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Welcome

It's now nine years since I nervously crossed the threshold into the Chief Master's study and sensed – or imagined – that I could smell the ghostly smoke from the ghostly pipe of Canon RG Lunt, MC. A lot has happened at this school in those nine years and, as I keep on saying, much, indeed most, of what we have done has depended on the support of the Old Edwardians.

One of the great fascinations of the job has been confronting the extraordinary range of talents and experiences of the alumni. In the last six months I have been lucky to do wondrous things. I have sat at dinner in New York with Lee Child, Sir Paul Ruddock, Paul Smith, the Head of the British Council in Washington and David Collis, a professor at Harvard Business School and others. I have stood with boys from the School at the grave of Robert Quilter Gilson, the son of Cary Gilson, looked upon the name of Harold Bache on the Menin Gate and seen the transformation of the Chapel into a remarkable exhibition about the First World War, complete with detailed biographies of every boy who died.

And, then a few weeks ago, I came upon the biggest wonder of them all, a school in northern India, founded by two former pupils which is so indebted to King Edward's that it even has a Chief Master. I am not sure that the ghost of Canon RG Lunt, MC would approve.

John Cloughton

■ John Cloughton (1975)
Chief Master and President of the OEA

The Rt Hon David Willetts MP (1974)
reflects on his time in politics

A brief word from:

The Chairman



Welcome to another edition of the Gazette. Under the stewardship of the Development Office and Danielle in particular, it is my belief that the magazine is going from strength to strength and really has become an excellent read.

I was fortunate enough to see a preview of the exhibition commemorating the centenary of the First World War, which is on display in the Chapel. I would urge all OEs to try and see this as it shows how Old Edwardians rose to the challenge of fighting for their country. The Old Edwardians Association made a grant of £5,000 which went towards the restoration of the bronze panels that line the right-hand wall of the Chapel and list the 245 names of those that didn't return.

A feature of the exhibition I found fascinating was the iPads, which enabled one to see a biography of each OE who died and really makes you think about the impact that the First World War had on the alumni community.

Amongst a number of events I have attended was the Biennial Dinner in October last year. Big School looked fantastic, there was a record attendance and two very thought provoking speeches were given by Lieutenant Colonel Nick Keen (1977) and Colonel Oliver Lee OBE (1991). It was a real privilege to have two of our oldest OEs, Anthony Lucas and Philip Woods, on the table who left in 1936 and 1939, for the non-mathematicians amongst you that made them 96 and 93 years of age respectively.

■ John Wheatley (1969)
Chairman of the OEA

Letters to the Editor

Lost and found



Dear Editor,

Having been 'found' after being 'lost', I have enjoyed reading the Gazettes published online noting news of my contemporaries though, sadly, also hearing of some deaths of those I knew well.

I was a member of Victor Biggs' Cary Gilson house but I regret that I will not be remembered for my academic achievements. On the sports field, I featured in the cricket 1st XI for four years (1957-1960). Coach and umpire Dudley Cockle always reckoned that I saved his life during the OEA match at Eastern Road in 1957. Bowling a rank half-volley from the pavilion end, I held a return catch three feet in front of Dudley's face. He had not seen it or moved. The batsman departed somewhat crestfallen, D H Benson c&b Green 4!

At rugby, I appeared for the XV on only two occasions the second of which was the last match of the 60 season, a 6-3 win at Warwick. I kicked a penalty and the other three points came from a try by a fly-half making his last appearance for the School, Bill Oddie. I was a regular in the lunch-time parade ground football matches and captained the CCF six-a-side football team at Tidworth Camp in 1959.

Also in the CCF, I was drum-major for the 50th Anniversary Celebrations and Parade in 1960. During rehearsal, I marched the Band up the main drive to the annoyance of the teachers, but obvious delight of the pupils of KEHS. Majors Buttle and Cooke had a few choice words to say about the incident and I narrowly avoided jankers though I recall them smiling to themselves after my salute and dismissal!

My time at KES was a happy and rewarding one with fond memories. After leaving, I had a career in the building industry, initially as a quantity surveyor and then as a buyer, working in Birmingham, Rugby and Milton Keynes. I married Ann in 1968 and we have a married daughter and two grandchildren who still live near Rugby. Ann and I moved to Minehead in 1996 and I joined Exmoor National Park becoming manager of a Visitor Centre for five years until retirement in 2007. I founded the Minehead Male Voice Choir which, though I have now retired as its musical director, continues to be successful. I volunteer on the West Somerset Heritage Railway, enjoy the local countryside and a little golf, and am closely involved with local music festival and church activities.

Robert (RAG) Green (1960)

Basketball

Dear Editor,

I was clearing out an old box recently and came across this old photo of the basketball team. I'm not entirely certain of the year – possibly 1976?

I'm in the front row wearing no. 13, sitting next to Dave Barnett on the end. The others

in the front row are (L-R) Dave Worral, Mark Williams, John Betteridge, Duncan Shuttleworth and Bruce Herrod. The back row I'm less certain of but two across from Stuart Birch is Hugh Blythe (4) and a further two across is Andrew Tobias (14). Typical hairstyles of the era!

Mark Jackson (1977)



A deformed ear?

Dear Editor,

I was taught history when in the Upper Middles by Mr Rupert Bentley-Taylor. I particularly remember his enthusiastic discussions on the Seven Years War. He left KES and I heard no more of him. I now live near Bournemouth and was interested to see his name as a speaker for a series of talks earlier this year at Lansdowne Baptist Church. I understand he is a retired Baptist minister.

I remember when first starting at KES in 1976 being shown the portrait of Edward VI above the first flight of stairs heading from the Gild Hall to the Classics corridor and being told that the portraits of Edward VI never showed his right ear because it was deformed. Does anyone know of any historical truth to this assertion?

Lasantha Wijesinghe (1983)



À la recherche du temps perdu

Dear Editor,

Reading the letters from some of my (near) contemporaries in the 2014 OEA Gazette gives me cause to reflect on my own days at KES. As a 10+ novice early starter, through a Foundation and later KES scholarship, my path through academia should perhaps have been paved in glory, a reward which, at least after my initial years, was conspicuous by its absence.

Eventually, and much to the disapproval of the then Chief Master, The Reverend RG Lunt, I ducked out of a third shot at GCE 'A' and 'S' levels in March 1956, to take up instead a self-generated job with the Automobile Association, prior to taking up a State scholarship to study German at Manchester. Whilst I make no excuses for the apparent failure on my part to breach the citadels of Oxbridge, I would offer the following exegesis: as a 10-year-old boy, on an unexpected scholarship from a working-class area in Birmingham, I felt both out of place and time during much of my secondary education at KES.

Some outstanding teachers made those otherwise tedious lessons at least tolerable, and at times enjoyable. They include the redoubtable David Lutyens, and the venerable – if somewhat eccentric – Latin master, known in retrospect simply as 'Codger'.

It was not until a visit to Birmingham in 2004 that I renewed my acquaintance with

my hallowed alma-mater, after an absence overseas of 48 years. Reminiscences and reunions have never been my forte, but, quite unexpectedly, I enjoyed at that moment the chance to re-encounter the spirit of JRR Tolkien, though of course I never knew him, other than through an introduction to *Lord of the Rings*, by that other monument of KES: English master Tony Trott.

Now in retirement at Boreen Point, perhaps I may echo Wordsworth, in recollecting my confused adolescent emotions in a little more tranquillity than was available at the time. Thanks to the OEA and your eagerly awaited journals, I find in me a reawakening gratitude for all that I was privileged – and able – to absorb from what was undoubtedly for me the most formative experience of my life. Though not always in the intended way. When I die, it's possible that the initials KES will be found indelibly engraved on my amygdala.

Noel Bird (1956)

If you would like to share your memories of King Edward's, respond to anything you read in this Gazette or have an idea for a story for the next Gazette, contact the editor at: editor@kes.org.uk or by post to: **The Editor, Development & OEA Office, King Edward's School, Edgbaston Park Road, Birmingham B15 2UA**

1 Careers Day, January 2014

Old Edwardians from professions ranging from publishing to forensic psychiatry talked to boys in the Fifts about their careers.

2 Careers Talks: Engineering, Medicine and Finance, February, May and November 2014

As part of the OE Careers Network, Old Edwardian engineers, medics and financiers attended industry-specific events to share their professional knowledge and experience with boys in the Divisions.

3 Cambridge Lecture, March 2014

Old Edwardians and current pupils visited Downing College, Cambridge for a lecture by Professor of Mathematical Statistics, Geoffrey Grimmett (1968) on *The unreasonable effectiveness of the square root of -1*.

4 Golden and Diamond Anniversary Reunion, March 2014

The classes of 1954 and 1964 enjoyed an informal reunion which included a tour of the School, lunch in the Dining Hall, a talk from the archivist and tea in the Chief Master's study.

5 AP100 Campaign Launch events, June 2014

The AP100 Campaign, which aims to raise £10m to fund 100 Assisted Places by 2017, was launched with events held at the House of Commons and King Edward's School.

6 Year Group Reunion, June 2014

Over 90 Old Edwardians from the classes of 1974, 1984, 1994 and 2004 enjoyed a drinks reception, dinner in the Dining Hall and a screening of the England v Italy World Cup game in Big School.

7 Biennial Dinner, October 2014

Over 180 Old Edwardians attended this black-tie event, which comprised a drinks reception, performance from the School's Swing Band and dinner in Big School. To commemorate the centenary of the First World War, the guest speakers were Lieutenant Colonel Nick Keen (1977) and Colonel Oliver Lee OBE (1991).

8 Tolkien Lecture Series, October 2014

As part of this academic lecture series Professor Gary Sheffield, one of Britain's foremost military historians, delivered a talk on *British Army Officers in the First World War: Recruitment, Training and Performance*.

9 London Dinner, November 2014

Joe Speight (2004) spoke about his career as a sports commentator at this annual event for Old Edwardians living in and around London.

10 Birmingham Festive Drinks, December 2014

Old Edwardians braved the cold weather to enjoy a drink and catch up at this annual event.

Events: a year in pictures



Forthcoming OE events

Get together with friends and classmates, visit the School and rekindle childhood memories or simply join us for a drink. To find out more about any of our events visit: www.oldereds.kes.org.uk/events, email: oldereds@kes.org.uk or tel: 0121 415 6050.

Event invitations are usually sent by email – update your details at: www.oldereds.kes.org.uk/mykes to make sure you don't miss out.

Oxford Lecture, Thursday 30 April 2015

Old Edwardians are invited to this year's lecture at Nuffield College, Oxford, delivered by Richard Mayou (1958) on *How Medical Sciences became the (troublesome) powerhouse of Oxford University*.

An Audience with Bill Oddie, Tuesday 5 May 2015

As part of the AP100 Campaign, the School is hosting an evening with Bill Oddie (1959). Bill will talk about his career, recount stories and answer questions from the audience.

Medics Drinks, Thursday 14 May 2015

Old Edwardian medics are invited to share their knowledge and experience with boys in the Divisions at this informal networking event.

Year Group Reunion: 1975, 1985, 1995 and 2005, Saturday 13 June 2015

Visit the School and catch up with old friends over drinks in the Ruddock Performing Arts Centre and dinner in the Dining Hall.

Jazz afternoon, Sunday 21 June 2015

Jazz concert featuring Joe Thompson (1983), musical director and resident pianist at the Ivy Club, and the Senior Swing Band.

OEA AGM, Thursday 25 June 2015

All Old Edwardians are welcome to attend the AGM and enjoy a buffet lunch.

School *news*



21 boys receive offers from Oxford and Cambridge

21 boys have received offers from Oxford and Cambridge for October 2015.

12 boys received offers from Oxford and nine from Cambridge across 12 different courses. This brings the total number of offers received by boys at the School over the last six years to 125.

"This is a generation of exceptional talent and these boys richly deserve this great success," said John Claughton, the Chief Master.

"Oxford and Cambridge are world-class institutions and they attract the best talent from all round the world, so that it has never been harder to get an offer: for some courses there are a dozen applicants for every place. It could not be more competitive and gaining

an offer requires not only ability and hard work, but real intellectual engagement. We are particularly pleased that the boys have won offers across such a breadth of subjects: half of the offers are in Maths and Science, half in humanities subjects and that says a lot about this place."

This news follows the second-highest number of applications to sit the 11+ entrance exam. Almost 800 boys from over 300 different junior schools sat the exam in January in the hope of gaining one of the 125 places on offer in Year 7.

First World War exhibition opens



In November 2014, an exhibition opened in the Memorial Chapel to commemorate the outbreak of the First World War and remember Old Edwardians who lost their lives.

The 'King Edward's School and the Great War' exhibition will run for four years and develop throughout that time to mark some of the key events that took place 100 years previously.

The exhibition currently explores the School on the eve of war, the involvement of Old Edwardians in raising the Birmingham City (Pals) Battalions, and a short film reveals the impact of the conflict on JRR Tolkien and his school friends. Visitors can also browse through biographies for each of the 245 Old Edwardians who died in combat via a virtual Roll of Honour.

The exhibition is open on the last Friday of every month. To book to attend, visit: www.oldereds.kes.org.uk/fwwexhibition or tel: 0121 415 6050.

Round-up from the School Captain

No sooner had all the staff and pupils at King Edward's started remembering to write the date correctly as 2014, the year 2014 had already swept by. Nevertheless, 2014 was an outstanding year for the School, with success in all areas of school life.

The School continues to fulfil its primary function of taking just over 100 small boys into the Shells and seven years later sending them out into the world as well-prepared young men. Academically, 2014's GCSE results were record breaking, with 70% A* grades and 92% A*/A grades. It was the first time the School has ever broken the 90% A*/A threshold, with 30 boys achieving 10 A*s and 72 achieving all A* and A grades. The third year of the IB Diploma produced outstanding results, with two boys achieving maximum points and over one quarter of the boys attaining scores of 40 points or greater.

Mirroring the ever increasing academic excellence, a wealth of extra-curricular activities continue to be offered. In sport, the Senior and U15 hockey squads toured South

Africa, where the Seniors came sixth out of 22 in an international hockey tournament. The 1st XI cricket team won the national XL Trophy for their performance against the Forty Club, reputed to be the largest wandering cricket club in the world. They beat 150 other schools to the achievement. By far the most significant achievement was of then-PE assistant and England rugby star Emily Scarratt, who scored the try that sealed England's victory in the 2014 Women's Rugby World Cup Final. Miss Scarratt then went on to win the Rugby Writer's top award of Sport's Personality of the Year.

In drama, Simon Kent excelled as Leontes in the Senior Production of Shakespeare's *The Winter's Tale*, giving a performance that caused many audience members to have tears in their eyes. The Junior Production of *The Chrysalids* was a demonstration of the skill of the youthful performers whilst the Syndicate Production of *Bugsy Malone* featured the triumphant debuts of Michael Durante and Josh Gain as Fat Sam and Bugsy respectively. Who can forget the Shells

Classical Plays, based on every Shell's hero Caecilius losing a bet?

Musically, 2014 was one of significant change. The School bade goodbye to Roberto Ruisi, James Kuo and Adam Phillips, stalwarts of KES music, all of whom could utterly transfix all in attendance when they performed. The Summer Concert was the glorious finale of Peter Bridle's 38-year musical career at KES. Featuring ballroom dancing, onstage champagne drinking, fireworks and no shortage of outstanding music, it was a fitting end to an extraordinary career at KES.

It was simply another outstanding year, where pupils and teachers alike have excelled in multiple different areas, some of which I have mentioned above. KES continues to surprise, excite and provide a wonderful environment for its pupils and staff.

Scott Geelan



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1: Scott Geelan, School Captain.

2: GCSE results day 2014.

3: Lawson Roll (master in charge of cricket), David Morgan (President of the MCC) and Tom Claughton (captain of the 1st XI) with the XL trophy.

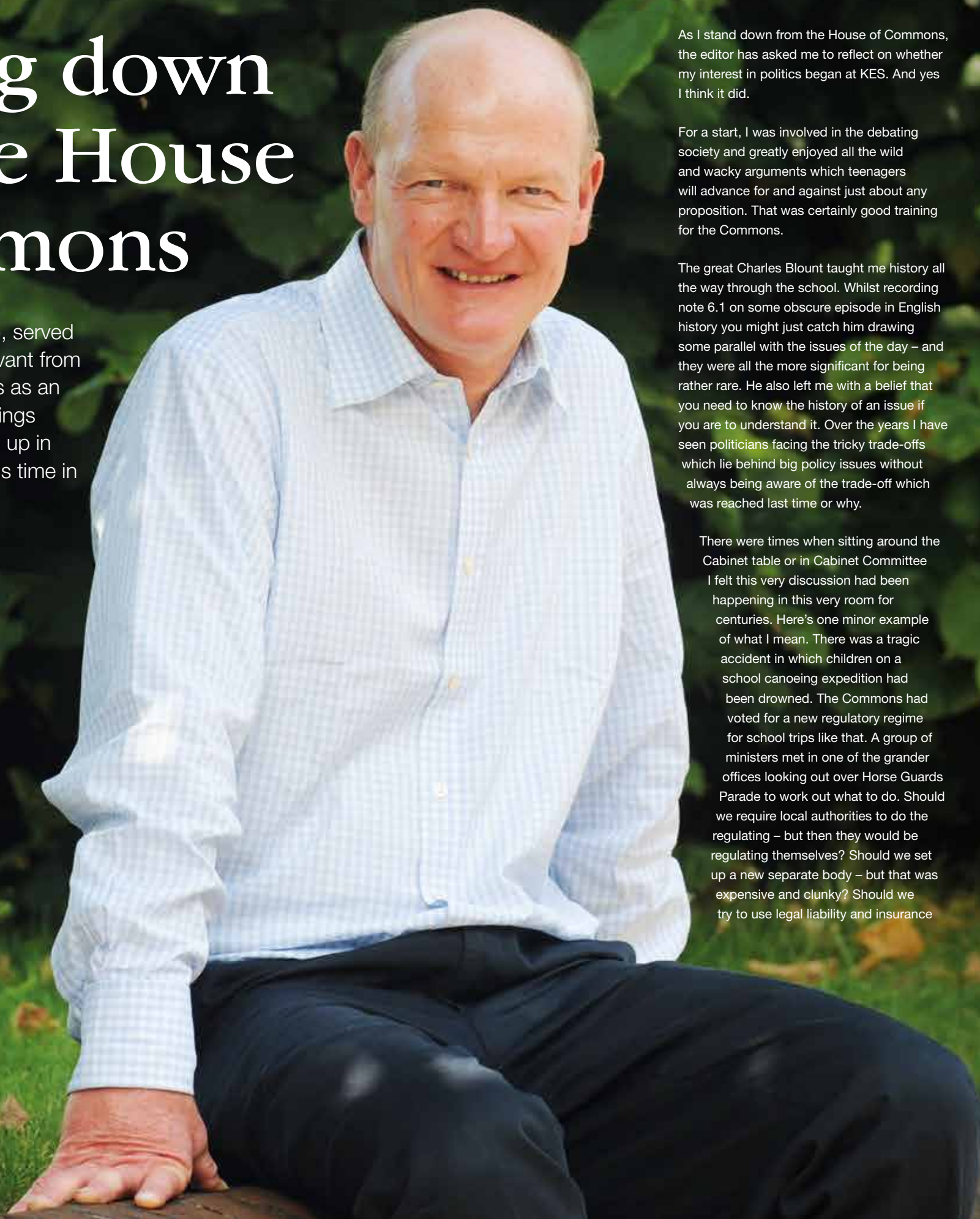
4: Emily Scarratt in the Women's Rugby World Cup Final.

5: The Summer Concert.

Standing down from the House of Commons

The Rt Hon David Willetts (1974), served as Member of Parliament for Havant from 1992 to 2015. In his final months as an MP, David reflects on the beginnings of his interest in politics, growing up in Birmingham in the 1970s, and his time in the House of Commons.

“There were times when sitting around the Cabinet table or in Cabinet Committee I felt this very discussion had been happening in this very room for centuries.”



As I stand down from the House of Commons, the editor has asked me to reflect on whether my interest in politics began at KES. And yes I think it did.

For a start, I was involved in the debating society and greatly enjoyed all the wild and wacky arguments which teenagers will advance for and against just about any proposition. That was certainly good training for the Commons.

The great Charles Blount taught me history all the way through the school. Whilst recording note 6.1 on some obscure episode in English history you might just catch him drawing some parallel with the issues of the day – and they were all the more significant for being rather rare. He also left me with a belief that you need to know the history of an issue if you are to understand it. Over the years I have seen politicians facing the tricky trade-offs which lie behind big policy issues without always being aware of the trade-off which was reached last time or why.

There were times when sitting around the Cabinet table or in Cabinet Committee I felt this very discussion had been happening in this very room for centuries. Here's one minor example of what I mean. There was a tragic accident in which children on a school canoeing expedition had been drowned. The Commons had voted for a new regulatory regime for school trips like that. A group of ministers met in one of the grander offices looking out over Horse Guards Parade to work out what to do. Should we require local authorities to do the regulating – but then they would be regulating themselves? Should we set up a new separate body – but that was expensive and clunky? Should we try to use legal liability and insurance

requirements to enforce the law? I remember thinking that this was the slow process of the growth of the British state which had been happening through meeting after meeting in that office for centuries. I don't believe I would have seen it like that but for Charles Blount.

There were other reasons too for my getting interested in politics at school. Birmingham in the 1970s had its fair share of problems. We could sense that our factories and firms were in trouble. My father worked at IMI in Witton – a company now back in fine shape, having recently celebrated its 150th anniversary. But back then he would come home and report how they were losing out to intense competition from Japanese companies. The long painful decline of British Leyland and all the problems at its Longbridge plant were played out in the national media but it was all happening in our city and that made it more real. Jonathan Coe captures it so vividly in his novel *The Rotters' Club*. And the father of my class-mate Robert O'Brien worked for another Birmingham company and was quite closely involved in attempts during the 1970s to get CBI/TUC deals on a prices and incomes policy. Again it made me feel more connected to what would otherwise just have been stories in the papers – it was all more real.

There must have been deeper reasons too. KES had quite a social mix – in my family we had dinner at 1pm and then tea but some of my friends' families had lunch and then dinner. It was no big deal but you had to

be kind of bilingual between them. We all believed that KES provided a fair chance to bright children whatever their background and I don't believe any of my friends' parents actually paid fees. We were all local authority funded. And the whole theme of social mobility and opportunity has been one of my interests ever since.

Probably the most direct and vivid political experience of my school years was attempts by Labour ministers and councillors to get the school to go comprehensive – which led to it eventually losing direct grant status and instead becoming fully independent. I always thought direct grant status was a great way of keeping historic and prestigious schools like KES in the state system: they were open to all without losing their distinctive ethos. It was ironic that years later one of the most intense political rows I got caught up in was about grammar schools when I reported the overwhelming evidence that very few children from poor backgrounds were actually getting in to them. Academic schools do need to make every effort to attract talent whatever their background which is one reason that I strongly support everything John Cloughton is doing to create bursaries and scholarships to ensure that KES can take students whatever their background. [O](#)

Speech Day:

Birmingham is on the edge of a new era

In July 2014, Andy Street (1981) talked to boys, parents and staff about a teacher who changed his life, joining John Lewis, and the economic prospects of Birmingham. The following is an abridged version of the speech Andy delivered.

My time at KE was epitomised by that wonderful Old Edwardian, Jonathan Coe, who wrote *The Rotters' Club*, the story of Birmingham in the late 1970s.

It was the period of power cuts and proper winters. It was the period of strife at Longbridge; 60,000 people worked there but always appeared to be on strike. It was the period of punk rock, heavy metal and, Birmingham's favourite, the 2 Tone period. Aston Villa even won the league, so it was a very long time ago. But despite that, this morning walking back in, there was some strange familiarity about being back in Big School.

Truth is, in my first five years, my reports all basically said in polite language: 'He's a bit lazy, could do better'. And it was true. But then, come 16, a teacher changed my life. And that teacher was a guy by the name of Jack Cook, who was the Economics department in those days. Suddenly from education that was dry, a bit boring, a bit 'learning by rote', here was a teacher who made something real and relevant. He made me think, and really explore, what it was all about. And Jack's tutelage got me to go to Oxford.

“Andy, what happened? Did you fail your exams? Why are you working on a till in a shopping centre in Brent Cross?”



Looking back, my time in KE was more than an academic grounding. We learnt to be citizens of the world or, as we thought it was the world, the 'B' postcodes. We learnt the most important lesson of all about social responsibility and, to be honest, that has steered me ever since. It was with that lesson in mind why in 1985, when I left Oxford, I went to work for the John Lewis Partnership.

Now 1985 was a time of the Thatcher banking boom; everybody wanted to get rich quick. And what did I do? I went to be a shopkeeper. I remember mates who'd been at university with me, saying: "Andy, what happened? Did you fail your exams? Why are you working on a till in a shopping centre in Brent Cross?" I will admit there were days I asked myself, but the truth was I was intrigued by that business.

At this time of Thatcher's economic picture, this was a business that was owned by its employees, or partners. Instead of the profits going to the shareholders they go to our partners, once a year, as a form of bonus. Last year, everybody got 15% of their pay as that bonus. And the purpose of the company is to provide happiness for its members, its workers. Usually, when I say that to a room of bankers, they say to me: "That's bonkers. There's no way you'll compete." And it's been a great pleasure to me to see that, particularly since the recession, John Lewis has not just beaten M&S, Tesco, Sainsbury's, etc. in terms of financial returns, but has been able to extend, with Waitrose, to 91,000 people all taking part in that experiment in industrial democracy.

So, that was my story. What's it got to do with Birmingham? I'd been away from Birmingham for about 20 years, and to be honest I'd seen the decline of the city's economy. About three years ago the leader of the city council, Mike Whitby, rang me up and said: "Andy, the government's asked us to set up this thing called a Local Economic Partnership. It's about driving local growth and bringing together the private sector and public sector, and we'd like you to Chair it." And I thought: 'Well I'll give it a go; probably won't work, probably another bonkers idea of the new coalition.' But, three years on, we seem to be making a difference. And the reason I wanted

to mention this is, with the responsibility for the city's economy going forward, this school has got a critical role to play in that economy.

Any successful economy has, at the heart of it, outstanding, world-class, academic institutions. But they also have to be accessible to everybody, which was definitely the case when I came here in 1974. None of us were particularly wealthy; indeed, if you did come from one of the wealthy suburbs of the city you were relentlessly mocked. But there was a very important message then, as now, in that this school was about opportunity for everybody, it was a route to social mobility. And at the heart of any great society, there is social mobility and it is schools that provide that. And that's why I applaud what John [Claughton] has done on the Assisted Places programme. It's his personal passion. I've seen him talking about it in Westminster; he takes the battle out there and it's laudable. And it's why what the Governors are doing about greater access is also right.

And all of this is very timely because I strongly believe that Birmingham is on the edge of a new era of opportunity. There are new economic stats, there's new investment; we know all about that, but the real issues of our future lie in the hands of our youth. And as the youngest city in Europe, the most diverse city in Europe, that's our opportunity. Because it is where there is diversity that ideas are exchanged, new things happen, innovation happens, breakthroughs happen.

And the great news for us is that Birmingham is becoming a place where graduates increasingly want to stay after university and it's becoming one of the best places to invest; ranked 2nd in the world by American investors just a few weeks ago, and ranked the best place in the country to live outside Central London...and we can't all afford to live in Kensington.

So my key message is that you preside over an outstanding school, John. It's been my privilege to be here this morning and I'm very confident that under the leadership of these students, this school and this city can go on to very great things. **O**

Reminiscences of a former Drama Mistress: Jenny Herbert

Jenny Herbert, who has taught drama from 1988 to 2014, talks about sparks, musicals and an unforgettable production.

Where it all began

I never decided to go into teaching, it found me! I came to Brum in 1974 and it was only going to be temporary! I got my Equity card through my first acting job at the Midlands Arts Centre, then did some radio, theatre, TV, plus other bits and pieces. Fast forward quite a lot, to when I began an IVF programme at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital. One day I was acting, the next I was a patient!

Then, out of the blue Ena Evans called from KEHS seeking a drama teacher and Nigel Argust (Head of Music at KEHS at the time) had recommended me, as I was teaching part-time at ‘Chappies’ (now Birmingham School of Acting) between jobs. It was only a stopgap while an ad went in the paper for someone to take on drama at both Schools, but my initial answer was a polite NO! Two phone calls later, I reluctantly entered the building and the rest is history, a week turned into 26 years!

Building the department

For 13 years I was running the department between two schools, doing the productions, clubs and teaching, but all part-time. It was all a bit barmy! After much harassment I was made full-time and not only that, but I had help and from here on the department began to blossom! We began by taking over

Stan Owen’s book store, which became our Paint Room, then the Workshop gained a first storey for the Wardrobe and Props Cage. The drama department had arrived! So from humble beginnings, we now have the Performing Arts Centre. Wow, who’d have thought?!

The spark of inspiration

When you see a little spark being ignited in a young person’s soul, that’s very exciting! Someone who’s never thought about drama before, devoid of confidence and shy. I see myself so much in them, as someone who was completely lacking in confidence, brought to life by theatre and finding my voice through playing other characters. Obviously I haven’t stopped talking since! When you see kids blossom, by going on to do so many exciting and extraordinary things, not necessarily in the arts, it gives one a real thrill. And the ones who become actors, writers or directors, hold a special place in my heart! It also frightens me to death, because I think

about all those I missed, who had a little spark which I failed to ignite along the way.

Musicals

I adore musicals! People might think I only do musicals, but I have done straight plays too! I love musicals in particular, partly because I have music in my soul, and because they tend to give more people a chance to get involved. I also like challenging pieces and adore Sondheim, including *Sweeney Todd* and *Into the Woods*. It’s difficult to pin down a favourite, but let’s say *West Side Story* is very special to me, it has everything and so fitting that it was my last show here. Third time lucky, I don’t know if we ever got it right!



An unforgettable production

In Sarah Evans’ first year I did *The Threepenny Opera* in Big School, and it came down at midnight! Ooo er missus, that show caused a stir!! I rewrote it, without official permission I confess, and modernised it. It was rather controversial, with heroin addicts and prostitutes accosting people at the door, the girl playing Jenny Diver dying of a heroin overdose on stage, followed by staff in full emergency mode, sirens blowing and lights flashing, bundling her off on a stretcher through the audience... I’m not sure she ever recovered! To top this, at the end I had an argument with the lead character on stage, from the organ gallery, with him shouting: “Right that’s it, stop the show, I’m not saying these lines anymore, this is a load of rubbish!” Shocked silence, after which I shouted back: “Alastair Natkiel, just get on with it please!” His response: “No, I’m not doing this to satisfy your ego, you’re just a failed actress,

who can’t do it herself, so you’re working out your fantasies through us, well not anymore.” And he proceeded to leave the stage. At which point, his mother on the first row pleaded with him: “Alastair, shut up and get on with it!” She was mortified! Little did she know this and more had all been scripted in true Brechtian style!

At midnight, I realised it had gone on a little too long and that I’d been a weensy bit over-indulgent, so I stayed up all night and cut an hour off the show, but the argument stayed in! Following this extravaganza, Sarah requested, quite rightly, that in future, if possible, all performances should finish by 10pm. I’m not sure if I stuck to this rule, but I’m delighted to say that Alastair is now a professional actor and successful too!

Life after King Edward’s

I love what I’m doing at the mo, a couple of days Outreach drama in primary schools.

- 1: Dancing with Jamie Cutler (2008) at the 2014 Summer Concert.
- 2: Jenny’s last production of *West Side Story* in 2013.
- 3: Curtain call on one of Jenny’s first productions at KES.
- 4: Jenny just before she started at KES.
- 5: Mid-rehearsal on an Outreach drama project.

I’m working with Reception classes – that’s an eye-opener – up to Year 6, and I have a fabulous time! It’s not like going to work at all, it’s such fun, they’re so inspirational, I’m learning a lot!

I had toyed with going back into acting, but I’m too long in the tooth now, although I fancy some voiceover work and I’ll tell you what I’d love to do: reading stories aloud, you know... audio books! I could really get into that and if there’s anyone out there, I’m available for bah mitzvahs and weddings!

One exciting thing is that for 26 years I’ve been working non-stop on production weekends on my husband’s birthday, so this year, we had a weekend away! Even more exciting, at Easter we’re going to Venice and travelling back on the Orient Express. I’ll be in my element! Then there’s making curtains, DIY, trying new things and my secret dream is to renovate a little property, but I think my husband would be driven mad, so maybe not!

Final thoughts

I’ve been luckier than I deserve! From the outset, even considering my reluctance to come here, the Schools embraced me. And that’s what happens with these Schools; you arrive, but just never leave, because it is the most extraordinary, wonderful family, with everything that goes along with it. The frustrations, the teenage angst and tantrums, the lunacy, the magic, the inspiration, the kids, the staff...the people! That’s why we keep coming back! It’s given me a life I never would have imagined and the privilege of working with young people, knowing they’re going to go on to do things more amazing than you could imagine, let alone have done. So, yes, I’ve been the luckiest dog and I thank King Edward’s for ‘A Wonderful Life’! I wouldn’t have missed it for the world! I’m also very happy to have done it instead of acting as a career because, let’s face it, all teachers are actors of a sort, so it’s the best of both worlds! No-one could have had it better!

Archive *matters*

The early months of the First World War: an insight from the Chronicles of 1915

The Chronicles of 1915 provide a tantalising glimpse of what life was like at KES during the early months of the Great War.

While the magazine continued in much the same vein as years past – entertaining editorials, sport results, debating society motions and schoolboy poetry – the pages were peppered with references to events in Europe which would come to impact the School in a way that most boys could not have imagined.

The editorial of February 1915 records, as in previous issues, that boys were looking forward with ‘special eagerness’ to the arrival of Spring. However, pear tree leaves and blooms were not behind the evident optimism; the boys were eagerly anticipating the ‘great test’ awaiting the soldiers of Great Britain. Would the victory at Waterloo a hundred years earlier be repeated on the battlefields of Ypres? Despite the editor’s call for ‘things [at school] to continue as usual’, the ever-increasing list of OEs with the colours – which stood at 129 – must not have gone unnoticed.

1: Kemmel Chateau Military Cemetery where the grave of Second Lieutenant Moore is.

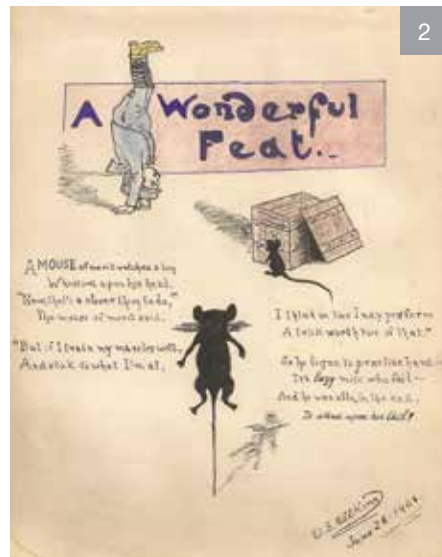
2: A drawing by Wilfred Allkins.

3: The Rothe Cup.

By March, the Notes & News section focused on nothing other than the various attachments of OEs and masters, and the deaths of OEs Lance Corporal Allkins and Second Lieutenant Moore, Moore having left school less than a year before.

An anonymous boy-poet submitted *Blockade!* which imagined the mighty German War Lord’s attempts to punish the citizens of Brum – and indeed the School – for manufacturing arms:

The Fives Court at King Edward’s School, Regardless of a stringent rule, Was taken by the German fool, To mount her siege artillery.



The attempted siege failed when a zeppelin fell on the University clock tower and submarines (heading along the river Rea) took a wrong turn and got stuck up a drain!

In December, the Debating Society discussed the motion ‘That Germany is as good as beaten’ (the motion was lost), and a letter from an ‘Edwardwarwickian’ recounted the exploits of several OEs in the 3rd Royal Warwickshire Regiment. The death of BG Hill was reported with deepest regret, but the tone lightened when describing Parkhurst’s ‘slight discolouration on his upper lip’. Overall, the old boys in the Warwicks were ‘having a first-class time despite sundry flies in the ointment of our satisfaction’.

Unlike other regular features in the magazine, the 1915 sports reports make no reference to events in Europe, the battles on the School pitches being all important. It is poignant, however, that many of the names on the 1915 team lists would, just a few years later, appear in golden letters on the bronze memorial plaques that now adorn the Chapel walls.

The curious case of Herr Rothe: part two

In the 2014 edition of the Gazette we began the story of Herr August Rothe, a Language Master who taught at King Edward’s from 1881 to 1912. We learnt that before his time at KES he may have been involved in the disappearance of an important medieval codex. In this issue, the KES archives will

recount Herr Rothe’s time at the School and his retirement on the eve of war.

From the Chronicles and OE Gazettes of the time we learn that as a teacher Herr Rothe was sound, practical and thorough, but his stern, irascible disposition often meant that all but a select band of older, more proficient boys found him less than inspiring. One old boy admitted that whilst Herr Rothe was a good Master, with “a deeper knowledge of old English language and literature than most men in the town”, the boys did not behave well towards him. “He was a foreigner and I regret to say we treated him very badly.”

I wish to thank you and the whole school most heartily for your beautiful present ...I shall always value your present highly as a souvenir of my long connection with the School. If I did what I could to earn your gratitude, I only did my duty to the School and your parents; still it is most gratifying to hear from you that, in spite of the difficulties with which my path was beset, my work among you was much appreciated.

Of these difficulties the unsatisfactory nature of the political relations between our two countries was perhaps the weightiest, and they have affected not only my life among you but also to a certain extent my work at the School.

Boys naturally reflect in their politics the atmosphere of their homes. What wonder, therefore, that the opposition to most things German should have been extended to the language it was my lot to teach.

In one of his last communications your Head-master [Cary Gilson, whose son was killed in the Battle of the Somme] asked me to tell my friends that England did not want war with Germany. I may reply with the words of one of our Chancellors that ‘no sane German wants war with England’. I for one, as many of you know, have never believed that Germany has the intention of provoking a quarrel with this country, and I have never ceased to believe in the possibility of a pacific solution of all difficulties arising between our respective countries. In the Germany of the last century, which I know better than the present one, there was a solid sub-stratum of friendship, not to say love, for England, based on racial, religious and intellectual ties, and I decline to believe that the tension of the last ten years has entirely obliterated that feeling. I am delighted indeed to see that there has been a marked improvement in the political outlook of late.

England and Germany have never yet faced each other in battle array, but on the other hand have fought side by side on many battlefields. The big countries of Europe are no longer as ready as in former times to fly at each other’s ears, and it seems to me that the only legitimate warfare and the only one worthy of our more enlightened century is the bloodless competition in the domain of science, commerce and art. Actual war would be a monstrous anachronism.

Sincerely regretting, as much as you do, that I was not able to receive your beautiful and useful present personally, I thank you once more most heartily for it, all the more heartily as you have not allowed politics and patriotism to stand between you and me in offering me this token of your gratitude and affection.

I shall be glad if you will express my best thanks to the class representatives and communicate to them as much of this letter as you may think fit.

Sincerely yours,

A.L. Rothe

Despite these seemingly strained pupil-master relations Herr Rothe was committed to the boys, and for many years acted as judge or steward in games and sports at school. On his retirement in June 1912 he presented the School with the Rothe Cup for Inter-House rugby-football competitions. The boys reciprocated by presenting Herr Rothe with a silver bridge box sent “through the unsatisfactory medium of the post”.

Rothe’s letter of thanks, which is printed in full below, was published in the March 1913 Chronicle and is of particular interest given that it was composed just over a year before the outbreak of the First World War.



In 1912 the School Governors granted Herr Rothe a pension of £136 per annum, and he left England for Austria in 1913. This, however, would not be the last time the School would hear of Herr Rothe. His remarkable story will conclude in the next issue of the Gazette.

Next time: Herr Rothe’s act of compassion during the Great War.

Missing Chronicle appeal

Do you have a copy of the Chronicle, December 1969, Vol.2, No.4 that you would be able to donate to the KES archives? We do not currently have any copies of this publication in the archive and would be delighted should someone be able to fill the gap.

Careers focus:

The media

Each edition we put the spotlight on an industry in which Old Edwardians are forging careers. In this edition Ed Shedd (1985), Chris Evans (1986) and Richard Moynihan (2000) write about their different roles in the media.



Managing Partner (Global Media and Entertainment Practice), Deloitte

August 1993. Returning from playing tennis on Clapham Common, I receive a phone call. A man with a clipped voice from a firm of solicitors called Peters and Peters informs me that Ian and Kevin Maxwell are suing me for contempt of court. The reason? My book, *World Famous Swindlers and Hoaxers*, picturing a certain Robert Maxwell on the front cover under the word, Swindlers, has incurred their wrath. I am up for the fight, but sadly my publisher isn't. I had counted the books into the stores, all 100,000 low price copies of them, and sadly I had to count them back out again the very next day.

My career has been full of these mini victories and hasty retreats. One of five founders of Monkey Kingdom, the producers of *The Charlotte Church Show* and *Made in Chelsea*, I alone chose to remain in my job, a Partner in the Media & Entertainment Practice I had helped establish at Andersen. After all, why take the risk of joining a company

that might go out of business the very next year? I was doing a job I loved in the biggest and fastest growing professional services company in the world. What could go wrong?

The next year, of course, saw Andersen destroyed and I still remember vividly the smell that 5,500 leaving parties left in our building as we embarked on one long wake in the month of May.

At least I knew the meaning of hubris, the classics department at King Edward's in the form of Messiers Owen, Edwards, Worthington, Tibbott, Lambie and Mihtra, to name but some, serving me well on that front. I also knew the meaning of serendipity: Deloitte saving half of the Andersen business, including me and my team just three months later.

Since then I have helped the BBC launch iPlayer, Universal and Sony grow and then scale back their DVD businesses, and served countless small and large film, music, TV, publishing and digital companies as they strive to make their creative ideas tangible. Being an adviser to the BBC during the



year of the four Director Generals and News International as they wrestled with the aftermath of the phone hacking scandal were less enjoyable, but equally compelling experiences.

For all of the above I have King Edward's to thank. For stimulating my love of ideas and respect for those who create them. I still remember fondly Chunky Tibbott's Balsall Heath tours as he drove us each Friday to the schools we volunteered at. The teachers made a big impact on me, as did one Victoria Sims of the girls' school, to whom I am happily married, some 30 years on.

Ed Shedd (1985)



Editor and Director of Content, The Telegraph

I was at KES from 1979 to 1986 when I was only slightly involved in school journalism. I was once on the editorial team of The Chronicle but I don't remember attending any editorial meetings. I did a lot of public speaking thanks to the encouragement of Mr Hatton (who would play us gramophone recordings of the speeches of De Gaulle) and a lot of drama (for which I needed no encouragement).

After taking an English degree at Oxford, I did a postgraduate diploma in journalism at Preston. My first job was at South West News in Bristol. Then I worked for The Daily Mail

where I became news editor in 2006. I moved to become news editor of The Daily Telegraph in 2007 and I became editor in January of 2014. Last October, I also became Director of Content, which means I'm now responsible for our digital output too.

Journalism has changed a lot in the last 25 years. In those days everyone would reach the national press via a job in the regions. These days, most come through graduate trainee schemes. And the skills required have changed. Once an English degree was seen as the best qualification. Now we look as much for applicants with a technology background. Journalism itself has changed. It's more visual and less wordy. It's also less sententious and more conversational.

These are challenging times because newspaper audiences are declining. But they're also exciting times. Thanks to the internet, we're reaching far bigger audiences



worldwide than ever before. Every month we set new records.

Chris Evans (1986)

Social Media Editor, The Telegraph



A year or so before leaving school, I was summoned to the careers office and instructed to fill out an aptitude questionnaire, the result of which would illuminate the next 50 years of my life and the illustrious career I was destined to have. Ironmongery, I was doubtfully assured, could well be my true calling. After a few more attempts, 'archaeologist' emerged and we agreed to call it a day.

16 years ago, when I took that test, the job I do today didn't exist. When I later graduated from university and hotfooted it to London for some magazine work experience, Facebook hadn't launched in the UK. Twitter, which today boasts over 250 million users, hadn't even been invented. And no single human being had ever spent half an evening explaining what a 'Social Media Editor' is to bemused dinner guests.

How on Earth would 16-year-old me have responded if the careers test result had promised: "You will work at the UK's most popular broadsheet, commissioning shareable stories from your own team of journalists and elsewhere in the newsroom. You'll utilise the latest online technologies for newsgathering, verifying eyewitness material to be used in The Telegraph's print and digital output, and amplifying breaking news. And you'll drink subsidised tea."? I'd probably have thought chance would be a fine thing and started saving up for an anvil.

In the course of my journalistic career, I've been lucky enough to work in San Francisco and Shanghai, pilot a biplane for an article, work for an ex-US Vice President and train with the Royal Marines. (Granted, that last one felt more painful than fortunate at the time.) And as one of modern times' most closely-fought general elections approaches and plays out live on social media, there's never been a more exciting time to be doing this job. It's not a path King Edward's could have prescribed but should any good school ever attempt to? Instead KES armed me with the confidence and imagination to create my

own plans rather than simply follow safer, well-worn ones. It gave me lifelong friends and a love of words. And it instilled a healthy, lifelong scepticism of careers tests.

Richard Moynihan (2000)



If you would like to offer or access careers support, visit:
www.olders.kes.org.uk/careers

Births

David Newman (1993)

Birth of second daughter, Chloe Georgia, in February 2014. Sister to Jessica (4).

Ben Sheriff (1996)

Birth of second daughter, Sadie Eleanor, on 24 September 2014. Sister to Amy (2).



Grandfather (John Sheriff, 1969), Ben Sheriff (1996), great-grandfather, uncle (Chris Sheriff, 2000), sister Amy, Sadie and her aunt.

Richard Flynn (1998)

Birth of daughter, Alexandra, on 4 July 2014.

Marriages

Jonathan Conder (1979)

Married Maria Beatrice Puoti on 6 July 2014.

Richard Salkeld (1983)

Married Amanda Cope in May 2014.

Aidan Burley (1997)

Married Jodie Jones on 2 August 2014.



Old Edwardians News in brief

1930s

Stanley Clifford (1930)

Stanley Clifford celebrated his 100th birthday on 12 August 2014 hale and hearty, still living in his own home in Pembrokeshire. All his children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and extended family joined him on the day.

1940s

John Watson (1946)

I joined KES in September 1940, when the new school opened. At that time Big School was a shell with rafters but no roof and morning assembly was held in the library. The temporary buildings were occupied by troops; later, US troops. A few masters were holdovers from New Street and had taught my father. Nunky Street (French), Cojer Power (Shell A), Bargee Bryant, older, taught philosophy of life to the sixth. There were a few German boys who had fled Hitler, together with one or two Masters; Tritsch, Weikersheimer. In 1946 I left and trained as a mechanical engineer. I have lived mostly in S. Africa, with a stint in USA and moved to the Isle of Man in 2010. There may be a few second-generation OEs alive whose fathers attended New Street and were denizens of the one-time OE lunch club.

Trevor Gatty (1948)

I had a great time at the Biennial Dinner in October. First time in 10 years or more I had been able to attend since the dates always clashed with an Annual Conference of Plastic Surgeons my wife organised. Myrna is busy with her project on how Shakespeare would have used Twitter and the Internet – Brevity is the Soul of (T) Wit – on: www.shakespearesez.com. Whilst we were in the UK in October we linked up with ‘children’ (middle-aged) and grandchildren from London and Dublin, and managed to see some wonderful theatre: *Electra*, *Julius Caesar* in London and *Loves Labours Lost* in Stratford.

1950s

Robin Richardson (1955)

I am the drafting editor of the report of the Commission on Religion and Belief in British Public Life, chaired by Baroness Butler-Sloss.

Richard Birch (1959)

In October I completed 10 years as chairman of the Chilterns Group of BBOWT, our local Wildlife Trust. I received a lifetime achievement award and passed the leadership over to a new chairman. I shall continue to produce the local newsletter and help with events but someone else will be dealing with all the emails – hooray!

1960s

Gordon Stollard (1960)

I was an orthopaedic surgeon in Harrogate, retiring in 2001. In 2003 I commissioned an Island Packet yacht in which we came second in class on the Atlantic Rally for Cruisers in 2006 returning to the Mediterranean in 2009. Pipe Dream is currently in Sardinia but will return to the UK via Portugal and the Azores in three legs in 2015. If any sailing OE would like to help crew for a two-week period involving a one-week off shore passage and some leisurely cruising thereafter please contact me.



Keith Bradshaw (1961)

After 50 years living in West Cumbria and 40 years working as a materials scientist in the nuclear industry at Sellafield we have now moved to live in Leyland, just south of Preston, much closer to our younger daughter and her family and 100 miles closer to KES. The scenery isn't so good as in the western Lakes, but there are still plenty of opportunities for walking and cycling in fine countryside. I hope to be able to get to more events at KES in the future.

Philip Marcus (1967)

Since retiring in 2012, after 17 years as a Judge of the Jerusalem Family Court, I have devoted my time to research, writing and lecturing on a variety of aspects of Family Law, especially the law relating to children and the elderly, and the Family Court as a judicial-therapeutic institution.

I have lectured at international conferences and given courses in the US, Canada, Australia, Zambia, England, and of course in Israel, and had articles published in the International Bar Association's Family Law newsletter, the Israeli Journal of Medicine and Jewish Law, and other publications. I am also producing position papers on law reform issues in Israel, and have recommended revision of International Conventions relating to children.



Stephen Rand (1969)

I edit the digital communications of the All-Party Parliamentary Group for International Freedom of Religion or Belief: www.freedomdeclared.org. In January, my report 'Freedom of Religion and the Persecution of Christians', written for Christian charity Open Doors, was launched at an event in Parliament attended by over 70 MPs.

John Wheatley (1969)

I have recently joined the board of Trustees for Birmingham Dogs Home as Vice Chairman to Richard Temple-Cox (1956).

1970s

Martin Dudley (1971)

In July 2014 I received the degree of Doctor of Arts honoris causa from the City University London in recognition of my work both as Rector of a City of London Parish and as elected member of the City's Court of Common Council. In my 20th year at Saint Bartholomew the Great, I am currently on study leave at the University of Helsinki, working on a possible relationship between faith and health. Later this year I will become Rector of a new parish, uniting the hospital church of Saint Bartholomew the Less to Saint Bartholomew the Great.

Fr. Munna Mitra (OE 1971; Staff 1978-81)

I have moved recently from being Head of Boarding at King's School, Rochester, to become Associate Priest in the Parish of South Gillingham with responsibility for All Saints' Church in Hempstead. I still teach Classics on two mornings each week at Rochester Grammar School for Girls and continue to be a Priest-Vicar at Rochester Cathedral with a brief to assist the clergy in the Cathedral Chapter in the running of services there.

Adrian Baker (1973)

I retired as Surgeon Captain from the Royal Navy on 1 September 2014 after 30 years' service at sea, on operations with the Royal Marines, and latterly as President of the Royal Navy Medical Board.

Chris Lightfoot (1973)

Chris Lightfoot has curated an exhibition called 'Ennion: Master of Roman Glass' at The Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, open from 8 December 2014 to 13 April 2015.

Philip Champ (1979)

Having lived in the Midlands for all of my life, I have now relocated to the south coast of Cornwall. Beautiful part of the country, great quality of life and maybe one small step towards retirement!

James Miles (1979)

I was recently appointed as China Editor of The Economist newspaper, based in London, having worked for 13 years as the magazine's bureau chief in Beijing.

1980s

Michael Harrold (1980)

During October 1st National Day celebrations I received the Friendship Medal, the highest award granted to foreign nationals by the Chinese government. Hopes that I might have a claim to be the first OE to receive the award were dashed by Ralph Martin (1974), whom I met on the bus to the ceremony at the Great Hall of the People and who was getting his medal for his wizardry with computer imaging. I've spent most of the past 20 years in China, striving to raise China Central Television's English-language output to international standards.



Tell us your news

Thanks to all OEs who have sent us their news. Unfortunately, we cannot publish everything we receive but please continue to keep us posted! Email: editor@kes.org.uk or visit: www.oldereds.kes.org.uk/yournews

Richard Parlour (1980)

I have been appointed Chairman of the Home Affairs Committee of the FSB, the key business lobby in the SME sector. I cover policy on cybercrime, business crime, access to justice, business continuity and reservists. This also has a European angle, which involves becoming an MEPE Member of the European Parliament of Entrepreneurs.

James Haddleton (1986)

In March I am starting a new job as head of legal at Clinigen Group plc, a pharmaceutical company based in Burton. Not that there is an awful lot else in Burton other than brewing. For the last seven years I have headed up both the litigation team and Leeds office of DWF LLP, a commercial law firm.

**Nick Kaufman (1986)**

Nick is an international lawyer and has represented several high-profile businessmen and politicians before various international tribunals. Among his clients in the last year are Jean-Pierre Bemba (former Vice President of the Democratic Republic of the Congo) and Charles Ble Goude (former Minister of Youth in Cote d'Ivoire). Currently representing the daughter of the deposed President of Tunisia, Cyrine Ben-Ali, subject to European Union sanctions.

Paul Anderson (1987)

I took a year out then studied at Manchester medical school, trained in Manchester, New Zealand, Merseyside, West Midlands, London and Italy. Appointed consultant urological surgeon at Russells Hall Hospital, Dudley in 2007. Can also be regularly seen on Channel 4's

Embarrassing Bodies as one of their surgeons. Married to Louise, a GP in Shirley, three daughters 12, 10 and 3.

Paul also received the Military and Civilian Health Partnership Award 2014 in recognition of his work with seriously-injured soldiers. He has helped more than 25 soldiers rebuild their lives after being injured in bomb blasts in Afghanistan.



1990s

Conor Woodman (1992)

My film, *The Secret Horse: Quest for the True Appaloosa* was aired on the BBC.

Ben Banyard (1994)

I've always enjoyed creative writing (thanks in no small part to the efforts of Dr Hosty, Mr Burns, Miss Bond and others at KES!) but last year I decided to start taking it more seriously. The result was that several of my poems and short stories have found their way into various print and online journals. In January I launched my own blog, Clear Poetry, which aims to publish the best in accessible contemporary poetry: clearpoetry.wordpress.com. I'd welcome submissions of writing by Old Eds!

Mankash Jain (1994)

As of early 2014, I founded and am CEO of a Hedge Fund based out of Dubai named Ten Rings. We specialise in Foreign Exchange and other financial trading, but also invest heavily in trying to help the poor in developing countries and the underprivileged globally. I have opened schools in India and Africa where there

are opportunities for current KES students to help during a year out or even over a summer holiday. Visit: www.ten-rings.com

**Burak Alpar (1995)**

I graduated from an MSc in Sustainable Energy at Imperial College in September 2014 and have just taken up a role as a Strategy Project Manager at npower.

Alistair French (1995)

I am a partner in an employment law firm in the City, Brahams Dutt Badrick French LLP, helping secure justice for employees, from all walks of life, who get treated badly by businesses. Married to Evonne and have two sons locked in perpetual and mortal combat. My wife has bought a dog, which has added to the domestic drama.

**Milan Thomas (1997)**

I have been appointed as Consultant Urological Surgeon at East Kent University NHS Trust specialising in kidney and bladder cancers. Having qualified from UCL Medical School in 2004, I spent the last five years in higher surgical training in Manchester. This included work at The Christie Hospital in Withington, Manchester – the largest cancer hospital in Europe. I am now moving with my wife and two-year-old daughter to Canterbury.

Alex Howell (1999)

I'm about to complete six months' paternity leave with my daughter, Phoebe. This is the second time I've done it and I'd certainly recommend it to anyone else who has the chance. We've had a great time going to baby classes and coffee mornings, as well as having the fun of weaning, but now I'm ready to go back to work for a rest! I'm a software engineer at IBM, where I've been for 11 years. We're enjoying life in Winchester, where my wife Helen (ex-KEHS) works as an actuary.



2000s

Owen Chan (2006)

I work for the Metropolitan Police Force and am hoping to join the Royal Protection Squad.

Miles Drew (2006)

In May 2014 I was promoted to Senior Planner at GVA in Birmingham. In June, I was selected by the Royal Town Planning Institute as an 'Outstanding Achiever' in the Institute's Assessment of Professional Competence, the process through which town planners achieve chartered status. The award placed me in the top 12 out of over 500 candidates to have gone through the APC process in 2013.

Tim Kiely (2009)

I have finished my Bar Professional Training Course at City Law School, London, and been Called to the Bar by Gray's Inn. While I apply for pupillage, I have a job as a county court advocate for LPC Law Ltd., appearing in various matters on the Midlands circuit.

At time of writing I am volunteering with the Capital Appeals Project in New Orleans, Louisiana, assisting in the conduct of appeals cases for inmates on Death Row. After a year of participating in the performance poetry scene of London I have self-published two short collections, *Footprints* and *Long Walks Between Little Lights*, both of which are available for Amazon Kindle.

Marriages

Oliver Mytton (1998)

Married Lauren Green on 21 September 2014.

Charlie Hutchings (2000)

Married Dr Helena Stirling in August 2014.

Andy Perryer (2002)

Married Danuta Sophie Tkaczynska on 9 August 2014.

Nicholas Parton (2003)

Married Melissa Rose Brownlee on 14 June 2014.

**Owen Chan (2006)**

Married Lois Hamilton-Chan in October 2014.

Ian Sheldrake (2006)

Married Laura-Sophie James on 26 July 2014.



Can you help us find any 'lost boys'?

Sadly, we have lost touch with a number of Old Edwardians. You can help us by searching for 'lost boys' from your year group. Visit: www.my.kes.org.uk/lost and enter your username and password for My KES, then simply type in your year group to see who we are missing. If you have contact details for a lost OE, contact us via email at: oldeds@kes.org.uk or tel: 0121 415 6050.

Deaths

We regret to report the deaths of the following Old Edwardians:

- Robert J Garratt (1935)
- Norman H Brown (1936)
- Frank W Betts (1937)
- Roger F Jack (1939)
- Peter L Lawton (1939)
- Arthur Trevor Churchman (1943)
- Gordon L Arnold (1945)
- Pat W Welch (1945)
- Fred W Wright (1945)
- Sigbert Prais (1946)
- John M Wells (1947)
- John H Fleming (1948)
- David P Locker (1949)
- Charles Michael Edwards (1951)
- Jim V Yearsley (1951)
- Anthony J Harrison (1952)
- John E Bewley (1953)
- Graham Keith Pickavance (1953)
- Peter J Turner (1953)
- Trevor H Williets (1953)
- John E Trayhern (1954)
- Malcolm C Dodwell (1957)
- Simon Hoggart (1964)
- Peter J Knowles (1964)
- Kevin R Lee (1970)
- Neil Burnie (1972)
- Tim P Shaw (1972)
- Simon J Fowler (1979)
- Omar B Hannan (2002)
- Rakesh Chauhan (2003)
- John H Hodges (Staff: 1949-1981)
- Delia Ruhm (Staff)

Robert Joseph Garratt (1935)
1917-2014



Bob with 28 Squadron in Hong Kong in 1983 with his son (L) and OC 28 Squadron (R).

Robert Joseph (Bob) Garratt DFC LLB served as a Governor of the Foundation from 1964 to 1993. In 1972 he was elected Chairman of the Direct Grant Schools’ Committee, which became the Independent Schools’ Governing Body. In 1972 he was elected Bailiff, an office he held for two years. He was also a Governor of each of the grammar schools as a member of the Grammar Schools’ Committee and from 1985 he served on the governing bodies of Aston and Five Ways.

Bob was the oldest son of Harry Garratt OBE and Frances Garratt and had two siblings, Michael and Barbara. All of Harry’s children were educated at the independent schools of the Foundation and then completed their education at Birmingham University. Bob completed a law degree; by the time he finished war had broken out and he volunteered for service in the RAF. After completing flying training he was posted to serve in India and Burma with 28 (Army Cooperation) Squadron where, as a result of completing many dangerous missions against the Japanese as a Hurricane pilot, he was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross (DFC). He returned to Europe in time to be present at Lüneburg Heath when the German surrender was signed. After leaving the RAF he married his late wife, Hilda, completed his legal qualifications and entered practice in the Midlands, becoming Senior Partner in the firm which bore his name, which he eventually amalgamated into what was to become Challinors. He was a President of the Birmingham Law Society.

Although Bob contracted diphtheria in his youth, he went on to become an excellent sportsman and was a member of school cricket, swimming and rugby teams. After leaving school he played for the Old Edwardians and for North Midlands as full-back, becoming its captain during a period of success for the team that has not since been repeated. He once scored a drop goal from behind his own 25 yard line, about which he said, in his usual modest way, that the wind seemed to be in the right direction so he just gave it a go. From the 1960s he served as the North Midlands representative on the Rugby Football Union where he was actively involved for many years serving as chairperson of several committees which shaped and advanced the game. He retained privilege membership of the Rugby Football Union up to his death.

Bob died after a short illness on 14 March 2014. His funeral service in Cheshire took place on what would have been his 97th birthday. He is survived by his brother, son, and two grandchildren. His quiet authority and modesty despite his high achievements will be missed by all his family.

David Garratt

Frank Betts (1937)
1921-2014

Cricket fanatic, Frank Betts, was born in Birmingham and attended King Edward’s School, where he used to watch the heroes of his day performing for Warwickshire.

During World War II, he saw active service as a lieutenant in the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve, working on minesweepers off the east coast of England, in the Mediterranean and with the Pacific Fleet off Australia.

Following the war, he ran an off licence in Birmingham and was a hotelier in Llandudno and Conway, before moving to Exmouth, where he ran a sporting hotel that was used regularly by the International Cavaliers and Whitbread Wanderers. In 1975 he moved to The Windwhistle Inn, near Chard, where he remained until he joined Somerset County Cricket Club in 1984.

He was heavily involved at Somerset CCC and he ran the Stragglers Bar before becoming the Club’s licensee, running the committee room bar on match days, dealing with catering invoicing and stocktaking.

Andy Nash, the chairman of Somerset CCC, said: “Frank Betts standing was such that he was the only committee room steward in the Official ECB County handbook. He served the club for an incredible 30 years, which must be a record for a ‘temporarily postponed’ retirement. He cared for the club, staff and all guests with great efficiency and in some style.”

Obituary drawn from Western Daily Press

Arthur Trevor Churchman (1943)
1926-2014

Dr A. Trevor Churchman (Trevor) BSc PhD FIMMM FIEE CEng, was born on 13 March 1926 in Birmingham where his father, Arthur, was a young Chemist with Cadbury. Trevor was educated at King Edward’s School and went into the Science Sixth Form being influenced by Commander Langley, his chemistry master, who by coincidence had been Trevor’s father’s Commanding Officer in Naval Research in WW1.

Trevor won a state scholarship and the School Science Leaving Exhibition and moved on to Birmingham University to read Metallurgy. There a brilliant young professor, Alan Cottrell, became his mentor and friend. Trevor gained a first-class honours degree, then a PhD and was Research Fellow at the University for two years.

In 1950 he married June, a mathematics graduate. He joined Associated Electrical Industries (AEI) research laboratory, where he started to unravel the structures and mechanical properties of Titanium and Rhenium and ‘grew’ the first titanium single crystals; the first of his papers to be published by the Royal Society. Developmental work at Cambridge by a husband and wife team followed. Titanium was to be vital in the development of the space programme and high-speed aircraft.

Trevor went to the Atoms for Peace conference in the late 1950s and was soon after invited to join the Central Electricity Generating Board (CEGB) as Head of Materials Division of Berkeley Nuclear Laboratories. Trevor soon became Deputy Director and built a team of young, bright, enthusiastic researchers. Trevor then became Director of a new research facility, the Electricity Council Research Centre (ECRC), to investigate the uses of electricity. From 1965 ECRC grew and prospered, and was a close-knit, family team that became the major portion of his life and work.

During this period Trevor gave the Faraday Lecture Series in the early 1970s; a series of children’s lectures at the Royal Institution; made a film to introduce the basics of electricity to young people, which was used worldwide; ran a NATO conference at Les Arcs in France; chaired a working group for the World Energy Conference on heat pumps; and so on, together with the exciting developments originating from the ECRC. Trevor retired at 62 for a consultancy role having seen the Centre through 21+ years.

The move to ECRC meant a move to Wales for the family. Worship at St. Asaph Cathedral became the centre of Trevor’s spiritual life. Hugh (born 1956) and Marion, Helena (born 1959) and Simon were married there and the four grandchildren baptised there. Trevor was a member of the Governing Body of the Church in Wales for 15 years. He was tremendous support to June (who died in 2009) in her work in Guiding and the National Lottery Charities Board. He was a generous and loving father, father-in-law, grandfather and great-grandfather and a generous supporter of the work of the churches.

Helena Hodges

Gordon Arnold (1945)
1927-2014



Gordon Arnold, who died in April at the age of 86, will be remembered by those who played with him as an outstanding personality, player and captain. He was at School from 1938-45 and in his final year was School Captain, Captain of Rugby, House Captain of Shooting and PE, winner of the Bache Memorial Cup, the Dale Memorial Medal and the Hodgetts Trophy.

The School XV of 1944-45 was strong, winning their last 12 games in succession. Bromsgrove was defeated 9-0 and 70 years later, I can still remember Gordon leading the Victory Parade in Big School with the Siviter

Smith Cup in his hands and a bandage round his head, having been injured in the game; what a hero! Tony Corley, writing Gordon's 'Football Character' in the Chronicle said that 'he is always to be found in the thick of the game' with 'dogged determination and boundless energy' and 'led the team well', although adding that 'his kick is weak'.

Those of us lucky enough to play with Gordon for the Old Edwardians in the 50s, particularly when he was Captain, 1956-60, will agree that he still played with all those qualities and his kicking was no better. John Adams (1955) said of Gordon: "On the field, he was not only an effective player, but as Captain, he seemed to have boundless energy and enthusiasm for the job. At times, he would employ his own form of tackling, namely to launch himself full tilt at the opponent, but then somehow, in mid-air to roll himself into a ball and aim somewhere about ankle height more often or not bringing the other player and himself down in a flying tangle of arms, legs and bodies."

Bill Shrimpton (1957) said: "I had enormous respect for him as player, leader and person. Always in the middle of the fray, there was an energy and urgency about his play that inspired or embarrassed his team-mates."

Gordon was a stalwart at the bar after the match and he and his wife, Pam, had many memorable parties at their house in Harborne. He was also very intelligent and academic enjoying a successful career as an engineer in a series of management jobs in different parts of the country, commuting (at great speed) from his house in Somerset.

George Taplin (1951)

Fred Wright (1945)
1927-2014

Dr Fred Wright was a radiologist at the Churchill Hospital, Oxford, for more than 30 years and a champion of community fundraising.

He spearheaded a campaign to raise £750,000 for a medical scanner and also brought improvements to the nuclear medicine department, which was later named the Wright Unit in his honour. His efforts for the scanner prompted a letter from then Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher offering her congratulations.

During retirement he took up a number of causes local to his village of Eynsham, including raising money for a hall and battling against gravel digging in the area. Prime Minister and MP for Witney David Cameron was to later remark: "It is not possible to (discuss) gravel and Eynsham without a word of appreciation for Dr Fred Wright."

Fred grew up in Erdington and, after King Edward's, studied medicine at Lincoln College, Oxford, qualifying as a doctor in 1950. In 1952 he married Lilian and the couple had three children: Angela, Caroline and John. He became a doctor at the Churchill Hospital and stayed in the radiology department, eventually becoming its head for two years before retiring in 1992. He also worked as a clinical lecturer for the University of Oxford, something he continued to do until the final months of his life. And in many court cases, he appeared as an expert medical witness.

After becoming a member of Eynsham Parish Council in 1991, he became chairman in 1997 and 1998 and was also chairman of the village hall committee. He founded the Eynsham Society in 1972 as a response to the threat of expansion of the village. He was chairman for the last six years and its honorary president.

As well as being a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians and of the Royal College of Radiologists, he was president of the Oxford British Medical Association between 2005 and 2007 and a representative of the National British Medical Association in the 1970s and 1980s.

Dr Wright died peacefully on 3 May 2014 after a short illness. He is survived by his wife, three children and six grandchildren.

Obituary drawn from the Oxford Mail

Charles Michael Edwards (1951)
1934-2014



Born in Sheffield, Michael attended King Edward VII School in Sheffield prior to his family's relocation to Solihull in 1947.

He attended KES Birmingham from 1947 to 1951 and played as a wicket keeper/batsman for the School's 1st XI under the fine captaincy of PA Gough.

Before qualifying as a Chartered Architect, Michael served as an Officer in the 5th Tank Regiment seeing service in Northern Germany and Libya.

He was a keen sportsman, playing rugby at Streetsbrook Road, golf at Copt Heath and captaining Moseley Ashfield CC where he played in 'cavalier style' until well into his 50s. He was a playing member of MCC and in later life spent many happy hours watching cricket at Lord's.

Michael was a well-known figure in Birmingham's business community running his own architectural practice, Michael Edwards Associates, which continues to this day.

In more recent days, Michael suffered from ill health but he remained cheerful and would have revelled in the fine send-off that he received when over 400 people packed into St Alphege Church to attend a Service of Thanksgiving for his life.

Michael is survived by his wife Debbie, daughter Sophie, and grandchildren Imogen and Josh. He will be sorely missed.

Michael Ravenhill

Tony Harrison (1952)
1935-2014

Former consultant engineer and trustee of the Inland Waterways Association (IWA), Tony Harrison, died on 31 July 2014. Tony had been an IWA member for over 50 years. He gained a postgraduate Diploma in Hydraulics at the Delft University and moved to work at the Wallingford Hydraulics Research Station. Later he continued to live in Goring when commuting to Watford, where he developed best practice for civil and building contract administration at the Building Research Establishment.

Tony became an Honorary Consultant Engineer in 1989 and was simultaneously co-opted to IWA's then fledgling Restoration Committee. Tony instituted good practice in contract administration, not without opposition, and his paper *Managing Consultancies on Inland Waterway Projects* is referred to by many other bodies. Tony subsequently promoted and managed the production of the entire *IWA Technical Restoration Handbook*. Tony's expertise in hydraulics and hydrology benefited numerous restoration projects and navigable waterways alike. Tony served on IWA's Restoration Committee for 20 years and chaired it for five years.

Obituary drawn from the IWA Bulletin

Peter John Turner (1953)
1934-2014

Throughout Peter's time at King Edward's he swam and played rugby with enthusiasm. Initially, he joined the Scouts but was soon lured to the Cadet Corps where he won the cup for being the smartest cadet on parade. He became a platoon sergeant and was Drum Major during the visits of both Field Marshalls Slim and Montgomery; dropping the mace in front of the latter but with typical good fortune it bounced back into his hand, the result of tossing it many times over the arch at the top of the drive. He took part in many school plays from walk-on soldier to Sir Toby Belch and doing sound effects and lighting.

Before going to Pembroke College, Oxford he served for two years in the army where he was commissioned in the RASC. He became a member of the army motorcycle trials team, taking part in a number of events and even winning an award in one national trial. Immediately after Oxford came marriage and life as a solicitor's articled clerk. After passing the Solicitors' Final Exam, he was offered a job in the same firm and shortly afterwards a partnership. The absence of studying gave the opportunity to indulge in fishing and shooting. In 1965 he became the honorary legal advisor to the Wild Fowlers' Association of Great Britain and Ireland, now the British Association for Shooting and Conservation, which rapidly became the largest shooting organisation in the country. In 1979 he became Vice-Chairman and the membership reached 60,000.

In 1972 he became the youngest Coroner in the country. Despite all these activities he found the time to have two daughters and one son. He became a member of the Mental Health Tribunal and served as President for several years before retiring at the age of 72.

In 1972, he joined the Birmingham Old Edwardian Lodge and progressed to the rank of Past Junior Grand Deacon and in Rose Croix he became the Inspector General for Warwickshire.

Paul Turner



Kevin Lee (1970)
1951-2014



When Kevin Lee, known to the world by his professional name, Kevin Elyot, died last year aged 62, he was widely recognised as one of our most original dramatists: inventive, funny, sometimes caustic, always deeply humane. The superb revival of his masterpiece, *My Night with Reg*, was in rehearsal at the Donmar Warehouse, now transferred to the West End, though tragically Kevin did not live to see the opening night. His deft, sometimes idiosyncratic screen adaptations included works by Patrick Hamilton, Christopher Isherwood and numerous Agatha Christies, culminating in *The Curtain*, the last of the ITV Poirot franchise, starring David Suchet.

At King Edward’s in the late 1960s, Kevin was unconventional, Bohemian even, yet always sociable, responsible and diligent. The son of a Handsworth Wood chiropodist, he was a gifted and enthusiastic musician. He threw himself into drama, starring in numerous school productions including Desdemona in *Othello* (before his voice broke) and Thomas Beckett in *Murder in the Cathedral* with the help and encouragement of masters like the inspirational A.J. (Tony) Trott, with whom Kevin kept in touch for the rest of his life, and the indefatigable Michal Parslew.

After reading drama at Bristol University, he began an acting career before finding his real metier as a playwright. Sadly the success of *My Night with Reg* in 1994 coincided with his diagnosis with HIV/AIDS, yet for his last 20 years he worked harder than ever. He formed friendships at school which lasted the rest of his life, enjoying regular lunches with a group of OEs including myself (a writer), a judge, a poet/publisher and a philosophy professor. A lifelong friend from our sister girls’ school was the actress Lindsay Duncan who delivered a wonderful eulogy at his funeral. Kevin is survived by his mother, Edith and his sister Pauline.

Paul Hoggart (1970)

Simon John Fowler (1979)
1961-2014

Simon was born in Solihull and won a scholarship to KES in 1972 following which he became House Captain of Vardy making his mark on both the rugby and cricket fields as Captain of the Cricket XI and part of a very successful Rugby XV. Off the pitch he played reggae rhythm guitar in the Inter House Music Competition of 1978, whether he won or not the memory does not recall.

After leaving KES he went to Sheffield University to study civil engineering and graduated with a degree which earned him employment with Tilbury Douglas with whom he worked on the ICC project in Birmingham. However, his propensity for travel took him to South Africa and South America before settling down in Dubai with his wife Delia and his two daughters Courtney and Lara.

Simon’s love for sport followed him around the world whether at KES, Sheffield, Blackheath, the Old Edwardians or Dubai. For the Old Eds Simon played both first team rugby and cricket with both enormous enthusiasm and skill, he remains the only member of the Cricket Club to have been thrown into the River Severn at Evesham and the River Avon at Bath whilst on one of his many wholehearted West Country tours.

In Dubai, Simon joined the Darjeeling Cricket Club (the oldest club in Dubai) and the Exiles Rugby Club. For the former he scored several centuries making up perhaps for his dismissal for 99 for KES against the MCC as a result of his believing to be sledged. He was also a keen cyclist and athlete taking part in several triathlons and at the age of 47 cycled from one end of New Zealand to the other. Delia and her daughters continue to fundraise through sport for Simon’s favoured charity Médecins Sans Frontières.

Simon had a history of heart complaints and died of a heart attack in his swimming pool in Arabian Ranches whilst playing an undoubtedly competitive ball game with his daughter. Simon’s passing leaves all those who had the pleasure to know him sadder and emptier. However, a man in whose company one was always happy to be there.

Paul Thomson (1967)



Rakesh Chauhan (2003)
1985-2014



Flight Lieutenant Rakesh Chauhan RAF was on active service in Afghanistan, serving his second tour as an Intelligence Officer, when he was killed with four other servicemen when the helicopter in which they were flying suffered catastrophic damage at low altitude. He is, as far as I know, the first Old Edwardian to have died on active service since the end of the Second World War.

It seems only a little time since Rakesh left KES, and his memory is still very much alive. I taught him as a Shell, and when I got to know him better higher up the School, I could still see that 11-year-old in him: bright-eyed, bushy-tailed, full of enthusiasm and eagerness, but always intensely thoughtful and sharply critical – he did not suffer fools gladly at 11, and that never changed! We came into closer contact when he joined the CCF, and he confessed to his already longstanding ambition to join the Royal Air Force. A natural leader, he rose through the ranks alongside his lifelong friend Richard Bradish, until the dynamic duo led the Section and jointly won the Knight Memorial Medal. I taught Rakesh for Philosophy of Religion at A Level too: and here we could see the qualities of mind which later made him so outstanding an officer in the Intelligence Branch.

Rak’s eminent suitability for his chosen profession took him through St Andrew’s and the University Air Squadron, through officer selection, and into the RAF, where he became one of the rising stars of his generation. It was his childhood dream brought to reality, and he lived it to the full. Up for any kind of adventurous training or challenge, totally dedicated and task-orientated when on duty, he loved the life, and he firmly believed in the job he was doing and its value.

He was a frequent visitor to KES, attended the CCF Annual Inspection whenever he could, and made sure that when he did so he spoke to as many cadets as possible. In 2013, he asked me if ‘in the event of the unexpected’, as he put it, I would conduct his funeral service. I was honoured, if desperately sad, to do so less than a year later. But it was uplifting, on that occasion, to see how many of his contemporaries from KES, St Andrew’s, and his Service life – to say nothing of thousands of the Midlands’ Hindu community – turned out to honour him. He touched many lives. It was his conviction that by his service in the RAF he could make a difference to the world; and it was in making that difference, with total commitment, that he met his death. We honour him.

Duncan Raynor (1976; staff)

John Hodges (Staff:1949-1981)
1921-2014

John Henderson Hodges was born in Abergavenny and educated at Monmouth School, where he was good at sport and won a prize for playing the piano. In spring 1940 he went to Paris and studied Phonetics at the Sorbonne and the British Institute.



When the sound of approaching German artillery could be heard, he climbed over the railings at the Gare St Lazare and fought his way on to the last train leaving Paris. After basic training at Warminster, Wiltshire, in August 1942 he was commissioned from Sandhurst into the East Riding Yeomanry. In January 1943, after three months at sea, he arrived at the Royal Armoured Corps base camp near Cairo where he transferred to the 3rd The King’s Own Hussars (3 KOH).

In March 1944 Hodges formed part of the advance party that left Alexandria for Taranto, Italy, and moved up to the Allied front line south of Monte Cassino. In commanding one of the forward troops of 3 KOH in the advance on Città della Pieve, he was later awarded an MC for knocking out three enemy guns and enabling the infantry to get into the town without suffering casualties. Hodges spent the last eight months of his Army service in hospital after an incident in a Staghound armoured car in Tel Aviv, when the driver did not spot concrete blocks that terrorists had used to barricade the road.

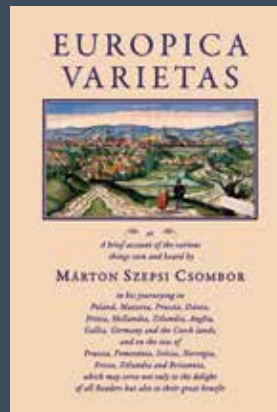
After being demobilised with a small disability pension, in 1946 he went up to Christ’s College, Cambridge, to read Modern Languages. On graduating in 1949, he taught French and Spanish at King Edward’s School. He was a housemaster and played leading roles in the CCF and music. For several years before he retired in 1981, he was an extremely successful Second Master, a post in which he demonstrated his reliability and calm, authoritative leadership tempered with a sense of fun.

He and his wife, Norah, sang for many years with great enjoyment in the Birmingham Bach Choir and then the City of Birmingham Choir, performing a large range of the classical repertoire. For all his married life he quietly shouldered the burden of coping with his wife’s bipolar illness, but he never uttered a word of complaint.

Settled at Sicklinghall, near Wetherby, Yorkshire, where they spent almost 25 years, he took pleasure in his vegetable garden, in singing and playing the church organ, and having a game of bridge with the nuns who lived opposite.

Obituary drawn from the Daily Telegraph

Old Edwardian publications



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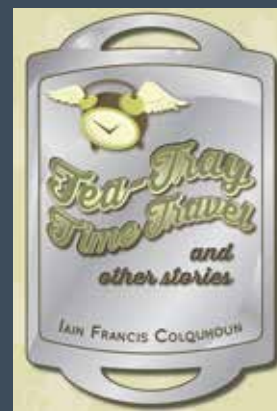
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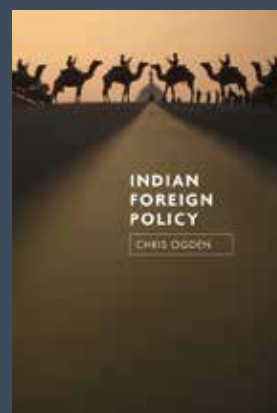
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Publisher: Bantam Press



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The Last Rite
Publisher: Bantam Press



Chris Ogden (1995)
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Publisher: Polity



Matthew Nicholls (1996)
30-Second Ancient Rome
Publisher: Ivy Press



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Invective
Publisher: Amazon

AP100 Campaign update

An incredible **£7.5 million** has now been raised towards the AP100 Campaign and from September 2015, this money will be funding 75 boys on Assisted Places across the School. Thanks to the support of over 1,200 Old Edwardians, parents and other supporters, we are now well on our way to achieving our Campaign goal of raising £10 million to fund 100 Assisted Places by 2017.

The Campaign is helping many boys from across Birmingham receive an education that could transform their lives.

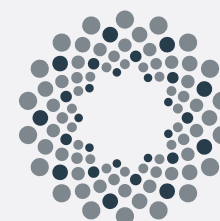
AP100 Ambassador: Jonathan Coe

Jonathan Coe attended King Edward's from 1972 to 1979. He went on to study at Trinity College, Cambridge and then Warwick University. His first novel *The Accidental Woman* was published in 1987, and he has written nine further novels, including *What a Carve Up!*, *The Rotters' Club* and, his latest book, *Expo 58*. His books have won prizes at home and abroad, including the Prix Médicis Etranger and the Bollinger Everyman Wodehouse Prize for comic writing. He is a Fellow of the Royal Society of Literature and a Chevalier de l'Ordre des Arts et des Lettres.



“The British education system is fractured and unequal. At the moment, we have a situation where schools offering one sort of education, often leading to better opportunities in work, higher education and social advancement, are accessible only to those whose parents can afford to pay for them.

“While this situation continues, I support campaigns like King Edward's AP100 scheme, which makes a worthwhile and admirable attempt to redress the balance.”



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