needs to start by involving key pupils in the Sixth Form who have leadership qualities, inter-personal skills and a willingness to commit themselves to the Society and the School.
- Analysing the age profile of active alumni in order to increase the involvement of younger members.
- With respect to motivation, interest levels amongst pupils and alumni can be stimulated by means of interactive communication, so that they establish a life-long interest and commitment to the purposes of the School and the Society.
- Establishing a database to achieve the development and implementation of communication by electronic mail.
- Exploiting Facebook and other social media as a supplementary means of involving alumni.
- In terms of involvement, the focus must be to commission/empower volunteers who have been identified and motivated, to undertake specific roles. The roles to consist of:- year group coordinators; recruitment of other volunteers; organising informal events and activities to engage alumni on a world-wide basis.
- Identifying ways of enlisting and maintaining the help and resources provided by parents in general and other bodies such as The Friends of King William's College in particular.

- Coordinating the activities of the King William's College Society and fund-raising efforts to achieve maximum financial assistance.
- To complete the innovation of transforming the Alumni Society into a more dynamic entity, resources will be required to conduct annual reviews of success and failure; achieving efficiencies and effectiveness in administration; developing and using information technology and database to target prospects, maintain and manage alumni involvement.
- Ensuring that Alumni headquarters is adequately resourced.
- Selecting an appropriate title for the Alumni Society to reflect its standing and to promote its visibility.
- Resolving the legal and structural issues of the King William's College Society.

**ACTION POINTS:** evolving over the next 5 years

To achieve implementation of the foregoing the following action points to be progressed:-

1. Identify an Alumni Coordinator/Director of Alumni Relations (Development Director) and specify their brief. The appointee to report to the President of the Alumni Society and the Principal.

Within 6 months

Adopt measurable outcomes of success and failure for management purposes, e.g. growth in breadth and depth of alumni involvement in Society affairs; growth in membership; percentage of active members on an annual basis; practical contributions; number of events organised and where.

Immediately

2. Plan, implement, monitor and review:-

- a) The identification and recruitment of Sixth Form pupils who have the leadership qualities to act as coordinators and catalysts for alumni involvement

With immediate effect

- b) The increase in the visibility of the Society and interest levels amongst pupils and alumni via effective, inter-active communication systems and exercises

12 Months

- c) The commissioning and empowering of key, existing alumni to execute specific tasks or roles such as:- year group coordinators, as previously stated, recruitment; the organisation and delivery of informal/formal social activities and events

12 Months

- d) The development of an efficient and effective administrative system based on the Alumni Office in College. The purpose being to transform the Society into a more highly visible and influential body whereby the maintenance and promotion of alumni involvement can be achieved.

24 months

*B.W. Harding, Hon Secretary 18 May 2012*

## LIVERPOOL & MANCHESTER OKW SOCIETY ANNUAL DINNER 18<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2011

As usual the Annual Dinner was held at The Artists' Club, Liverpool and as usual provided us with an excellent meal and historic surroundings. The Principal, Martin Humphreys, was able to be with us and we were delighted he came accompanied by his wife Francesca and John Wright, Director of Music.

The Principal gave an excellent update on the progress made at the school during the last year and also some idea of what the future might hold. He also responded to the toast King William's College in the traditional manner. Our President, Ralph Ingram, accompanied by his wife Gillian, welcomed the kindred Society Presidents – Dr Sam Alder (J, C 1954-63), President of the KWC Society and Christopher Kelly (S 1970-75), President of the London OKW and Buchan Society.

The following members also attended the Dinner: Arthur Acton (C 1943-49), Doug Bolton (H,J,C 1946-53), Dave Breadner (C 1950-56), Dave Bull (1951-57), David Cowley (J, D 1943-54), Robin Cowley (J, D 1950-56), Mike Cregeen (H, Wa 1948-52), Dr Pat Cullen (J, S 1947-56), Geoff Denner (H 1959-64), Howard Dolan (D 1954-59), Nick Ellis (J, Wa 1960-68), David Fachiri (S 1954-56), Duncan Gibb (H, W 1947-54), David Gill (J, Wa 1960-67), Mike Hanson (J, D 1952-59), Richard Hanson (J, D 1958-66), Mike Hartley (J, D 1949-56), Terry Hazelhurst (1960-64), John Lambert (C 1955-61), Peter Lambert (C 1953-57), Keith Lang (S 1950-55), Keith Lewis (J, Wa 1960-67), Robin McDonald (Wa 1955-59), John Shennan (D 1952-58), Tim Shennan (D 1981-87), Hubert Slack (S 1939-42), Stewart Thompson (Wa 1963-69), Colin Weston (J, D 1946-53).

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 18<sup>th</sup> May 2012 AT HESWALL GOLF CLUB ON THE WIRRAL

The following Officers and Committee were elected for 2012/13

<b>President</b>	Ralph Ingram
<b>Hon Secretary/Hon Treasurer</b>	Duncan Gibb
<b>Committee</b>	Bob Chadwick, Peter Challinor, Geof Denner, Nick Ellis, David Gill, Keith Lewis, Howard Morris, Kim Wallis

OKW 1 <sup>st</sup> Prize and Monsarrat Cup	Mike Hanson (J, D 1952-59)
OKW 2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize and Chandler Cup	Guy Wallis
OKW 3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize and Clay Cup	Colin Weston (J, D 1946-53)

1 <sup>st</sup> KWC Scholar Prize	Jan Fassmer
1 <sup>st</sup> Guest Prize	Tom Fell
2 <sup>nd</sup> Guest Prize	Adrian Lambert
2 <sup>nd</sup> shot nearest 18 <sup>th</sup> Pin	Scott Donald (KWC)

Other OKWs playing golf were G Denner, D Fachiri, R Hanson, R Ingram, K Lewis, M Ridge, and K Wallis and three current pupils from College.

Reminder: The Annual Dinner 2012 – The Artist's Club Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2012.

*J Duncan Gibb (Hon Secretary & Treasurer)*

## INVITATION GOLF MATCH

This is the fifth consecutive year that KWC has provided a team of current pupils to take part in the Liverpool & Manchester OKW Society's AGM and Golf Competition. It was Jan Fassmer's first appearance, Nick White's second and Scott Donald's third: this may well be Scott's last appearance as he will be heading off to Loretto Golf Academy in September to hone his golfing skills whilst completing his Sixth Form studies – we will miss him.

This year's venue was, again, the fantastic Heswall Golf Club. With 6,264 yards of tree-lined fairways, and with plenty of bunkers and water hazards, it provided a suitably tough challenge. With light cloud, little wind and no rain, the conditions were excellent. We were all glad that the rain stayed away after getting a good soaking last year, however both Nick and Scott made up for this by finding many of the water hazards around the course. After 18 holes there was only one point difference between the boys' scores. Nick White took first place, with Jan Fassmer runner-up after a countback (in plain English this means that Nick performed better than Jan on the last nine holes). Scott Donald had to console himself with the prize for getting his ball nearest to the pin (i.e. hole) in two shots on the 18<sup>th</sup> – he judged his drive to perfection and so left a fairly straightforward chip shot to beat the previous best of the day by some margin.

The OKW winner of the Montsarrat Cup for first place was Mike Hanson. Interestingly Mike attributed his victory to the tactic of not eating a prawn sandwich before the round. Going one better than last year, the Chandler Cup for second place went to Guy Wallis, who clearly benefitted from the series of intensive golf lessons over recent weeks. The much-coveted Clay Cup for third place was awarded to Colin Weston. Prizes were presented after a superb lunch and AGM: at 2 minutes 30 seconds the AGM was considerably longer than those in recent years, but did not cause too much upset.

Having once again had such a fantastic time we are hoping that we will be invited back next year. Our thanks to Ralph Ingram for hosting the event and for making us all most welcome.

*Duncan Matthews (Head of Maths and 6<sup>th</sup> Form Tutor)*

## LONDON OKW AND BUCHAN SOCIETY DINNER ON FRIDAY 16 MARCH 2012

A warm welcome was given to all who support the London dinner, held this year on Friday 16 March 2012, recognising those who have come from afar, the regulars, those who have not attended for a while, and others who attended for the first time. I trust you all had a good evening.

Seven non-OKWs were amongst those who attended for the first time. They were on a trip to London. Now you may ask why were they at the dinner. Well that's because five were college students, accompanied by two teachers – Ed Jeffers, Head of Boarding and Mike Hebden who teaches PE & Games.

I was really pleased to welcome the five young gentlemen and I hope to meet them again in future along with some of their friends. It must be remembered that in the not too distant future they will be the ones who decide ultimately if such OKW events continue or not. It is for this reason I would welcome participation by the younger members. At this juncture I would like again to thank my wife

Mary for dealing with all the incoming mail for the last decade, and my children for the mailing administration for the 600 letters, envelopes, labelling and stamping; still no beers for them yet though!

We were grateful to welcome our guests, the Principal and his wife (Martin & Francesca Humphreys), the President of the King William's College Society (Sam Alder), the President of the Liverpool & Manchester Society (Ralph Ingram) and the President of the Barrovian Society (Rachael Braidwood).

We also reminded ourselves of some friends who passed away:

Mrs Irene Corlett, Hedley Thomas, Terry Thompson, Lawrence Treeby,  
Clive Slack (who was at college with a number of us at the dinner),  
Juan Chester (father of Paul, David and Tessa) and  
Preston Glass, who many of you knew being a great supporter of the London OKW and the London Manx Society.

Over the years I have focused on "Why do we have the Old Boys / Girls Society reunions?" Whilst most agreed it is for fun, meeting friends and remembering the good times (and bad e.g. early morning dip), the question in my fourth year as president still remains as to how we sustain the London Society which has run since about 1883.

It's simple! For us to continue we need about 50+ people to attend. So a good turn out next year, in what we deem to be the 130th Anniversary Dinner, would be great. It is on 22 February 2013, the day before the England v France game.

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



L to R: S G Alder (J, C 1954 - 63), Rachel Braidwood (s 1987 - 92), C C C Kelly (S 1970 - 75), R E B Ingram (H 1954 - 64)

## RECEPTION AT THE CHINA CLUB, HONG KONG 9<sup>TH</sup>/10<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2012

The Principal Mr Martin Humphreys and his wife Francesca led a visit to Hong Kong in order to maintain contact and reinforce relations with current parents and alumni and establish connections with potential new pupils. Meetings with a range of educational agents were also held to promote the educational opportunities and secure environment that College offered to its pupils.

The reception at The China Club on the last evening was hosted by the Principal and his wife and well attended by alumni, current pupils and their parents, educational agents and prospective parents. The Club provided a congenial atmosphere with excellent catering and the technical support was very helpful. The visit was deemed a great success and no doubt will provide a model for future exercises of a similar nature elsewhere on the globe.

## KING WILLIAM'S COLLEGE SOCIETY BARROVIAN DINNER 25<sup>th</sup> MAY 2012

Fifty four alumni enjoyed an excellent dinner in the Barrovian Hall in the presence of His Excellency, Mr Adam Wood, Lieutenant Governor of the Isle of Man and Chairman of the Trustees of Bishop Barrow's Charity; the President of the Society Mr Sam Alder; Chairman of the Governors of King William's College Mr Nigel Wood; Principal of King William's College Mr Martin Humphreys; Headteacher of The Buchan School Mrs Alison Hedley and Bursar Mr John Oatts.



Following a reception in the Staff Common Room, dinner commenced with the traditional College Grace before Meat – this being one of the two Latin graces, before and after meat, introduced by a former Principal, Mr Sydney E Wilson (1935-58). The Domestic Bursar, Mr Martin Howland, arranged that the catering was equal to the demands of the moment: the Barrovian Hall was resplendent with magnificent table settings and appropriate lighting. A delicious, five-course dinner with wine was provided which was appreciated by everyone present.

His Excellency proposed the Loyal Toast: The Queen, The Lord of Mann. Mr Sam Alder (J, C 1954-63), President, proposed the toast to King William's College and its Founder Bishop Isaac Barrow. He emphasised the considerable financial contribution which Bishop Barrow had made for the provision of education in the Island in general and to the founding of King William's College in particular. He also praised the initiative of Bishop William Ward who brought about the realisation of Bishop Barrow's vision by commencing the construction of College in 1830.

The Principal, Mr Martin Humphreys in replying, spoke enthusiastically about the changes manifesting themselves in the global society and the need to prepare pupils to be able to respond robustly and successfully to those demands. To that end he was convinced that the International Baccalaureate diploma, now taken by the Sixth Form, was an appropriate educational innovation. The diploma

provided a broad but demanding curriculum which addressed the cognitive, affective, ethical and moral development of young people. All in all, the IB delivered inestimable benefits and added value for pupils which parents would appreciate.

Chairman of the Governors Mr Nigel Wood (J, D 1967-74) then proposed the toast to the guests. Mr Wood spoke of the current strength of the school and the high standing it enjoyed in the educational league table. Numbers were up, both at The Buchan and College, and there were plans to improve the facilities with a new sports hall and swimming pool. These initiatives were vital in order to maintain a balanced curriculum and the necessary finances to translate the plans into reality would be secured.



Mrs Alison Hedley, Headteacher The Buchan School, replied on behalf of the guests. She spoke optimistically about the developments achieved in concert with King William's. There were now 100 pupils in the Nursery and 200 of primary school age making up the rest of the school. She spoke enthusiastically about the educational initiatives which were proving a great success. She emphasised the benefits of integration of The Buchan and College and applauded the steps which were being taken to achieve the amalgamation of the alumni societies of both schools under the auspices of the King William's College Society.

With the toasts and speeches concluded, the Prize Draw was made by the Principal's wife, Francesca Humphreys. The prizes had been generously donated by Celton Manx Limited (32" TV/DVD), the Isle of Man Steam Packet Company (return travel for a car and two people), Athol Garage (1945) Limited (£85 Car Valet and 15 days' free airport parking), Shoprite Limited (£25 voucher) and Ramsey Crookall & Co (Champagne). The draw was a lively event and as a result of the generous action of two of the winners, who returned their prizes, Mr Keith Kerruish (S 1959-63 ) had the means to conduct a very successful auction. The Society greatly appreciated the substantial amount raised which will be used in accordance with its objectives.

***B W Harding (H 1949-56) Hon Secretary, King William's College Society***

## FOUNDERS' DAY 2012

On Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> May the annual Founders' Day Ceremony took place in the grand marquee in front of College, in the presence of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, Mr Adam Wood, the Chairman of the Governors, Mr Nigel Wood, the Governors and Trustees, the Principal and the Bursar. The platform party took their place and the singing of the British and Manx National Anthems were sung, accompanied by the School Orchestra, directed by Mr John Wright MA. His Excellency first asked the Lord Bishop, the Right Reverend Robert Paterson MA, to open the Ceremony with a prayer and then welcomed the guests and visitors and introduced the Guest of Honour, Mr Hamish McRae MA.



The Principal delivered his Address. He spoke of the achievements of King William's and the challenges facing independent schools in a rapidly changing world. He emphasised the importance of ensuring that the aims of education were carefully crafted and delivered in a masterly fashion, ensuring that the educational experiences of pupils fitted them for the complex issues which they would face in their careers. He felt the International Baccalaureate diploma was the ideal medium to achieve the former. He had observed some really insightful and informed teaching by the staff on his visits to classrooms and expressed his

appreciation for their expertise and dedication. Their efforts were so vital to the continued development and success of the College. Mr Humphreys ended his speech by requesting a moment of silence in remembrance of the benefactors of King William's who had helped to support the great educational enterprise particularly Bishop Isaac Barrow and Bishop William Ward.

Mr Hamish McRae proceeded to distribute the awards to the 109 prizewinners from the Lower Fourth to Upper Sixth. In addition, five pupils achieved the BTEC First Diploma in Public Services, all with distinction. In the Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music thirty pupils had achieved Grade IV and above and four Grade VIII. The Trinity Guildhall Music Examinations resulted in two pupils achieving Grades VI and VII respectively for Singing and one pupil gained the ATCL Recital Diploma for Flute with Distinction. The LAMDA Drama results saw eleven pupils achieving high grades in Verse and Prose Speaking, five pupils gained good grades in Acting and Public Speaking whilst three also gained distinction in Spoken English. Additionally, six pupils passed with high grades in Acting. The Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme saw 42 gaining Bronze, 14 Silver and 6 the Gold Standard.



The Chairman of the Governors delivered his closing remarks. Mr Nigel Wood referred to the initiation of a School Development Plan, which would be available for distribution. The Plan included the selection of appropriate aims and objectives and identified, inter alia, the need for improved facilities,



particularly in respect of physical education. He spoke of the Independent Schools Inspection which had taken place. The Inspectors found much to commend: teaching excellence, pastoral care, boarding provision and extra-curricular activities. There were some wake-up calls and these were being addressed. An independent review of the financial processes of the School was being executed to determine areas for efficiency and rewarding of staff. The Chairman referred to the School approaching capacity, particularly at the junior end, and the contribution which King William's made by freeing-up places in the State system. This matter, together with the contribution made to the local economy, had been drawn to the attention of the Minister for Education. In closing, Mr Wood acknowledged the efforts of the great team of teachers and associated staff, led by the Principal, with which the School was blessed.

Refreshments and canapés were served in the King's Court following the Ceremony.

*B W Harding (H 1949-56)*

## THE INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE A TEN-YEAR REUNION ON 8<sup>TH</sup>/9<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2012

A Reunion Week-End was held for all graduates of the International Baccalaureate who had attended College from 2002. Celebrations began with a dinner dance in the Barrovian Hall, attended by the Principal, President of the King William's College Society, Governors and Trustees, the Bursar, members of the teaching staff and school Praepositors, together with a large group of former students. A sumptuous meal for 120 guests was provided by Martin Howland, Domestic Bursar.



The proceedings commenced with the traditional Latin grace being rendered elegantly by the President, Mr Sam Alder. The Principal extended a warm welcome to all those present and referred to the extraordinary foresight of Mr Philip John, former Principal, who along with the Chairman of the Governors at that time had been instrumental in introducing the IB at College. Mrs Kathy John delivered her husband's good wishes for the continued success of the IB. Mr Joss Buchanan, Vice-Principal (Academic) gave a witty, insightful



and informative resume of the history of the diploma in the ten years since its introduction at College.

On the Sunday morning Mattins was celebrated by the Chaplain in the Chapel of St Thomas, the lesson being read by Mr Joss Buchanan. In her sermon the Chaplain reminded alumni of the duties enshrined in The Charge, which is delivered to all leavers at the End of Term Service. The recessional hymn before the blessing was “The Day Thou Gavest Lord is Ended”, written by the Reverend John Ellerton MA who was a pupil from 1842-46.

After the service a generous barbecue lunch was enjoyed by all in a splendid marquee beside the First Eleven Cricket Pavilion.

*B W Harding (H 1949-56)*

## MY FOURTH YEAR AT KING WILLIAM'S COLLEGE

‘It was the best of times, it was the worst of times, it was the age of wisdom, it was the age of foolishness, it was the epoch of belief, it was the epoch of incredulity, it was the season of Light, it was the season of Darkness, it was the spring of hope, it was the winter of despair,’ and it was my fourth year (Middle five) at King William’s College.

This year has flown by more quickly than any other year so far! It was the beginning of many new things in my school life and, in particular, the start of my GCSE courses. It has been quite scary as we have realised just how much work we have had to do and the great amount we must do next year in order to achieve the highest grades that we possibly can. This year everyone in Middle Five took their RS GCSE. For the first time ever one set took the full course. It was a terrifying glimpse of what we would be doing in all subjects next year and how much studying will have to be done. It was new and different but we all tried our best and I am sure we are all pleased with our results; I am very pleased to have obtained an A.

This has not been the best year in winning prizes for my house, Walters, in the events at King William’s College. There was the House drama, in which I took part. Next was the “House Shout”. We made a valiant attempt with Good Charlotte’s ‘Girls Don’t Like Boys’, even though we did not win and had a few little technical problems, we were apparently the *loudest* house! But the prize was awarded to Colbourne House. Then came the House Music where Walters did very well. We gained many prizes including House Choir (in which I was lucky enough to take part). We sang ‘I’m Yours’ by Jason Mraz, and House Ensemble which was our own arrangement of ‘Turning Tables’ by Adele. The overall prize, however, went to Dickson House, who fully deserved it (damn them!).

As usual my year has been full of music. I am still in the Chapel Choir, which is one of the things that I most enjoy at College. As well as singing in the Friday afternoon services at School, the choir have sung in various places around the Island. At the end of the Autumn term, we sang at the Festival of Trees at the airport, singing our favourite Christmas songs, and also at Abbotswood nursing home. We were very unfortunate with the weather at the end of the year, as the wind, which blew tiles off the Chapel roof, meant that one of our Carol services had to be cancelled. At the time of Candlemas, at St Matthew's Church in Douglas, we sang some amazing pieces including a personal favourite, the 'Gloria' from Schubert's Mass in G. Also more recently, opening the Manannin Festival in Port Erin, we sang in St. Catherine's Church. Parry's 'I was glad', was very rousing, especially with brass and organ accompaniment. This year I started singing with the Girl's choir. Over the year we sang some beautiful pieces and sang at a Friday afternoon service at school, and my favourite event, Summer Serenade. I had never been to Summer Serenade before and did not realise what an emotional event it was. It is a chance for the leavers to perform for the last time at College. The Girls choir sang 'The sound of silence', 'Imagine' and 'Make you feel my love'. I also joined Schola Cantorum, which sang 'Love is the sweetest thing', 'Ellan Vannin' and 'Thank you for the music'. There were a few tears shed by everyone there, especially when the leavers made speeches about how King William's College is like a family and how the teachers are like friends. I had never really thought about it in that way, but more than anywhere I have ever been, I have felt so at home at school – a place where everybody belongs.

This year was as full of sports as ever. My favourite sport is rounders, and I managed to make the A Team. We did not perform brilliantly in our matches against the other schools as we were not very focused; however, when it came to the tournament, we really came together as a team and won it for the first time in a few years. I also took part in Sports Day, running in the 100 metres, 400 metres and the relay. Walters did not win over all but we came second, and it was very close!

There have been many extracurricular activities to do at College. As well as there being many musical activities in which I took part, I also took part in dramatic activities, including private drama lessons. I took my grade five LAMDA public speaking exam and gained a very high mark. I also took part in the Manx Music festival, entering into three classes: Reading from the Bible, in which I came Second, Spoken Word, Public Speaking and T.E. Brown poetry class, in which I read 'Pain'. I was very pleased with two second places. I also took part in the Thomas Cranmer Bible reading competition and I took second place in the intermediate age group. The school put on a production of 'Guys and Dolls': I played a missionary. It was a great experience and it was a musical – drama and singing all in one! The entire cast made a great performance – some called it the best production that they had seen at King William's. The first two years, Stenning, also put on a production of 'Tom's Midnight Garden'. It was very well rehearsed, very dynamic and brilliant to see.

I did my silver Duke of Edinburgh award this year. I undertook volunteer work at a Sunday school, Grade 6 ballet for my physical work and drama as my skill. For our expedition we had to do three days' walking and two nights' camping. I love taking part in the Duke of Edinburgh programme as I really enjoy the walking and camping part and it is also a great way to find out about people you do not know well, who often go on to become new friends. I am hoping to go on to do my gold award next year.

This year I went to 'A Taste of Culture' night at school. I had never been to it any of the previous years so I was keen to go. It was an amazing event: as well as a concert in Big School beforehand, there was a massive array of food that people had made from many countries in the world, including German sausages, American pancakes and Manx fudge. There were so many people there and it was very interesting, as well as worthwhile, with the proceeds going to charity.

Soon the end of the year came around with the end of term exams, Sports day, Summer Serenade and, of course, Founder's Day. This year we were lucky enough to have a warm Founder's Day unlike recent years where the marquee had blown about and even, on one occasion, away! I was lucky

enough to collect the Middle Five Art Prize, with which I was very pleased since, with Chemistry and English, Art is my favourite subject!

Now comes the biggest academic year of my life so far. I have my GCSEs in less than a year's time, which is a fairly terrifying thought! I will use my summer holiday to relax and finish off coursework ready for next year – then I shall try to work as hard as I can and to do as well as I can in my exams and hopefully will come back for Sixth form. So farewell, until next year.

*Emily Rimmer - Walters U5*

## THE KING WILLIAM'S COLLEGE COMBINED CADET FORCE

The CCF been an integral part of College life for over 100 years. To those OKWs who had to endure the compulsory attendance, you will be pleased to know it is now very much a voluntary activity and has to compete for members with the wide variety of extracurricular activities that College offers to assist in our personal development.

I consider that the fact CCF has survived the test of time is a testament to the countless hours put in by the various volunteers and staff over the years and of the cadets who progress to NCO rank and enthusiastically assist in the instruction and training of their peers. Training meets a set national syllabus with 60% being military skill based and 40% adventurous activity. The most popular activity is still shooting, with the No 8 rifle (.22 calibre) and A2 Cadet GP rifle (.556) this differs only from the standard issue SA80 in that it is not fully automatic. We have the opportunity to shoot at the indoor range at College or at Windy Corner outdoor range where the MOD sponsor three lanes for use by cadets.

CCF also offers a BTEC level 2 Diploma in Public Services which is equivalent to 4 GCSE at A\* so you can imagine the take up of this is quite high. The difference between us and other cadet units on the island is that we are very much a combined unit, which enables cadets to gain experience of the other services. Many of our off- Island activities reflect this. From flying with the RAF at RAF Woodvale, to the Cadet Skill at Arms competition at the Army ranges of Altcar, Merseyside the CCF offers a wide range of activities that are open to all cadets, from all sections, with Army cadets going flying and performing aerobatic manoeuvres, and RAF cadets taking to the wheel of HMS Charger when sailing from the UK to visit the island. These activities only scratch the surface as to what is on offer for the cadets within CCF. In the last two years navy and air force cadets have attended the annual army camp and this year one of our energetic army cadets went from army camp straight onto a navy camp.

Another recent change to the CCF has been to open up membership to students from Castle Rushen High School. This has increased our overall numbers and opened up new opportunities for us all. The integration has been seamless and new friendships formed. The additional numbers of cadets provides more opportunity for a greater variety of activities.

Our training throughout the year leads up to the annual CCF central camp where we compete with other contingents. The camps offer many opportunities, from paintballing, to rock climbing, abseiling, shooting, obstacle courses, and last but definitely not least, the fantastic range of large scale blank firing exercises from ambushes and anti-ambushes, to section attacks.

The positions of Non Commissioned officer of any rank offers the Cadets from any section to attend courses of a wide and varying nature. Leadership courses, Method of Instruction Cadre, as well as

adventure training. The skills which are developed and the qualifications gained through CCF in regards to people management, teaching and instruction, problem solving and learning how to cope with situations outside of the normal comfort zone are life skills which will certainly help in future careers.

Whilst the majority of cadets do not intend to pursue a career in the Armed Forces, the skills attained in the CCF will still be invaluable in future careers of any kind with skills that I mentioned before, such as people management, teaching and interview skills. Many of these skills are ones that should hopefully put these Cadets ahead of the rest of the field in future careers.

Personally, I have loved the CCF, and the experiences that it has given me, and the lessons I have learnt from it. As an initial recruit working with and learning from some of the senior cadets, introduction to weapons handling and the discipline of shooting, annual camps and exercises; the list goes on and it is hard to separate one aspect from the next, they all seem to have morphed into one happy memory. Teamwork has been an essential element and with it brings a sense of belonging.

I am now in my final year of CCF and having been privileged to be promoted to Under Officer is obviously a high point, but with it comes a heavy time commitment and additional responsibility. I take more involvement with the adult staff in the management of the unit and planning of training activities. I consider that this year is my opportunity to put something back into the contingent in return for all that I have got out of it.

As I reflect on my time in CCF, it is the people who have made it, whether the staff or cadets, and it is always good to see former students revisit the unit from time to time. We are getting more involved in community activities and I would like to foster closer links with the veterans associations on the Island, as they have quite a story to tell which should not be lost with the passing of time. We would also welcome OKW visits to the Contingent, and we were pleased that on Centenary a number of you were able to attend the inspection.

CCF will hopefully continue to be an integral part of College life for many more years to come and will contribute to the all round experience of College life that makes being a student within this close knit community such a special and valuable experience that will stay with us throughout our adult lives.

*Jamie Kirkham - Head of School 2012-2013*

## KING WILLIAM'S COLLEGE THE HEAD OF SCHOOL WRITES ...

My time in KWC started in the Spring term of 2007. Stenning was a perfect way to join College, as it offered a homely place to enjoy lunch and break time, as well as a good classroom and happy working environment. Most lunch times I opted to play chess in the library or went to chess club, which Mr Buchanan used to run. Another excellent part of Stenning was the introduction of what is now known as "Still Skills" (back then known as "Adventure Training"). These afternoon's activities were an excellent preparation for the Combined Cadet Force and Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme, both of which have played a big part in my College life. As well as Stenning offering a pleasant and safe environment the Peer Mentoring Scheme enabled us to get to know Lower and Upper 6<sup>th</sup> pupils as they offered their help to us. I found the Scheme very helpful, especially in my first few weeks when I had no real idea what was going on and was delighted when I was given the opportunity to be a Peer Mentor in Lower 6<sup>th</sup>, even though the 4<sup>th</sup> formers seemed to be a lot more independent than we were. Overall, 4<sup>th</sup> form for me was an excellent beginning and introduction to College life and its ethos.

5<sup>th</sup> Form was a big step up from Stenning, but one for which we had been well prepared. The first year of 5<sup>th</sup> form was an interesting year. We still had all the subjects that we did in Stenning, plus all the extra homework. Despite the fact I thought I could not ever work harder than I was, it was a good year, learning the ropes of 5<sup>th</sup> form, starting our Science IGCSE's, and being well prepared for the up and coming two crucial GCSE years.

Middle 5 was a new experience, beginning of GCSE's and finally having control over what to study. It was quite tough, but very good fun. The whole atmosphere of 5<sup>th</sup> form was something that was always there to cheer you up, and after the recent refurbishment to the year centre, I am sure that it will be even more appreciated now. The other great thing regarding Middle 5 were the opportunities for extracurricular activities. Suddenly, the role of the Combined Cadet Force, and the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme really came into their own. There was always something to do, and the training attained in the early stages of the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme and the continued learning in the CCF are skills that I will treasure for many years to come. The opportunities to go on 'Method of Instruction' courses, to get promoted, to learn people management skills and to get the equivalent of 4 A\* GCSE's in the BTEC diploma, have all played a key part on developing my character as well as enhancing my CV. As for the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme, I cannot think of a better way to launch into the ethos of CAS, which really is a critical part of the IB and, in general, it is incredible to see how much you can offer your community, rather than looking at how much it can offer you. Finally, we came to the last year of 5<sup>th</sup> form, which seemed like the big push. It was a busy year, but as always, College had prepared us all well to cope with everything that the GCSE's had to throw at us, and I must say, that study leave was some of the best fun that I had in school!

Once GCSE's were out of the way the IB came storming into all of our lives, which after enjoying a very lazy summer post-GCSE's, was quite a shock! However, it was a good shock. It certainly got us to look back at all we had done and realise that actually, no matter how hard we had worked, it was all really quite insignificant in the grand scheme of things. Having said this, I suspect I will probably end up saying this again later on in life!

The IB though, is something that is both incredibly challenging and at the same time, equally enjoyable. I never ever thought that I could enjoy studying maths so much, or that I would end up learning German, and then put it into practice so soon when a friend of mine, who speaks not a single word of English, came to stay during Manx Grand Prix. I did not realise at the beginning of the IB just how useful what I was learning would become. I didn't realise that studying economics would help me to finally understand what is really going on with the world, and more specifically the news. Neither did I think I would come to understand the true reasons for the start of the First World War, or the reason that the USA became independent of the UK. Nor did I think I would study the Great Gatsby, or that I would learn how to fire a laser at plastic to create a new product that has the potential to be surprisingly quite good. And finally, my weakest point, I never thought I would be able to complete a maths coursework. Never, ever, did I think that, but I have achieved all these things, and many others. These are all opportunities that I fear may only pass once, and it makes me quite sad to think that I may never get the chance to go on holiday to Russia or the USA with Mr B ever again, or the chance to go to an army base as a cadet, to have all the fun possible with all manner of different kit and equipment, but most saddening of all, not to have the joy of coming to this great place every morning. To all those just starting out, or in the middle of your time here, seize every opportunity, and make the most of everything offered to you, as it will not come round again.

*Jamie Kirkham - Head of School 2012/2013*

## ST THOMAS' CHAPEL

Our own beautifully decorated Chapel is the spiritual heart of the school. It is a place where it is possible to find a space in the midst of the bustle of day-to-day school where we can reflect upon our lives and God's calling to follow in the way of Christ. It's the only place on site that is large enough to accommodate the whole school. This year there have been a wealth of contributors to Chapel – readers, prayer leaders, choristers and visiting preachers, each bringing their unique qualities and gifts to join those of our Christian forebears in this place. Chapel is often the core of people's memories of the school: their final farewells include a commission to go into the world in peace as they leave and it remains a place of significance within their memories.

My first experience of St Thomas' Chapel was on the very wild and windy day of 11.11.11 – Remembrance Day, when willpower was vital to make a stand against the elements at the War Memorial. Moving then into Chapel and hearing the roll call of names of those former pupils who gave their lives that future generations may be free, was humbling. The book of names, newly updated, rests in a small cabinet in the sanctuary. The pages are turned weekly by our Senior Chapel Warden Rebecca Leiserach. Bex is one of the small team of pupil Chapel Wardens who help in the day-to-day running of Chapel. The tasks include preparing the table, the hymn boards, the candles and setting out service sheets when needed. The Wardens are a valuable asset to the Chaplain and I thank them.

The Annual Carol Services are attended by many on the Island as a celebration of the season of Advent. It's an opportunity to hear those familiar scriptures, to enjoy the beautiful choral pieces sung by the choir and to sing Christmas carols heartily. It was with great regret that one evening had to be cancelled due to stormy weather. The opportunity of an alternative celebration in a special service was not to be missed, so the Bishop was invited to a Saturday Evening Julian Epiphany Service in January. Bishop Robert took this opportunity to pray for our community and to commission the new school Chaplain.

Chapel is the place to take time to reflect during challenging times of life as well as celebrate the Church's Calendar. For the boarders we have held a candlelit Vigil Service, Compline, a candlelit Ash Wednesday Eucharist, which included Ashing, and we have sung to the strumming of Mr Jeffers' guitar.

An anonymous benefactor donated a Paschal Candle and stand. This is a terrific addition to the fabric of the Chapel: the Candle is lit for each Friday Service and was first lit at The Buchan Easter Service held in Castletown Methodist Church and later that week at the Easter Service for College. As I write there have been more donations to Chapel – we now have a new Lectern Bible, some pew Bibles and we look forward to a new sound system. May I extend my thanks to those who feel they have been called to contribute to St Thomas' Chapel.

We have supported a number of charities during the College year. Many are chosen by students who are encouraged to respond compassionately to needs across the globe. Katie Cannell presented her chosen charity in Chapel on Friday. Moved by the conditions she witnessed in a Chennai Orphanage in India, she was inspired to raise money to buy bunk beds for children whose only mattress was a rush mat – and then only if they were ill. Drawing together her friends, she presented her case with their help in pictures and explanations. This, in turn, filled the collection bags and to this point Katie has raised over £1,119. Well done Katie.

The discovery of traces of asbestos in the organ blower was alarming and closed the chapel for some weeks. Decamping to Big School followed and several services took place on the set of "Guys & Dolls" which was quite bizarre.

Thankfully access to Chapel was restored in time for the Confirmation Service in May. Preparation for Confirmation included a day pilgrimage to some of this Island's Keeills. Although it was April it was a chilly day – piles of hailstones provided pathways to the doors of these ancient buildings full of promise and meaning. Peel was the first stop, first into the newly beautifully refurbished Cathedral and then on to tea at Harbour Lights. Ryan Hollreiser was the only pupil Confirmed this year, the service being conducted by Bishop Robert of Sodor and Man. In celebration for the special day the Quilliam silver was found, polished and utilised – a fitting reminder of the commitment to a noble cause and dedication to Christian Calling.

Later in May we celebrated the festival day of St Maughold, Patron Saint of this Island, who is depicted in one of our chapel windows. As 27 May would only fall on a Friday every few years it was an opportunity to experience the Trinitarian-style Celtic Service. Maughold's story may be in the depths of history, his hermetic life led him to be chosen as an early Bishop on the Island, dying in 488 AD, but his legacy remains woven into the fabric of Manx life. This Collect was written for the service:

*Almighty God, who kindled the flame of love in the heart of your servant Maughold that he knew you in faith and lived that the Manx people might know you: ignite your light in your people, that our lives might reflect your love. In the name of God, three-in-one and one-in-three, Amen.*

We said farewell to the U6 first within the family of the School during our annual Leavers' Service and again at a service with some of their families, the Bishop, Archdeacon, Governors and dignitaries, all hymns chosen by the Leavers. In the Chapel Cycle the reading for this service was the gift of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. It's no accident that these Leavers were charged not only with the traditional King William's commission, but also to carry with them the promise of the Holy Spirit. The Valedictory Service was their final time in Chapel – it was deeply moving for all concerned.

There have been the usual Non-Uniform Days when the Chapel Service is a Songs of Praise and all kinds of outfits are on display. These services give us an opportunity to raise monies for a wide variety of charities. Our final theme for this school year was the Diamond Jubilee and Olympics. Particular thanks must go to our visiting preacher that day, the Reverend James McGowan, who joined in with the themes by dressing up as St Alban, the first British martyr, who is depicted on our Communion Table.

Finally, I would like to offer my thanks to all who have contributed to the running of the Chapel over the year, particularly the volunteers from Colbourne, who helped to stick some extra pages into our hymn books, and to Gareth Moore and John Wright for the music. Your work is very much appreciated.

***The Reverend Eric Scott, Chaplain***

## KWC SOCIETY LOTTERY

The Lottery Draw, the profits on which go towards The Bolton Bursaries, took place on 6 December 2011. The total takings were £800 and, as usual, over 40% was awarded in prizes. The total awarded was £350 and the winners were £200 CF Robins, £100 CF Robins, £50 ES Creer. CF Robins was very pleased with his remarkable luck and subsequently made a very generous donation to the Bolton Bursaries Fund. The following contributed to the 2011 Lottery and/or have already contributed to the 2012 Lottery, to be drawn at the 2012 AGM:-

AB Acton, PG Adcock, AJ Aitken, SG Alder, JD Bolton, JD Breadner, JC Cain, JR Callin, SC Cannell, J Carine, TAJE Connor, BS Cottier, ES Creer, JP Cullen, GM Denner, PGC Fletcher, S C Fowler, DC Gelling, G E F Green, HND Hanson, ND Heaton, R Humphreys-Jones (Decd) K Lang, JHS Marris, B Metcalf, PDP Moulton, MJ Parker, HP Qualtrough, ME Quirk, Mrs J F Roberts, CF Robbins, HSL Robinson, PH Scott, SM Shasha, MB Turner, ID Wallis, GStJ Wallis, RJ Watson

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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).

J B Mylchreest	21/12/1916	Junior, Colbourne	1925-32
I D Crompton	31/12/1916	Raglan, School	1930-34
P H Scott	28/03/1917	Junior, Walters	1929-34
M M Brownsdon (nee Kirkpatrick)	05/09/ 1917	Buchan School between	1920-30
J M Garside	12/03/1918	Junior, Colbourne	1929-35
A T H Von Heijne	08/12/1919	Dickson	1933-35

The following are sadly no longer with us. We have lost touch with T B Hunn (W 1926-28) in Johannesburg and E A Hutton (J, S 1925-32) and RJ Farrington (W 1931-35) died in June 2011.

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

### BIRTHS

#### **Forte ACM (nee Harper) (B 1991/95)**

To Alice and Carlo a son, Alfredo Luciano, born 12 May 2012 in Bexhill-on-Sea. In 1995 Alice was the first female Head of School.

### ENGAGEMENTS

**Walker KE (B 1998-04) to Howarth JMW (H 2000-03)** Kirsty and John have applied to be married in King William's College Chapel in July 2013. John is the stepson of Philip John (Principal 2000-08).

### MARRIAGES

**SE Ballantyne (B1996-2002)** married David Graeme Ferguson on 26 July 2008 at Cambridge University using both their Colleges – Christ's and Trinity Hall (see News).



*Sarah (nee Ballantyne) and Graeme Ferguson*

**Humphreys-Jones P R (B 1996-2003)** Penny married Isle of Man cricketer and hockey player Gareth Morris on the 7 July 2012 at the Chapel of St. Thomas, followed by a lively Reception at King William's College. Penny, who was Head of School and Captain of the First XI, is the daughter of Robin and Claire Humphreys-Jones, both long-standing members of College staff. Among those attending were Brian Christian (J, C 1967-74), Housemaster of Colbourne 1985-92, now Headmaster of the British School Tokyo, and Tim Manning (Housemaster of Wilson House 1989-93), now Head of Longridge Towers, Berwick-upon-Tweed.

**Browning A (S 1996-2000)** Alexandra married Ben Murphy in July 2011 in Ledbury, Herefordshire. (See **News, Alexandra Murphy**)

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**Allan JC (J, D, H 1950-56)** John wrote from his home in Aberdeenshire that he, Kerrin Spurr (H, J, Wa 1948-57) ) and Max Jackson (H 1949-54) met up together in September for the first time in 59 years in Vancouver!

**Bargery JCA (H 1956-64)** retired from his post as Housemaster and Head of PE at St David's College, Llandudno in 2005 and is now Director of the College's Alumni Association.

**Brunner A (S 2002-04)** Amelie graduated from Vienna Medical University in July 2010 and is now Dr. med. Univ. A. Brunner. She is currently working at a hospital in Braunau, Austria aiming for general medicine. She looks back at her time at College as being very enjoyable.

**Clague RMGJ (St 2002-09)** Rupert writes he was awarded a Henry Neville Gladstone Exhibition in English at King's College, London (awarded for obtaining the best academic results in his year). Since the start of 2012 he has been studying at the University of California, Berkeley on an academic scholarship.

**Corrin JW (D 1943-48)** On Tynwald Day 2012 Jack received the Tynwald Honour, which is the highest award that Tynwald can give. This was in recognition of his many services to the Island, especially his legal and charitable ones. He became First Deemster and a lot of his work for Manx Blind Welfare was in conjunction with his wife Pat.

**Dodson B (C 1997-2003)** Ben is an iPhone App Developer – Ben Dodson Apps Ltd

**Creer MR (J, Wa 1975-80)** has worked his way up in the aviation industry. He started as a passenger service agent with Manx Airlines and later became a pilot. In 2011 he was promoted Captain with Virgin Atlantic and flies their four-engined A340s and A360s.

**Ferguson S E (nee Ballantyne) (B1996-2002)** On leaving College Sarah attended Christ's College, Cambridge where she received a 2.1 degree in Classics and Law. She is now an Associate at Slaughter & May. She and her husband Graeme married in 2008 and live in London: he is a Lecturer at the University of Buckingham, currently completing his PhD at the London School of Economics and supervising at Cambridge.

**Ferrier A I (D 2005/09)** After graduating from the University of Durham with a 2:1 in Economics, Politics and Education, Alex is spending the Autumn Term 2012 as a Resident Tutor at KWC before attending the Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst in January 2013.

**Hanson H D N (H 1955-63)** Neil, a Member of the Isle of Man Bar, semi-retired after forty years as an Advocate and spent three years working as a consultant with Callin Wild (formerly Quinn Kneale, Advocates) to whom he sold his legal practice (Hyde and Hanson) in 2008. He finally retired in April 2011.

**Hayes C (S 1996-03)** Carol has moved to Edinburgh and is looking forward to returning to the Island for the wedding of Penny Humphreys-Jones (B 1996-2003).

**Lang K (S 1950-55)** Keith gained his BA in Christian Theology in 2011. This was a part-time course from Trinity College, Indiana, endorsed by Christ’s College, Canterbury and taught by distance learning.

**Macnair A (Bu, MS, H, Wa 1997-2005)** Alan wrote that after attending The Buchan he joined College, being the second cohort through the IB. There was still some uchanan around whether the predicted grades would match his results and whether university offers would be attained. He was pleased to achieve the results needed to study for a BSc (Hons) in Property Valuation and Management from the University of Reading. Three years later he graduated with a 2:1 as the property market crashed, giving him a nice opportunity to change direction, as he travelled to Canada for the summer.

Canoeing in Northern Ontario was a wonderful new experience in his life and had such an impact that he returned for the following four summers. He worked at a children’s outdoor summer camp which specialized in wilderness canoeing expeditions. During what was rapidly becoming the “off season” he found work in Reading working with young children and gained experience volunteering in Isle of Man schools and worked in a local IT business. He also managed to fit in a long-distance walk along the Appalachian Trail, covering 1,053 miles and walking the first 500 with a KWC friend. These experiences cemented my decision to change path and apply for teacher training. During his PGCE at St Martin’s College, University of Cumbria, he undertook a distance placement in an Isle of Man school and is now in a promoted post leading the development of ICT at The Buchan School, which he attended 15 years before. He looks forward to making a positive influence on the children’s lives.



*Alan Macnair with Form 1 pupils Anya Jagus, Aimee Corrin and Leon Evans*

**Maddrell A L (W 1957-62)** The Alumni Office was delighted to be able to help Lester fulfil a romantic ambition – to surprise his wife by presenting red roses to her on the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of their first meeting. After some sleuthing it was decided that the date of the Buchan School Dance in 1961, where he had first set eyes on a girl in a red dress, would have been the 9<sup>th</sup> December. Lester and Diana, who was suitably surprised by the presentation, were married at St Ninian's Church, Douglas in 1966, live in Cheltenham and have three grown up children. Lester works part time as a Judge in H.M. Courts and Tribunals Service.

**Murray IH (S 1945-49)** After National Service as a Lieutenant in the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion of The Cameronians, dealing with terrorists in Malaya, and gaining his BA at Durham, Iain entered the Christian Ministry in 1955. In 1957 he co-founded the Banner of Truth Trust. He retired as Senior Editor in 1996 but is still an active author for the Trust. His latest book “Archibald G Brown (ISBN 978 1 84871 1396) is in the spirit of the Trust, as it reminds people of a great evangelical uchanan whose work is almost forgotten today. Brown (1844-1922) was a pupil and friend of Spurgeon and could be described as “Spurgeon’s successor”. While still in his twenties Brown built the East London Tabernacle seating 3,000 people. Brown was also a friend of Thomas Barnardo. The book gives an interesting view of social as well as religious conditions in Victorian times.

**Murphy A (S 1996-2000)** Alexandra, a qualified Chartered Accountant, is Vice-President at Bank of America Merrill Lynch. She is married to Ben Murphy, Vice-President at Goldman Sachs and they live in London.

**Rayar O (Bu, Olaf 1985-90 B 1990-92)** Olivia attended South Bank University, gaining a First Class Honours Degree in Psychology and Health Sciences in 1995. She was awarded a Master of Laws (LL.M) degree with Distinction in Medical Law in March this year.

**Van Issum BE (J, W 1942-52)** Bernard visited KWC in 2011 and noted that where he slept in Walters Junior Dorm is now the Staff Common Room. He did not entirely approve of the changes to The Barrovian. He had fond memories of being provided with a special breakfast treat by the catering staff after attending Mass on Sundays at St. Mary's, Douglas Road. It was remarkable how well he, a Catholic, whose parents were interned during the war, fitted into College life. There were at least three others at College from internment camps and none of them was treated differently [but remember, many of those interned because of an alien background, including Bernard, were pro-British – GBT]. After leaving College Bernard gained a B.Com, an MSc and a PhD at Leeds University. He did Patent Office work for his National Service, then went to Australia to work in quality control in eight mills and became a J.P. Finally he joined Du Pont de Nemours as a senior research engineer/chemist, working in textiles and the paper industry. He has retired to France, but still suffers from the Jo Fo accent (J. Foston, Head of Modern Languages 1938-74) and everyone now calls Bernard the “Anglais”. Two of his children have careers in law and one in eye surgery.

**Wood J (H, C 2000-05)** James graduated from The University of Newcastle, obtained an Erasmus Scholarship at Oslo University and is now studying for a Masters in International Economics at Oxford Brookes University.

**Woods P V (JH, H, R 1970-78)** Paul writes that he continued to play hockey on leaving College and represented the Isle of Man for around twenty years at county level in some form. He is now an England Hockey qualified coach, involved in coaching on the Island at all levels from Under 11 through to county. He has happy memories of playing hockey at College, originally with Mike Hoy at Colts level and with Johnny Kerr at 1<sup>st</sup> XI. On leaving he studied Biomedical Sciences (Haematology) in Bristol and is now a Fellow of the Institute of Biomedical Science, a Chartered Scientist and Head of the Haematology Department in the Pathology Laboratory at Nobles. He has two sons – Jack (14) and Harry (10), both budding hockey goalkeepers (out of choice!) and Jack has already represented the Island at U16 level. His main hobbies include coaching, fishing and walking. He also smokes his own bacon, kippers and salmon when he has time!

## NEWS OF FORMER STAFF

**McNeile JD (Master 1904-05)** He came to KWC having been a Wrangler at Sidney Sussex College and then stayed as a Fellow of St John's College, Cambridge. We have now heard that he then taught in Norfolk and for 25 years in Berkshire. After this he was 1934-35 Director of the British Astronomical Association Computing Section, having previously made an astronomical computing device.

**Weatherall, Paul (Information Technology Teacher and Librarian 1998-2001)** Paul, who together with his son Alex was very helpful in setting up the Society's database, is now Library and Archive Services Officer for Manx National Heritage at the Manx Museum. His responsibilities include the i-Museum, which opened in 2011 beside the main Museum. There, one can access free of charge via computer much information on Manx National Heritage's Library, Archive and Museum collections. There are over 200 years of Manx newspapers, baptismal, marriage and burial records from 1700-1900 and thousands of photographs of Manx people and places and War Memorial details. [Our grandson was fascinated by the information that came up on our family (GB Trustrum)] It is planned to have the records on line towards the end of 2012, but on-line users will have to pay for accessing the newspapers. Enquiries to +44(0)1624 648040.

## FORMER STAFF OBITUARIES

### **DAVID R BOWSHER MA (Cantab) MD DSc PhD (Temporary Master 1950)**

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Died 17 June 2012

Subsequent to his short time at College he became a Reader in Anatomy at Liverpool University. His great work was in Pain Research. Professor Bryan Corrin (W 1946-51) remembers David Bowsher as a lively and inspirational teacher.

*G B Trustrum*

### **ROBERT GIBSON DICKENS (Modern Languages Master 1950-53)**

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Died 16 February 2012 at St Edith Court, Leigh on Sea aged 87

Robert (Bob) had a most valuable three years in the Island. He found out how not to teach and met Margaret (Madge) who became his wife. Both of these events were most valuable to his future career as a successful master at Millfield School.

During the war he initially served as a naval officer on frigates escorting convoys. He then volunteered for Special Duties, which turned out to be in the new midget submarines. He did not actually partake in any operations, but several times he was part of a back-up crew. The large scar on his forehead was not a war wound, but the result of a cycle accident aged ten. After a degree at Christ's College, Cambridge and a PGCE at Leeds he joined KWC as a Modern Language Master. As he and Dick Boyns (1948-82, later Senior Master) had both been Head of School House at Kingswood School, Bath S.E. Wilson (Principal 1935-58) was delighted to make Bob assistant to Dick in School House at KWC. Bob also enjoyed messing about in boats with Naval Section of the CCF and commanded the Section in his last year.

Bob was always a very likeable and approachable member of staff. Unfortunately boys took advantage of his good nature and classes were not well disciplined. Whilst he was courting Margaret, who taught Modern Languages at Douglas High School, she frequently visited his study in School House. When she was there we found excuses to politely knock on the door. We never found them doing anything amiss but someone claimed to hear him call her "Chick". After this many of us approached his study clucking loudly. They married shortly after Bob left for his next post at King's College School, Wimbledon. Margaret was a good scholar and Professor Cruikshank (Sussex) told me that she was his rival during his undergraduate course at Trinity College, Dublin. He was relieved to beat her in Finals.

After two years at Bedford School Bob joined Millfield in 1957. He became Head of Modern Languages, a Housemaster and Senior Year Tutor. His time at College had helped him to handle pupils and at Millfield he was a very good teacher. I had confirmation of his success when interviewing a candidate from Millfield for entrance to the University of Sussex. Margaret gave Bob great support by acting as his House Mum and member of his department. He retired in 1989.

They had two sons: Anthony, who is a General Practitioner in Westcliffe-on-Sea and Colin, who died about three years ago of a brain haemorrhage. Bob's health was good in retirement. He enjoyed gardening and survived Margaret by about two years, eventually moving to Essex to be nearer to Anthony and his three children, to whom we offer our sympathy.

*Brian Trustrum with help from Dr L A Dickens*

## OKW AND BUCHAN OBITUARIES

### **TIMOTHY JAMES ATKINSON (H 1939-47)**

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Died on holiday in Spain 28 March 2007 aged 76

Timothy, a Hunt House boy from Derbyhaven, came from a family of keen golfers and horse riders. Unfortunately, when he was seventeen he was involved in an accident with a young horse his mother had bred and was dragged across a field. It resulted in the loss of much of the use of the muscle in his left leg. He had to leave College early as polio was suspected but a number of medical examinations were undertaken and there was no conclusive diagnosis. Despite this early physical setback he continued to play golf until he was fifty, reducing his handicap to 8 and also cubbed with the Essex Union Hunt.

Initially Timothy worked for Heals in London, then moved fairly soon to pursue a career in brewing, moving to Bass in Burton-on-Trent and where he met his wife Angela. He became Head Brewer of T.D. Ridley in the Essex hamlet of Hartford End, an ideal place for them to bring up their two daughters. In 1978 he was surprised to read in his local paper that Ridley's brewery had won the 'Best Bitter' award at the first Campaign for Real Ale (CAMRA) competition at Alexandra palace. Casks of bitter had been collected from breweries throughout the country and sampled blind by the general public. In 1983 his Pale Ale was judged the best and runner up at The International Brewing, Bottling and Allied Trades Championships in Birmingham.

On retiring to Ballaugh in 1986, the effects of needing a walking stick for most of his life caused a

number of secondary complications to his health and in his final years he became a well-known figure with a shock of white hair driving the village on his Scoota. He remained cheerful and remembered that in 1940 he broke the Class V 60 yards record in 9.2 seconds. This was a record, although not properly acknowledged in the Barrovian. It was equalled and bettered in subsequent years but remained a family talking point.

One of his great interests throughout his life was his love of the works of Siegfried Sassoon from being given his first copy of *Memoirs of a Fox Hunting Man* by his mother when he was 11. He amassed a collection of over two hundred works, including a number of signed first editions. He was also a well known collector of paintings of Manx artists.

Timothy was proud that his grandson P.F Evans (D, C 2003-10) attended College and that five generations of his family played at Castletown Golf Links.

*Angela Atkinson*

(We offer our sympathies to Angela, his wife of fifty years, and their daughters Fenella Evans and Katryna Thomson on the loss of one who overcame much adversity and lived and enjoyed life to the full. Ed.)

(Timothy's record was beaten by J.B. Eaton (H) (H J C 1958-67) who ran 8.8 secs in 1959. J.D. Okell's (J, C 1952-60) time of 8.8 in 1953 was with a following wind. R.F. Robinson (J, S 1944-48) and R.H. Corran (J, S 1948-58) equalled Timothy's time. Both have died. GBT)

### **JOHN C A BELL (S 1960-65)**

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Died 29 May 2012 at the Princess Alice Hospice, Esher, Surrey aged 65

John was a superb all-round sportsman. At College he was Captain of the XV 1961-64, the XI and also awarded his Athletics Colours and the China Cup (for Best Athlete in School) for two years running. He added tennis, golf, swimming, football, squash and golf in later years. During his working life he was an Independent Financial Adviser. We offer our sympathies to his family and his wife Philippa.

### **HENRY JOHN BUCKLEY (H 1940-43)**

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Died 14 July 2011 aged 86 in hospital in Fuengirola, Spain

Henry was one of my closest friends at College. I recorded his arrival on the 20<sup>th</sup> May 1940: "a Belgian fellow came today to school is in Hunt House" but we did not meet after school until 14<sup>th</sup> April 1941: "The Buckleys came to tea". Thereafter, for the next two years, we spent our time out of doors fishing in the sea and rivers of the Isle of Man and socially with my twin sister Sara and her Buchan School friends, Suzette Roberts and Gwen Hollick.

Henry was born in Nice of Belgian parents (Dingemans) on 24 February 1925 but his father died a year or two later and his mother married again in the early thirties. Buckley senior was manager of the Malta and Gozo gasworks and Henry boarded at King's School, Canterbury before coming to the Isle of Man.

Henry was a Prae and won Colours three years for shooting. He and I were of the few who took

fencing lessons from Sergeant Major Grant, but his best game was hockey, as he proved later playing for Leeds University.

Henry could also sing, as witness this report in *The Barrovian* of May 1943: "Of the other vocalists Buckley, who possesses a voice of good quality though not robust, is to be congratulated on an artistic rendering of 'The Umbrella Man'. He was less successful with 'Me and my Gal'. His broken English was charming but neither his actions nor his costume managed really to convey the exuberance of Chevalier" (No. 190 page 8).

Henry was awarded a UK Gas Corporation Scholarship to Leeds University to read Chemical Engineering for his B.Sc. from 1943-45. While there he met Dorothy and they married in 1948. In his industrial career he worked for the North West Gas Board, the Imperial Continental Gas Association in England and Belgium and finally for Century Power and Light.

He retired in 1985 and he and Dorothy moved to Spain. Dorothy tells me that Henry was a great sailor and qualified Yacht Master and sailed to many places including Spain, Ireland, France, and the Caribbean. After they left Spain I never expected to see the Buckleys again, but some ten years ago we were staying the night in southern Spain on a Martin Randall tour when I realised that we were only fifty miles from Fuengirola so they came up and stayed in our hotel.

Henry died peacefully in hospital, leaving a widow, two sons and four grandchildren, to whom we offer our sincere condolences.

***Peter B Farrer (H 1939-44)***

[Henry John Buckley's death was briefly mentioned in the previous magazine but there were some inaccuracies, for which we apologise. Ed.]

### **JUAN STANHOPE CHESTER (H 1942-49)**

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Died 10 March 2012 in hospital in Folkestone aged 81

Juan was a Prae. He gained his XV Colours for two years and also his Athletics Colours. After National Service in the Navy he attended the Royal School of Mines, Imperial College 1950-56 and gained his BSc in Metallurgy and MSc in Mineral Processing. His subsequent successful career in Mining was in Northern Rhodesia (now Zambia). He retired to Folkestone. His wife Marion died fourteen years ago. We offer our sympathy to his twin sons David and Paul (J, S 1967-75), his daughter Sarah Jane and his sisters Denise Holmes (Buchan) and Gillian Aughton.

### **PETER ALEXANDER CROWE (J, C 1946-54)**

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Died on 13<sup>th</sup> May 2012 aged 77

in the Royal Jubilee Hospital, Victoria, Vancouver Island, Canada

Peter Alexander Crowe was born in Liverpool. His brother W.N. (Neil) Crowe also attended College from 1947 until 1957. On coming to the Island his family lived initially at Union Mills and later in Baldrine. Peter was a very successful member of the Royal Navy Section of the Combined Cadet Force, reaching the rank of Petty Officer. He gained his 2<sup>nd</sup> XV Colours and Swimming GT 3 times and was awarded a Sir Frederick Clucas Choir Prize as a tenor. As a cadet in the CCF he was selected

to watch the Coronation Procession from the Queen Victoria Memorial. On leaving College he joined the Royal Navy for his National Service from 1954-56. After demobilisation he emigrated to Canada, where he lived first in Montreal, moving shortly afterwards to Vancouver where he could indulge his passion for sailing. He was Past Commodore of The Vancouver Rowing Club, Yachting Section. He initially worked in the timber trade but eventually became a Yacht Broker. He also became an accomplished artist. Our deepest sympathy is extended to his brother Neil and his family in the Isle of Man and United Kingdom.

*Neil Crowe and Brian Trustrum*

**PRESTON CALVERT GLASS (H 1955-62)**

Former President of the London Manx Society

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Died on 16 February 2012 in Luton aged 67

Preston was born in Heywood, Lancashire on 23 February 1944. His father, Reverend E.B. Glass (D 1928-32) was Archdeacon of Mann and became Vicar of Castletown. Preston grew up at the Vicarage opposite the Nautical Museum. At College he was active in the Combined Cadet Force, gaining Certificate A Parts 1 and 2 and represented Hunt in the Cross-country. When he left school he joined the regular Army for nine years, serving in Germany and Aden. He held the position of Regimental Surveyor with 1<sup>st</sup> Regiment, Royal Horse Artillery and later transferred to REME. He was an active Old Boy.

Preston made a significant and important contribution to the London Manx Society during his Presidency and long term membership of the Committee. For several years he held the offices of Honorary Secretary and Social Secretary and arranged outings and Manx quizzes. At the occasional Mhelliah he was even known to play the spoons with great verve and perform to the accompaniment of the recorded music he brought back from his travels.

Preston was a meticulous man and took up the position of Clerical Officer at the European Rail Passenger Office of British Rail in their offices at Paddington. Early retirement enabled him to indulge his passion of railway travel to the farthest reaches of the globe. He travelled to Canada and the United States, Australia, Japan, Vietnam and throughout Europe. He would also travel extensively on trips from his home base in Luton, visiting the much-loved Severn Valley Railway and further destinations, returning to London to indulge his fondness for good jazz and real ale. He visited the Isle of Man once a year and took a delight in the diversity of antique railway and transport systems which have survived to this day and which served as a reminder of his many years on the Island. Preston was an accomplished painter and loved nature and wildlife, frequently visiting Kew Gardens and Bushey Park. He wrote well and was a most intelligent conversationalist.

Personally I will miss my weekly chats with Preston over the most wide ranging topics, on all of which he was well informed and held entertaining and firm convictions. He was greatly sustained by his Christian faith and the connections with his local church.

Preston Glass was a singular man and we shall all miss him. We send our sympathy to his sister Frances and her family. We have all lost a steadfast friend.

*Adapted from an obituary written for the London Manx Society by Sam Alder (J, C 1954-63)*

## **GEOFFREY EDWARD HEALD (J, S 1935-43)**

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Died 25 September 2010 at Manchester aged 85

Geoffrey was a Praepositor, Captain of Hockey, gained his XV and IX Colours for three years and his Athletics Colours in 1943. The Barrovian described him as a fly-half whose equitable temperament was invaluable to the side and as a stylish batsman and sound wicket keeper. He gained Kewley and Beatson Science Prizes in 1943 and was Hon Secretary of the Scientific Society, speaking to it on Luminescence of Sea Creatures. He was also Treasurer of the Music Club. On leaving he went to Caius College Cambridge 1943-45 where he gained his BA. There followed hospital years in Obstetrics at Hope Hospital and in Paediatrics at Booth Hall and Gartside Street and service in the RAF (Medical Branch) 1950-52.

Six years at Heanor, Derbyshire with its cottage hospital and maternity home provided useful experience. He then moved to Hulme, Central Manchester and set up Hulme House, one of the first custom-built doctors' premises in the North with six doctors, a dentist and two midwives working there. A great deal of the area had been flattened to make way for high-rise development on a large scale and a new population moved into the unsuitable accommodation.

A note left by Geoffrey said "I would like to think that the medical services we provided were the bright future of an otherwise disastrous social experiment. More recently they have knocked down the high-rise flats and started again with small town houses". Clinical assistantships at St Mary's and Withington Hospitals and a GP Obstetrics Unit and two decades of assisting in the Haematology Department for two decades provided Geoffrey with more varied medical experience.

Geoffrey had an active retirement. Some of his paintings were accepted for exhibition at the Royal Academy and others illustrated the two poetry books he published in 2004 and 2010. Like his comments above on social engineering, two of the poems show his concern for the underdog: the Cathars and Palagius, who were persecuted for their religious views. He and his wife Joan visited India, Russia, Central Asia, the Australian Outback and their son Jeremy in Mexico, now Director of the School of Economics at Guanajuato University.

We offer our deepest sympathy to his wife Joan, their son Jeremy, daughter Sarah, their four grandchildren and Geoffrey's sister Judith.

*Brian Trustrum, with thanks to Joan Heald for passing on the note  
Geoffrey left and his poems*

## **GEORGE EDWARD HUNTLEY BDS LDS RCS (J, S 1952-61)**

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Died 16<sup>th</sup> April 2012 aged 70 at home in Glentramman, Lezayre, Isle of Man

George entered Junior House at the age of ten and joined his brother Frank (J, S 1949-57) in School House two years later. John Tweedale (S, 1956-61), a contemporary in School House and later his brother-in-law, has described how with his extrovert personality and a ready willingness to help others, he was very popular in the house. Indeed, his very Christian outlook tempted him at one stage to enter the Church. He was a good all-rounder, academically industrious, and at the same time a capable Rugby player, who represented the 2<sup>nd</sup> XV. It is interesting that someone as correct and proper in adulthood, should when a praepositor, have been reduced to the ranks for smoking! George left College in 1961. Although his earlier intention was to be a vet he chose to read dentistry at the London Hospital.

One of his best friends at the London, Declan Dwyer, recalls how George was one of the most popular students in his year, who had an unusual ability to laugh at himself, and whereas he oozed integrity, he would also find something funny in most situations. He passed all his exams at the first attempt and qualified in 1965. He was a Senior House Officer at the London before undertaking a VSO position in Malaya. During two years in the Far East he helped to set up the Flying Dental Service and would visit outlying villages under military escort.

George returned to the Island in 1969 and set up a practice in Ramsey with John Burns, a semi-retired dentist from Liverpool. Later he set up a practice in Grove Mount and in 1977 was joined by Peter Coombe (H, W 1956-67). Roger Godfrey, Consultant at Nobles Hospital, writing in the *British Dental Journal* (213, 325) described how under George's forward-thinking and dedicated leadership, the practice became the largest on the Island, well-recognised for its excellence. George earned huge respect and affection from his patients, many of whom would travel from distant parts of the Island, being gentle, empathetic and professional. Indeed he was often a friend and counsellor very much in the manner of the best family doctors.

George married Rosemary on 28<sup>th</sup> August 1972. She had strong associations with KWC, being the daughter of Chris Connal (John Christian, J, C 1911-1918), niece of Jim (James Angus Meikeljohn Connal, J, C 1911-17) and Ronald (J, C 1914-20), and cousin of James Michael (J, C 1942-49). They had two daughters, Julia and Georgina, who between them have produced five grandchildren, Grace, Emily, Alexander, Isabel and Barnaby. George loved family life and was a devoted husband, father and grandfather. George retired on 31<sup>st</sup> December 2008 and busied himself with courses in photography, growing all sorts of vegetables and tutoring the dental nurses. He and Rosemary enjoyed some great holidays and had planned to go to South America earlier this year. Sadly his final illness would cruelly cut short his many plans for the future.

Kirk Christ Lezayre was packed for George's Funeral and after a very entertaining sketch by Julia and Georgina, there were eulogies from his friend of more than fifty years, Keith Kerruish (S 1956-61) and Roger Butler. Keith, who had fagged for George, was his best man at his wedding. He recalled how George had been a keen walker in the Lake District and completed the coast to coast walk. He was a generous supporter of the Ramsey Horticultural Society and a long term member of the Rotary Club of Ramsey, serving as President in 1997, its fiftieth year. He had a particular interest in organising international exchanges and was twice awarded a Paul Harris Fellowship for his services, Keith being one of two Rotarians who handed the Fellowships to George shortly before he died. Although very unwell, George was clearly touched and appreciative of this high honour. In conclusion Keith described him as "a wonderful character, a loyal friend and a good Manxman and we are here in great numbers today because we all remember him with love and affection."

We send our deepest sympathy to his wife Rosemary, and his children Julia and Georgina, his five grandchildren, two sons-in-law and his brother Frank (J, S 1949-57) and his sister Gail Tweedale and brother-in-law John Tweedale (S 1956-61).

*Pat Cullen (J, S 1947-56)*

**BRIAN DOUGLAS KANEEN (H 1947-54)**

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Died 8 January 2012 in Vancouver, Canada aged 76

Brian was a House Praepositor and passed Parts I and II in the CCF but already at College he had developed his lifelong interest in languages. He and his great friend Peter Skrine (H 1947-53) were inseparable, known as Skrineen and quite the best Modern Language pupils at College. Good

students usually occur in pairs, as they inspire each other. Peter has retired from his Chair at Bristol University.

Brian's parents emigrated to Canada. After National Service in the Intelligence Corps in Germany, Brian gained a Beaverbrook Exchange Scholarship which resulted in a First Class BA at McGill University, Montreal in 1959. He was then awarded an Andrew D. White Fellowship for Graduate Study at Cornell University which was another top academic award. For some reason his PhD thesis was not completed and his future posts were not commensurate with this great ability. Nevertheless from 1965 onwards he taught at Simon Fraser University, Burnaby, British Columbia, becoming Senior Lecturer in Linguistics in 1988. He also gave some courses in Germany. He told me that his lack of a PhD meant a lack of promotion, but the consequent lower pay meant he was not made redundant in hard economic times. As a bachelor the lack of money was not serious for him but his teaching and work on languages, which included Esperanto, meant a great deal to him.

On a recent visit to the Island he attended a Cameo meeting, not realising it was a Rushen Ladies Church Group. The group was mystified but polite. His ashes will be interred in Rushen Churchyard. We offer our sympathies to his relatives, including John E. Kaneen of Douglas.

*Brian Trustrum*

**RICHARD JOHN LYON MA (Master 1953-60)**

Died 30<sup>th</sup> January 2012 aged 80

Richard John Lyon was a graduate of Corpus Christi College, Cambridge in Modern Languages. He arrived at King William's College in 1953 and played a full and active part in College life over seven years until he left to take up a similar post at Sedbergh School, Cumbria. He retired from full-time teaching in 1986.

During his time at College he was known for his prowess on the Fives Courts, his immaculate bowling on the cricket field, his consummate production of House Plays as well as a personal triumph as a French waiter in a play staged by fellow masters.

His achievements in the classroom were no less impressive. He was a successful French teacher at Advanced Level as well as with less gifted pupils at Ordinary Level. A very tall man with a somewhat laconic manner, he nevertheless possessed a dry and sparkling wit which entertained his colleagues in general and the Literary and Debating Society in particular. He was the longest-serving assistant Housemaster in School House for the period of thirty years, ending in 1960 when his shrewd judgement, wide interests and devotion to duty were particularly missed when he left for Sedbergh. We send our deepest sympathy to his family.

*Bryan Harding*

**MAJOR HENRY PERCIVAL QUALTROUGH MBE (Military), GM (H 1935-42)**

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Died 8 March 2012 at Abbotswood Nursing Home, Ballasalla aged 87

At the Service of Thanksgiving for Henry's life, Dursley Stott (H, S 1946-54) said how pleased he was to give the Eulogy, which with small modifications forms the obituary. Not only was Henry a brave and courageous man, but he was also generous and kind.

His interests included motor cycle racing in the Isle of Man – MGP, TT and Southern Hundred – and the Royal British Legion and often raised money for these. He also enjoyed sailing his boat out of Castletown. He was an accomplished pianist and, like many Qualtroughs, he had a good singing voice. He was a qualified international rugby referee and a League 2 soccer player in Scotland. At College he was a Praepositor and Head of House. He was in the XV for two years and XI for a year. He won the Mile, gained his Athletics Colours and was CQMS in the OTC. He was well liked by the boys under him as being fair but firm. He became President of the Barrovian Society 1988-89.

During the early part of WW2 Henry decided to join the army when he was about eighteen. He was firstly in the Liverpool Regiment and later a member of the Bomb Disposal Unit in the Royal Engineers. Two years later, on his twentieth birthday, he was part of the Normandy Landing on Gold Beach, being one of the forty men who went in on the first wave to clear the mines. Only two of the forty survived. Around this time he was awarded the B.E.M. which was later changed for all its members to the M.B.E. (Military).

Continuing his career in the army at the end of the war, Henry visited many countries such as Greece, Hong Kong, Japan, Singapore and Malaya. In 1965 and 1966 Major Qualtrough and Sergeant Cooke were faced with the most hazardous overseas task. They were to carry out a reconnaissance on Penang of abandoned Japanese mines and bomb dumps. Part had been cleared in the 1950s, however nine storage tunnels and hidden pits were discovered containing a vast collection of mines and shells – many oozing explosives. After working there, they set off for BETID where there were explosives in fifty collapsed bunkers. Their task was to clear them by hand and sea-dump the contents. Both men were awarded the George Medal in 1967, one of the highest awards for both civilians and military for bravery in non-military action. It was described as one of the most hair-raising and dangerous assignments since the end of WW2. In the army he used to train new recruits with cartoons which he drew himself. These were admired by his immediate senior officers who wished to see them as a manual, but the higher-ranking officers thought they were too risqué.

On retirement Henry became Clerk of Works to the Castletown Commissioners and was often seen riding his motorised bicycle across the Square with his flag flying and uchanan dog Domino running behind, appearing to ignore all other road users. Henry was a man's man and, although appearing gruff at times, had a heart of gold and certainly enjoyed a pint or two. People were invited to the Sidings (formerly The Duck's Nest) to further celebrate Henry's life. Dursley expressed the feelings of the Society when he offered sympathy to Henry's wife Anne and his family and said that it was a great privilege to have known a man of Henry's calibre.

[Our thanks to Dursley Stott for his Eulogy and his wife Margot in helping to prepare it. Ed.]

### **BARRY TRENTHAM STANLEY (H 1947-52)**

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Died 23 June 2012 at the Royal Liverpool University Hospital aged 78

Barry was a member of the Manx Bar for 54 years, but this was not a record. John Crellin (Stonyhurst), a Ramsey lawyer, had been practising even longer but died on 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2012.

Barry gained his 2<sup>nd</sup> XI Cricket Colours and played one game for the 1<sup>st</sup> XI. He was in the Hunt House team, which won the Shooting Shield in 1952. The best three scores in both house and school were by J.T. Kelly (H1945-52), J.E.F. Harper (H1945-53) and Barry.

After leaving KWC he gained his LL.B at Manchester University (1952-55) and was called to the Manx Bar and married Jennifer in 1958. After being commissioned during National Service he

returned to the Island and started a legal practice with his cousin Bill Ashton (H 1947-53). Henry Kelly (H 1922-26) soon invited them to join him in what became Kelly Luft Stanley and Ashton. This is the oldest law firm in the Island, tracing its history back to 1844 and is still thriving. Barry retired as a Senior Partner in April 2012 and became a Consultant. Bill is still a partner.

Barry was my lawyer. He was always efficient, thought carefully, gave sensible advice, did not dominate his clients but understood their viewpoints. He had a sense of humour and during his consultations serious talk was punctuated by laughter.

He had been Chairman of Conister Trust, a Local Director of Barclays Bank and President of the Manx Rose Society. He was also an amateur artist and two of his paintings hung in his office. One was a recent view of Hango Hill and the other showed an impressive Army building in Fremington, Devon where Barry was an Education Officer during his National Service.

We offer our sympathies to his wife Jennifer, his sons Richard (H 1973-80) and Jason (H 1975-82), their wives Jenifer (Buchan) and Rachel and his grandchildren Peter (Bu, Wa 2001-12), Jessica (Bu, KWC 2012- ) and James (Wa 2010- ). Jason and Jenifer are partners in the family law firm.

*Brian Trustrum with help from John Harper and Barry's family*

### **PROFESSOR JUAN SAMUEL WATTERSON (J,D 1946-53)**

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Died 10 June 2012 at Hospice Isle of Man aged 76

Juan was born at the former Faragher's Bakery in Port St Mary, which overlooked the harbour and initiated his love of the sea. His parents moved to Onchan and he won a scholarship to College from Murray's Road School. He was a Praepositor, Captain of Shooting and gained his 1<sup>st</sup> XV Colours. The Barrovian said he was "the utility man of the side, who did well wherever he played; finally he developed into a centre", but he considered himself a fly-half. He left College when just 18 with a place at Imperial College, following National Service as a Fleet Air Arm Navigator. Had he stayed another year he would have furthered his school career considerably.

At Imperial he gained a First in Geology and then joined the Greenland Survey. There followed four years in Copenhagen, during which he represented Denmark at Squash. He then joined Liverpool University and rose from Assistant Lecturer to Professor with a Personal Chair in Geology in 1992. He was an active member of the Tectonics Studies Group and set up the Fault Analysis Group. This has now moved from Liverpool to Dublin. And Juan's main work in later years was with this group. He brought order and insight to the subject of faults and related earthquake behaviour. As at KWC, Juan did not seek honours for himself but stuck to his principles and spoke out in favour of colleagues. However his academic work on Faults was recognised when the Geological Society of London awarded him the Murchison Medal in 2002: the citation of his research stated "The impact of his work in academic circles and its industrial application have been enormous". He had already retired to the Island in 1997.

His love of the sea, which had been furthered by research trips in Greenland waters on the MV Kimberlit, continued in retirement. For seven years he was a most active Secretary of the Castletown and Derbyhaven Motor Boat and Sailing Club. Over several years he built a traditional Castletown Class sailing boat, named "Alice and Lily" after his granddaughters.

His wife Barbara, an Egyptologist, also taught at Liverpool University and still gives occasional lectures in the Island. They were both free thinkers, amazed some of their students by dancing well to

jazz and enjoyed forty seven years of a very happy marriage. Their daughter Juana Warburton lives in Derbyhaven with her husband Paul and their two daughters. Fortunately Juan did not suffer a long illness. We offer our deepest sympathies to his family.

*Brian Trustrum, with help from Barbara Watterson & Professor John Walsh (University College, Dublin)*

**ROY OWEN WHITE (Wa 1946-53)**

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Died 31 October 2011 at Stepping Hill Hospital Stockpot aged 77

After arriving at College aged 11, Roy was soon known as “Shorty” and was known to say “How do’st thou know I came from Lancashire?” (he was living in Stockport but born in Manchester). However Roy was mentally and physically tough and overcame disadvantages and looked after his interests. His friendship with Dursley Stott (J, S 1946-54) dates from their starting at KWC and giving each other mutual support. In swimming Roy gained his GT at no more than thirteen, twice gained his 2<sup>nd</sup> colours and was House Captain in his last year. He was a Corporal in the CCF and a sub praepositor. However his great achievement was gaining his 1<sup>st</sup> XV colours. Alan Roche (PE Master 1951-55) wrote “His hooking improved steadily and he played with terrier-like ferocity in the loose”. This terrier-like ferocity characterized Roy’s tremendous energy in all he achieved.

After winning the Beatson Science Prize in Biology, Roy entered the Royal Dick Veterinary College, University of Edinburgh. After qualifying he worked hard as a veterinary surgeon and at the same time he was a company director and farmer. He also made several shrewd property deals. In their so-called free time Roy and Morag, his wife of 52 years, were active in the Conservative Party and in other public work. Consequently they were involved in fund raising and social occasions and friends were continually dropping into their kitchen. Roy was Chairman of Hazlegrove and Bramhall UDC and was awarded the OBE for Political Services. Morag received her MBE for Political and Public Services. On the day of Roy’s OBE Investiture at the Palace they boarded a taxi. The driver noted their smart dress and immediately drove off towards the Chelsea Flower Show.

As a farmer Roy was horrified when a fox was attacking his ducks at night. To catch the fox he tied one end of a piece of string to a rabbit carcass and the other to himself whilst he dozed upstairs in a chair with a loaded gun beside him. Roy was duly woken when the fox struck, but fortunately the string broke before Roy was pulled out of the window.

We offer our sympathies to Roy’s wife Morag, his sons Stuart (J, D 1972-74) and David and his daughter Nona.

*Brian Trustrum with help from Dursley Stott, Nona White and David White’s Funeral Eulogy*

## NOTICE OF DEATH

We have been advised of the following deaths and hope to publish obituaries later:-

**EDWARD CALLOW (H 1933-39)**

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Died 1 June 2011 at Abbotswood House, Ballasalla aged 91

He was a Master Mariner with the Ellerman Line and a Younger Brother of Trinity House

**ALEC NEIL DONALDSON ( D 1932-38 )**

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Died 2 January 2012 aged 92

He lived in Cambridge and had a pivotal involvement in philately

**PATRICK MICHAEL EWAN KELSEY (D 1959-64)**

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Died 12 August 2011 aged 65

**ERIC LOWCOCK (C 1939-42)**

Register page 774

Died 4 December 2010 aged 86

He lived in Styal, Cheshire and before retirement was a glove manufacturer.

**JOHN PAUL PADFIELD (S 1953-56)**

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Died 23 August 2012 aged 72 in East Cheshire Hospice

Loving partner of Joan. His older brothers were CW (Bill) Padfield (J, S 1959-65)65 and NM (Nick) Padfield J, S 1959-65.

## 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.

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

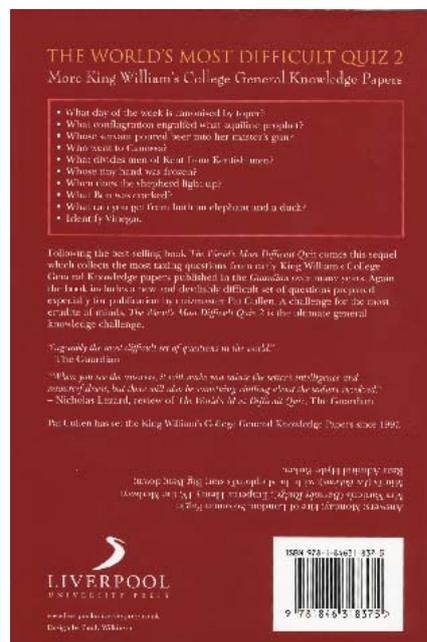
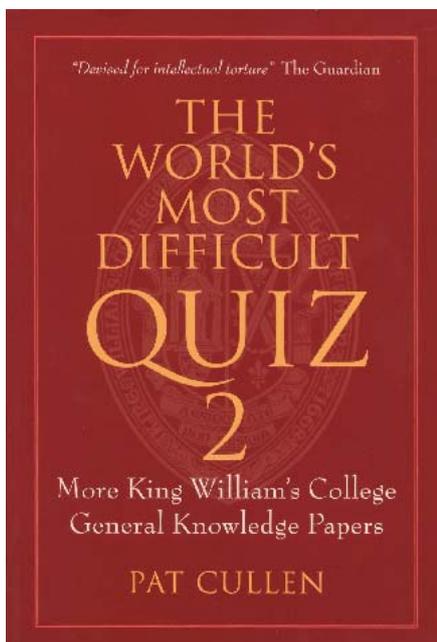
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## DENIS F GLASS REMINISCENCES

### 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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