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# Welcome

2015/2016 has already been a very good year for King Edward’s School, even an annus mirabilis, or even mirabilissimus, and that’s not just because a new Chief Master has been appointed who has a teaching qualification. The School has won major national prizes: The Sunday Times IB School of the Year, the TES Independent Schools Award for independent school/state school partnership, the national Senior Maths Challenge competition for an unprecedented second year in a row. In 2015 half the boys got over 40 points in IB, over a third of the boys got 10 A\*s at GCSE and in January 2016 27 boys received offers from Oxford and Cambridge, the highest figure since 2002, a time when we still benefited from government funded Assisted Places.

And why should this be? Well, you might say that it is the Old Edwardians what done it. This school is only a great school when it can attract the brightest boys in Birmingham and beyond – some even come from Derby these days – and that has only been possible through the support of alumni over the last decade. The Ruddock Hall and the Brode Wing enrich the lives of all and attract boys to come in the future. Through the support of you all, we have doubled the number of boys on Assisted Places and these bright boys are the boys who are likely to go on to win the glittering prizes and Oxbridge offers and create the culture of the school. And, those bright boys now closely reflect the ethnic mix of this city, which must be significant for this city’s future prosperity and cohesion. Soon, very soon, we’ll have raised £10m for that vital purpose. However, support has come in other forms, too: Jonathan Coe and David Willetts appear in this Gazette and they are merely two of many who have come back to talk of the world’s possibilities. That has enriched us, too.

I cannot imagine that, in recent years, any school has owed so much to its alumni and my final words to you, dear readers, must be words of thanks.

John Cloughton

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

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## A brief word from:

## The Chairman



The OEA website gives a good idea of the increasing number of things going on, and each year this is reassuringly more diverse and better supported. This is

its own testament to the efforts made by Simon Lerwill during his long tenure and all the support from the Old Edwardian Office team.

2015's London Dinner was well attended – a third more than in 2014 and back to the same number as 2013, and had more under 25s than any recent year – another very good signal. They were well rewarded by Stephen Cooper's reminiscences and a quite tremendous speech from our School Captain, Josh Kimblin. A Careers Day in January and Creative Industries Drinks in February added to the variety, although the event that I had most criticism for missing was the John Lewis extravaganza in November!

In this edition you will hear from Jonathan Coe with some of his observations about *The Rotters' Club*, which painted a picture those of us from the 70s recognised in an instant – and will be brought to life at The Rep in the first week of April. Also here are David Willetts' words from Speech Day and an interview with Stan Lampard – as ever there is much to link Old Edwardians with the School today as we also hear of academic, sporting and artistic trials and tribulations.

This is John Claughton's last Gazette as Chief Master. Let's hope that the AP100 Campaign will get to the £10m and allow him a not-out century. Having led with such energy and vision, it would be only right.

■ James Martin (1979)  
Chairman of the OEA

# Letters to the Editor

## Canadian choir comes to KES



Dear Editor,

While KES laid the groundwork for a career in scientific research, the School also fostered my continuing love of choral singing. Professionally, my path led to several locations in Canada. Since 1982 I've lived in the Toronto area, where until my retirement I worked on human vaccine R&D projects for Connaught Laboratories (now part of Sanofi Pasteur), ending up directing test development for candidate vaccines.

Retirement meant more time for singing, both choral and solo. I now sing with Pax Christi Chorale, one of the leading community choirs in Toronto that's particularly known for its large-scale dramatic performances of neglected masterpieces. In recent years we have presented Edward Elgar's *The Kingdom*, Hubert Parry's *Judith*, Hector Berlioz's *L'Enfance du Christ* and Handel's *Solomon*.

This summer the choir is embarking on its first overseas tour, which, happily for me, will

be centred on southern England. We will be singing in cathedrals and major churches in Coventry, Worcester, Gloucester, Great Malvern and Bath, as well as my alma mater Queen's College, Oxford. When our choir director also expressed an interest in performing in Birmingham, because of its historic association with both Elgar and Parry, I immediately thought of the new Ruddock Performing Arts Centre at KES.

I am now very pleased to report that Pax Christi Chorale will indeed be presenting a concert at the Ruddock Centre on Wednesday 27 July at 7pm, with proceeds to be donated to the AP100 Campaign. We will be performing a *cappella* masterworks by Schütz, Rheinberger, Brahms, Mendelssohn and several more recent composers.

There's no argument that the cause is good, while I can assure you that the music will be excellent, so here's an invitation to Old Eds within striking distance of KES to come and hear us! Further details will be posted on the Ruddock Centre website: [www.ruddockpac.co.uk](http://www.ruddockpac.co.uk) and you can read about Pax Christi Chorale at: [www.paxchristichorale.org](http://www.paxchristichorale.org)

*Stephen Cockle (1964)*

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](mailto:editor@kes.org.uk) or by post to: **The Editor, Development & OEA Office, King Edward's School, Edgbaston Park Road, Birmingham B15 2UA**

## A call for cross country runners

Dear Editor,

On a mild but damp December Saturday, four intrepid Old Edwardians headed to Wimbledon Common to take part in the Thames Hare & Hounds Alumni Cross Country Race. The race has taken place annually since 1953 but as far as we are aware KES has never before entered a team in this prestigious event.

The Thames Hare & Hounds clubhouse is a treasure trove of historic photographs, the Club boasting Roger Bannister, Chris Chataway and Chris Brasher amongst its members. An inspiration to tackle the five mile long course, which was a true test of cross country running ability, much of it being along footpaths through woodland with ditches to jump and short muddy slopes to climb.

The entry rules were simple: a team of unlimited numbers with four to score in the Open race, and three in the various Veterans' categories. All ages were taking part, with the oldest competitors being well into their seventies. With a hint of nostalgia, wearing vests from the 1990s, KES just had a team. First back was Andrew Peat in an excellent 5<sup>th</sup> place (time 27:07) followed by Shafiq Rasheed in 56<sup>th</sup>, Barry Elkington 139<sup>th</sup>, and Ian Lewis 204<sup>th</sup>. As a first attempt we were pleased to see the team finishing 15<sup>th</sup> out of the 28 schools entered. There was a social element to this event as well with tea and cakes after the race and a visit to the nearby Telegraph pub before heading for home.

I hope that there may be Old Edwardians reading the Gazette who would be interested in taking part in the next race, which will take place on Saturday, 17 December 2016. Any

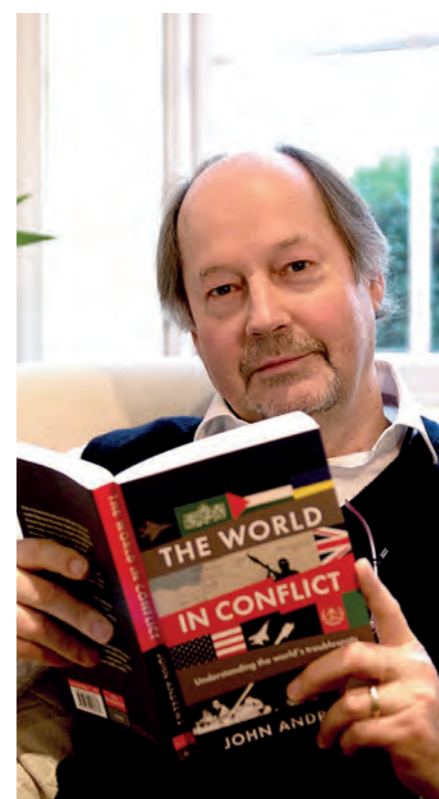


*Pictured (L-R): Barry Elkington (1974), Ian Lewis (1982), Andrew Peat (1999) and Shafiq Rasheed (2000).*

interested parties can email me to find out more at: [barry\\_elkington@uk.ibm.com](mailto:barry_elkington@uk.ibm.com) Further information on the history of the race, including past results, is available at: [www.thameshareandhounds.org.uk](http://www.thameshareandhounds.org.uk)

*Barry Elkington (1974)*

## Travelling the world



Dear Editor,

An email from the editor of the Gazette is not to be ignored: what have you been up to since leaving King Edward's in 1964? The short answer is three hedonistic years reading Arabic at Cambridge and then four decades travelling the world, first as a lecturer in Libya (my wife and I arrived two weeks after Colonel Gaddafi's revolution) and in Lebanon at the American University of Beirut – and then as a journalist.

Journalism, of course, is a wonderful excuse to avoid serious adulthood! Working for NBC News during the Lebanese civil war I came across another Old Edwardian, the BBC's David Sells – who became a great friend and colleague, and later a neighbour in London. Sprinting under sniper-fire from one ruined building to another reminded me that David had been one of KES's best athletes – and was a lot faster than this younger Old Edwardian.

Good sense (i.e. my long-suffering wife) persuaded me that we needed a break from the war-torn Middle East, and that led me to six years with *The Guardian* in London and then 24 with *The Economist* – who were generous enough to give me foreign postings in Singapore, Hong Kong, Brussels, Washington DC, Paris and Los Angeles.

One of the great benefits of being a journalist is that you meet interesting people – both great and lowly – in interesting places. All those experiences have encouraged me in writing my latest book, *The World in Conflict: understanding the world's troublespots*, which aims to analyse the reasons for war and violence – from Afghanistan and Africa to Latin America and Asia – in today's world. I don't expect to match the readership figures of that other Old Edwardian, Lee Child, but I do hope that my book will help Edwardians past and present to feel better informed about the world we live in.

*John Andrews (1964)*

# Events: a year in pictures

## 1 Careers Day, January 2015

Old Edwardians from professions ranging from chemical engineering to insurance management talked to boys in the Fiftys about their careers.

## 2 Professional Networking in London, March 2015

At this joint KES and KEHS event, Old Edwardians from across the capital had the opportunity to network with fellow professionals and take part in a panel discussion and Q&A on 'The Future of the Media'.

## 3 Golden and Diamond Anniversary Reunion, March 2015

Old Edwardians from the classes of 1955 and 1965 enjoyed a tour of the School, lunch in the Dining Hall and a visit to the 'King Edward's School and the Great War' exhibition at this informal reunion.

## 4 Oxford Lecture, April 2015

Richard Mayou (1958) presented a lecture on *Oxford Botanic Garden is Britain's oldest – can it be the world's best university garden?* at Nuffield College, Oxford.

## 5 An audience with Bill Oddie, May 2015

As part of the AP100 Campaign, the School hosted an evening with Campaign ambassador Bill Oddie (1959).

## 6 Year Group Reunion, June 2015

Over 80 Old Edwardians from the classes of 1975, 1985, 1995 and 2005 caught up with old friends over a drinks reception and three course carvery dinner in the Dining Hall.

## 7 Tolkien Lecture, September 2015

Alfred Brendel, one of the greatest pianists of the last 50 years, gave a talk entitled *A-Z, A Pianist's Alphabet* as part of this academic lecture series.

## 8 Sports Dinner, October 2015

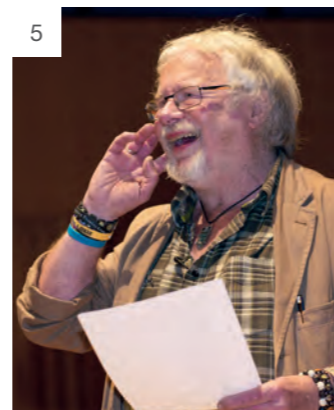
Dennis Amiss MBE was the guest speaker at this event which provided Old Edwardian sportsmen with the opportunity to reunite with former teammates over drinks and dinner.

## 9 An evening in John Lewis, November 2015

Supporters of the AP100 Campaign enjoyed an exclusive event at the new John Lewis in Grand Central, Birmingham including a drinks reception and private shopping.

## 10 London Dinner, November 2015

Stephen Cooper (1976), author of *The Final Whistle: The Great War in Fifteen Players*, spoke at this annual event for Old Edwardians living in or around London.



## 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](http://www.oldereds.kes.org.uk/events) or tel: **0121 415 6050**.

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

## King Edward's School and the Great War exhibition, Last Friday of every month

The exhibition in the Memorial Chapel, which marks the service and sacrifice of Old Edwardians who served in the conflict, will be updated in May 2016 to commemorate the Battle of the Somme.

## Summer Concert, Monday 25 April 2016

An opportunity to say goodbye to John Cloughton and enjoy a drinks reception prior to the concert at Symphony Hall.

## Tolkien Lecture, Wednesday 4 May 2016

A lecture on the centenary of the Somme campaign given by eminent historian Sir Hew Strachan.

## Medics Drinks, Wednesday 11 May 2016

Old Edwardian medics are invited to share their knowledge and experience with current pupils at this informal networking event.

## Old Edwardians AGM, Thursday 16 June 2016

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

## Year Group Reunion: 1976, 1986, 1996 and 2006, Saturday 18 June 2016

Visit the School and catch up with old friends over drinks and a three course dinner.

# School *news*

## Awards 'hat-trick'!

King Edward's School won three prestigious national awards in 2015: The Sunday Times International Baccalaureate School of the Year, TES Best Independent-Maintained School Collaboration, and John Cloughton was named Best Head of Public School by *Tatler* magazine.

The first award came in September at the Tatler Schools Awards 2016 with John Cloughton, Chief Master, being crowned the 'Best Head of Public School' ahead of competition from Heads of Cheltenham Ladies' College, Merchiston Castle School in Edinburgh, St Edward's Oxford and St Swithun's School in Winchester.

On Sunday 22 November *The Sunday Times* announced the winners for its coveted School of the Year awards, which saw King Edward's receive its second award as 'The Sunday Times International Baccalaureate School of the Year'. The School took the top spot in the International Baccalaureate (IB) category for its outstanding performance in the IB Diploma in 2015, which placed King Edward's School 26<sup>th</sup> overall in *The Sunday Times* league table of independent schools and best of any school offering 100% IB to its sixth form.

The third award to make the 'hat-trick' was the 'Best Independent-Maintained School Collaboration' awarded to the School at the 2015 TES Independent School Awards on Friday 27 November. The TES award was in recognition of the School's extensive outreach programme, which engages with over 11,000 primary school children and 450 teachers from 190 schools within the local community each year.



## Highest number of Oxbridge offers in more than a decade

27 boys have received offers from Oxford and Cambridge for entry in October 2016, the highest number of offers received by the School since 2002.

15 boys received offers from Cambridge, another record, and 12 from Oxford. This brings the total number of offers received by boys at the School over the last six years to 125.

The last time a higher number of offers were received was in 2002 when there were 30 offers. This year's offers range across 13 different courses including six offers for history, four for modern languages and three for medicine.

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

"Oxford and Cambridge are world-class institutions and they attract the best talent from all round the world. The number of applications rises year on year 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 – and great commitment and passion from our teachers, too.

"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 the nature of this school and the education it provides. And this might just be further proof that the IB Diploma really is the best preparation for the very best universities. There won't be many schools in this country that have a quarter of their pupils with Oxbridge offers."

## Round-up from the School Captain



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1: Joshua Kimblin,  
School Captain.

2: The Class of 2015.

3: The U16 hockey team.

4: Arpan Sharma playing  
in the Choral and  
Orchestral Concert.

5: The Outreach  
Summer School.

It has been another exceptional year for King Edward's in many different ways. In academic affairs, the departing Sixth Form left with record-breaking IB results. Three boys joined the 45 point club, with full marks in all subjects, and over half of the cohort attained scores of 40 points or more. That translates into 4 A\*'s in A Level-ese and a lot of hard work in everyday speech. The School had similar success in GCSE results, with 24 boys attaining the maximum 10 A\*'s and 89% of the grades either As or A\*'s.

When not in exam halls, KES boys have been proving their mettle in national Mathematics, 'Schools' Challenge' and Chemistry competitions. KES' finest mathematicians started the School's successful streak by winning the National Maths Challenge tournament, with full marks. The Schools' Challenge team then came runners-up in their annual competition, beaten by familiar rivals Haberdashers' Aske's School in the final. Finally, two young chemists came 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Chemical Reaction Challenge.

The School continues to offer and excel in a wide range of activities outside of the classroom. In sport, the U13 cricket team reached the national final of their annual Bunbury Cup Tournament, for the first time ever and the U16 badminton team came second in their national competition. The senior hockey team reached their national finals, too. Will Ritchie-Moulin, the athletics captain, deserves a notable mention after winning the 110m hurdles bronze medal at the ESAA Championships, which is the world's most prestigious student athletics competition.

This year's Senior Production, *Cabaret*, was a tale of unlikely love set against the rise of Nazism. It was a testament not only to the dramatic and musical abilities of the boys involved but also to the power of theatre to commemorate and horrify. The sight of our elderly Jewish protagonist disappearing through the gates of a Berlin ghetto was profoundly moving. Similarly emotive – and no less dramatic at times – was the Symphony Orchestra's performance of

Tchaikovsky's *Violin Concerto*, with Arpan Sharma playing a virtuosic solo.

The final success of this year has been the expansion of the Outreach Programme. Each year, the Programme engages with over 11,000 primary school children and 450 teachers, from 190 local schools, in extra-curricular activities run by teachers and pupils from KES. Under the indefatigable Mr Arbutnott, it has grown to offer everything from medieval archery to core literacy skills seminars for primary teaching staff. The School also runs an annual Summer School for 100 pupils from disadvantaged schools. Outreach is one of the School's most important projects, as it reflects our continuing duty to Birmingham and the wider area. Long may it continue.

Overall, the events of this school year have been both diverse and successful. They will continue to be so in the future.

*Joshua Kimblin*

# Jonathan Coe

## on writing *The Rotters' Club*

Ahead of the stage premiere of *The Rotters' Club* at Birmingham Repertory Theatre in April 2016, Jonathan Coe (1979) writes about the inspiration behind his 'lucky' book.

About 39 years ago, some time in 1977, I sat down to start writing a book. I would have been 16 years old, but this was not such an unusual activity for me. I had already started many books, and even finished a couple of them. One of them had even been sent to a publisher: Michael Joseph, chosen because they were the publishers of Spike Milligan, then one of my greatest heroes. They had turned the book down, of course, and perhaps that was the thing spurring me on

now. I had written a comic, picaresque novel in the vein of Kingsley Amis or Tom Sharpe and maybe it had been too predictable, too conventional. I'd decided that this new one was going to be called *Half Asleep; Half Awake*, and when I opened my red hardback exercise book (with 'KING EDWARD'S SCHOOL, BIRMINGHAM' printed in capitals on the cover) I wrote down the first sentence: 'This is the beginning of a book.'



How post-modern! Because yes, I had discovered experimental writing, and the person to thank for it was my English teacher, Tony Trott. Not that he had the vaguest inkling of what he had done. But for some reason, in the little store room at the back of his form room (at the northern end of the top corridor, looking out onto the language labs) there had been five – just five – copies of a novel by the Irish writer, Flann O'Brien, called *At Swim- Two-Birds*. When I mentioned this to Tony years later, he had no idea what they had been doing there, and had no memory of having taught this novel or even read it. But these books definitely bore the King Edward's stamp. I know that for a fact, because I'm afraid I took one of those copies, and have kept it ever since. And at that time, back in 1977, I was positively fixated on it. This deliciously parodic box of tricks, a Russian doll of novels-within-novels-within-novels, was tailor made for a smart-alec 16-year-old with a serious Monty Python obsession, and I was determined to imitate it. No more conventional novels for me. I would lead my readers (who didn't exist, by the way) on a giddy dance, never sure whether they were reading a fiction or a diary, whether the author was a real person or a figment of his own imagination.

Hence that opening sentence: 'This is the beginning of a book.' But how do you follow that? And in any case, what was this novel supposed to be *about*? As a sensitive, somewhat depressed and introverted teenager studying at an elite boys' school, I had little to write about except the experience of being a sensitive, somewhat depressed and introverted teenager studying at an elite boys' school. So that was the subject and the

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setting I chose – but the story, such as it was, fizzled out after about 30 pages, and the book was soon abandoned and put away in a bottom drawer. I believe it's now somewhere in a cardboard box in my mother's attic.

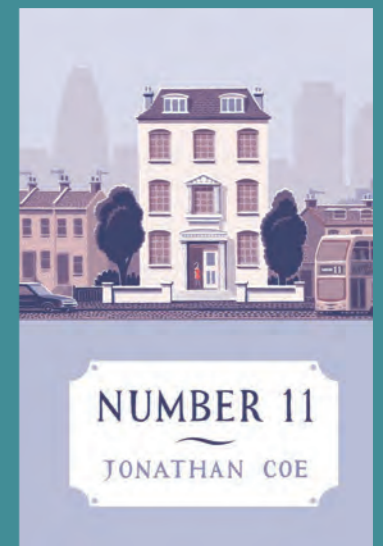
The basic idea, all the same, never quite went away. For the next 20 years I secretly nurtured the thought that one day I would write a novel about being at King Edward's in the 1970s. When I did finally come to write it, the title was no longer *Half Asleep; Half Awake* but *The Rotters' Club*, and King Edward's was heavily disguised, with brilliant sleight of hand, as King William's. But few people were fooled, I have to admit. As for all that postmodern trickery, my preoccupations as a writer had shifted elsewhere, and I now thought it would be more interesting to write a broader panorama of the 70s, a decade defined by tricky industrial relations, shifting attitudes towards race and an IRA bombing campaign that offered the perpetual background threat of random violence.

And yet I wanted the book to be a comedy, not a gloomy state-of-the-nation piece. I wanted to capture something of the awkwardness of adolescence, and some of the absurdity which was revealed to me when I revisited my own schoolboy diaries: the ludicrous disparity between my teenage intellectual arrogance and my basic ignorance of the world outside KE.

You publish a book with no sense of whether it's going to fly or sink like a stone. I worried that, because *The Rotters' Club* was set at a selective boys' school, it would be seen as having a skewed perspective on the 1970s. But it has turned out to be a lucky book. For all his preciousness, people took a liking to Benjamin Trotter, my fictional alter ego (much as they did to the very similar Adrian Mole, or to Henry Pratt in David Nobbs's *Second From Last in the Sack Race*). Three years after

publication the book was adapted as a Radio 4 serial, and then as a BBC2 TV show. It has been translated widely, is one of my most popular novels in France and Italy, and is now coming to the Birmingham Rep in a stage adaptation.

It has even made it onto the AS-level syllabus of one examination board, and I sometimes shake my head in amazement at the thought that my sixth-form-inspired comedy is now being studied by kids in the sixth form. Sadly, however, I don't think this board is used at King Edward's. If that was the case, the irony really would be too perfect. 



## Number 11

This is a novel about the hundreds of tiny connections between the public and private worlds and how they affect us all. It's about the legacy of war and the end of innocence. It's about how comedy and politics are battling it out and comedy might have won. It's about how 140 characters can make fools of us all.

It's about living in a city where bankers need cinemas in their basements and others need food banks down the street. It is Jonathan Coe doing what he does best – showing us how we live now.

Jonathan Coe's 11<sup>th</sup> novel, *Number 11*, is available now from Viking Books.

# Speech Day: *An education for life*

David Willetts (1974) talked at Speech Day in July 2015 about the importance of access, the problem with specialising too early and what a good education should provide. The following is an abridged version of the speech Lord Willetts delivered.



One should always remember the wise words of President George Bush when he was speaking at his former university. He said: “Congratulations to those with A and B grades, you’re going to have great opportunities in life, and to those with Cs and Ds, you too can be president of the United States.” So life after school has a whole host of extraordinary changes and ups and downs.

I congratulated the prize-winners, let me also particularly congratulate John Claughton, the Chief Master. John and I were contemporaries and I remember John as an incredibly gifted all-rounder, not just with the same kind of intellectual interests that I had, but also incredibly accomplished at sport, which was sadly something that rather passed me by. I have really enjoyed observing John’s achievements during his time as Chief Master and now with one more year to go I think we can begin to get a sense of some of the things that he has achieved and which are reflected in the speeches and accomplishments that we have been talking about today.

A cause that is close to John’s heart and which is so important to the future of this school is to improve access. When I was here it was a Direct Grant grammar school so the issue of funding your place didn’t really arise. In fact it was the then government’s assault of Direct Grant status when I was a Sixth Former that first got me interested in politics. I think back to the day when I got my place and going to tell my grandfather. It was the only time I saw my grandfather cry and that was because he had won a place but his parents could not afford the fees and he had not been able to come. So I very much welcome what is being achieved and the continuing fundraising that is ensuring that we will achieve at this school, I am sure, full needs-blind admissions and that will be a great prize.

Another thing that John is associated with above all is a commitment to the breadth of education embodied in the IB. Now, I really enjoyed studying here three A-levels in History, English and German and I had great teachers who encouraged me and inspired me with those subjects. I have no regrets in having studied History, English and German, but looking back I do have enormous regrets

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about the narrow range of study that that involved. I gave up Maths far too soon and by giving up all sciences at the age of 16 I did miss out on one of the great intellectual enterprises of our age, the spread of scientific understanding. That’s what I missed out on but equally people who specialise in the sciences miss out as well.

In my years in education both in the Shadow Cabinet and the Cabinet, I increasingly concluded that the problem is not some general fundamental battle between different disciplines. My view is that the problem can be traced back to specific features of the English educational system: the requirement to go down to three A-levels at the age of 16. No other advanced Western country expects teenagers, at that age, to take such a massive decision about what they are going to specialise in. That’s why I think it’s absolutely right that this school has taken the bold step of embracing the IB. It will of course ensure that in future, I hope, as the IB spreads, you will not have a Science Minister whose sole knowledge of science comes from an O-level in Physics with Chemistry.

The education that this school stands for seems to also embody two other principles that are sometimes seen as being in conflict. One is the importance of just knowing things: knowledge. Knowledge of the shape of the history of this country and the world; knowledge of the cultures, not just of the West but of the world; and that kind of knowledge that enables you to place things and, when you get the raw experiences that you’ll have through adulthood, have some kind of sense of where they fit in.

Alongside knowledge there is skills. Skills like spotting a bad argument, knowing how to ask the right questions and not being afraid to ask questions, and of course knowing how to answer other people’s questions. The ability to see the world through the eyes of people from very different cultures than your own. All those skills are important, but they’re hard to absorb unless you learn them and develop them through the mediating experience of grappling with the knowledge of stuff that is really of interest to you. ‘Education’ has been brilliantly defined as ‘what you are left with after you have forgotten everything you were taught’ and those things that are left will I hope be some combination of that knowledge and those skills.

Knowledge and skills are often experienced most through big, important, intellectual disciplines, the kind of disciplines that are celebrated in the prizes that I’ve just been handing out. They provide us with a key that can help us unlock an understanding of the world, and are one example of something which I think the school song is really about: the importance of things that are bigger than yourself. That can be an academic discipline, an institution, a profession with its values and standards, a political cause, or simply the family that you love.

As the young people here set out on their adult life, I think one of the messages from this school and from that great school song is if you try to pursue as your goal in life happiness or personal contentment, you’re unlikely to find it. But if you follow those greater causes you may find that happiness and fulfilment creep up on you unawares. **O**

## Reminiscences of a former Biology Master:

# Stan Lampard

Stan Lampard, who taught biology from 1977 to 2015, talks about his early love of wildlife, expeditions and having fun in lessons.



### From researcher to teacher

As a Biochemistry graduate I was offered research work in the early days of genetic engineering but the programme was suspended under a voluntary moratorium, deemed to be too risky to continue with! So I went from Warwick University Microbiology Department across the road to the Education Department. I did my teaching practice at a school in Chelmsley Wood and then an advert came up at King Edward's School. I knew very little about the school and was quite intimidated at first, until I arrived. I gradually fell in love with the place, with the kids that I first taught and with the Common Room, the rest is history!

### An early interest in wildlife

From an early age I was out in the countryside with my mum and dad. Every weekend was a mini adventure and I always came back with bits and pieces, originally for the nature table in primary school, though I soon had my own mini-zoo at the end of the garden where I kept mini-beasts: amphibians and reptiles. My mum used to go mad at me because they'd escape and run loose in the garden, such that she couldn't gather the vegetables for dinner without a frog hopping into her wellington boot. I just love the natural world, in all its manifestations.

### Evolution of biology

Biology is a huge and constantly evolving subject with a scope extending from molecular dimension right through to global phenomena with topics such as epigenetics,

emergent viruses, global climate change, and many other aspects which were unheard of at the time I graduated. Biology is a fascinating subject that is advancing probably more so than any other area of science at the moment. New discoveries, including, potential cures for diseases, the quest for new antibiotics, bioinformatics as a way of creating designer molecules to provide nanotechnological solutions. It's all amazing stuff!

### A sense of adventure

Fun and a sense of adventure accompanied all my expeditions with KES. There's always an element of surprise and that keeps you on your toes. You've got to be aware of potential risks: travelling through the middle of a rainforest in a canoe, pitching tents after cutting clearings on the banks of the river, then finding yourself sharing the dining shelter with all sorts of exotic creatures, many of which could be potentially dangerous. The people we've had with us, local guides and scientists, experts in their field at handling such creatures, gives you the chance to get up close to some of the most awesome wildlife there is.

The last expedition to Ecuador and the Galapagos Islands will remain prominent in my memory alongside the first expedition that I led from KES to Borneo. Everybody reminds me of being a casualty on my own expedition, I lacerated my leg on a razor sharp shard of giant bamboo and had to be flown to hospital by helicopter. That was quite an experience for the lads who took part in the evacuation process as well as Chris Boardman whose

job it was to patch me up in the meantime, so much for the leader of their expedition. It was certainly a good life-building experience for me and for them.

### Field trips

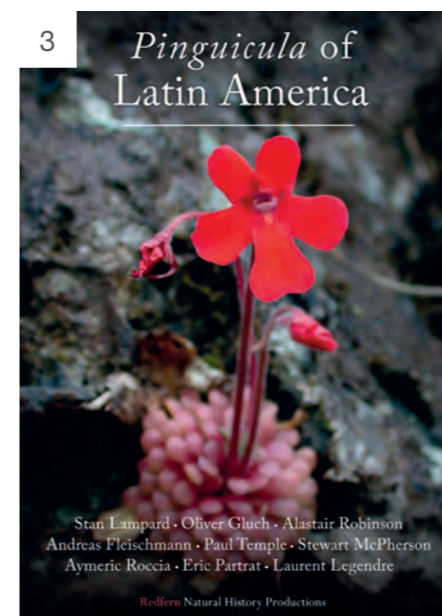
Within the Biology Department, the field trips were a real highlight. In the days when Dave Rigby, myself and Peter Russell all set off in a minibus to Aberystwyth to deliver the whole experience: giving the lectures, taking the boys to the various marine sites, as well as providing 'in-house' evening entertainment. Every lad who took part will remember quite simply the great fun we had even if they can no longer name five different species of intertidal mollusc!

### Fun in lessons

I remember taking boys off into the nature reserve to carry out various ecological projects and surveys, and they would always be reluctant to get back to their other lessons. To chivvy them along I would challenge them to a bit of a duel: those that arrived after me would be subjected to a soaking from a wash bottle of water. Once I chucked a sponge of cold water at a group of diffident Fourths but this was seen as a challenge and I was inevitably the one who came off worse. A bit of fun in lessons, I think, helps get everybody along with the harder parts of work.

### A passion for plants

Beyond the classroom I developed a passion for plants, housing diverse collections of xerophytes and tropical exotics in the school greenhouse. My speciality for one particular family, the Butterworts, stemmed from a sabbatical term spent in the limestone mountains of Mexico, where these plants eke



an existence by catching and digesting insects. There is still the 'small boy' in me who finds the fact there are plants that have turned the tables on the animal kingdom just amazing.

### Life after King Edward's

In the last year I've completed a project that's been ticking away since Mexico in 1994, by being lead author on a book on the genus of *Pinguicula*, sorry – the Butterworts, available by Easter through Redfern Natural History Publishing. This involved me translating scientific descriptions from Latin or Spanish into English, producing full botanical illustrations, providing many photographs, and writing the concluding chapter. A great opportunity for me, academically.

In the summer following retirement I worked as camp manager with Operation Wallacea in Madagascar for 10 weeks, repaying in kind for several past KES expeditions with them. Redfern publishers also run expeditions to lots of fascinating, wild places and there's an opportunity for me to be part of their team of leaders, which will be working with enthusiastic adults rather than students.

There have been massive changes within my family. We've had two marriages, one birth and unfortunately the death of my father in November. Perhaps the biggest ever adventure of our family life has been to pool resources with my daughter, my son and his wife to invest in and purchase Highfield, a huge, Grade II listed Victorian country house in Driffield, East Yorkshire. Naturally, I'm head gardener, with five acres of lawn to keep under control and a couple of acres of

woodland with a chalk trout stream running through it, all of which give me so much pleasure to walk around with our beagle, Evie. Alternating roles as butler, site foreman and office teaboy have all been added to my principal role as Grandad. Highfield has great potential, we're restoring many of the rooms to use it as a venue for weddings and other social events. Our first wedding is scheduled for July, then my wife and I intend to hold a celebration of our 40<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary in August.

### Final thoughts

Having spent as long as I have working for one organisation, you lust for new challenges, for doing something new and different and I've certainly had that. Thoughts do return to the School and the many friends I've made with great affection. I'm confident that the work I've done in helping to resource the Biology Department with the Field Centre and Nature Reserve, the Greenhouse, and in developing the KES Expeditions Award and leading Expeditions across the globe, will all continue and grow in strength. I also think I've been through probably some of the most exciting times at the School and of that I feel very privileged. So, my closing thoughts are: 'Thanks, KES!' 🍷

Main image: Stan holding a Tarantula in Guatemala in 2006.

1: Looking into the abyss from 2,700m on the summit of Roraima, Venezuela in 2005.

2: On expedition in Guyana in 2012.

3: The book on which Stan was lead author.

4: Crossing the Andes in Southern Peru in 2007.



# Archive *matters*

## The First World War: an insight from the Gazette of 1916

Old Edwardians Gazettes, much like the School Chronicles, are a remarkable resource for researching OEs who fought and died in the Great War. The adjacent letter, which appeared in the OEG (30 December 1916) provides a glimpse of camaraderie and dry humour on the Western Front.



A funk hole

All three founding members of the OEA in France survived the war and all were recipients of the Military Cross:

### Ralph Broderick

(MC, June 1917, DSO, January 1919, Croce di Guerra, May 1919): RAMC. Lt-Col.

### Walter Mundy Cox

(MC, December 1918): RAMC. Capt. Severely wounded, June 1917.

### Laurence Ball

(MC, June 1919): RAMC. Lt. Wounded, August 1917.

CORRESPONDENCE.  
To THE EDITOR, O.E. Gazette.

Dear Sir,

We think that it may interest you to hear that an unofficial branch of the Association has been started in a small "village" in France. This branch originally consisted of two members, both of whom were ardent O.E.s and having to live together their conversation frequently turned to the School and Old Boy football days. Then a new member arrived, accompanied by much bursting of shells, and demanded admission. As he was very tired and perspiring, and clamoured loudly for brandy, he was elected forthwith, and so the branch grows.

We have at present on the club premises, dining room, kitchen, card room, bath room, lavatories and bedrooms. Unfortunately, we have been unable to start a billiard room yet, as our space is limited; but perhaps when more funds are available this will be forthcoming. The total cubic capacity of the rooms is 768 feet, of which the kitchen, as the most important part of the building, occupies about 250 cubic feet.

We have at present one hon. member, and are shortly expecting another, and innumerable country members attached (to our persons), but these latter we are hoping to exterminate. Of course it is almost needless to say that any Old Edwardians who will visit us, whether members of the branch or not, will be very welcome. We can usually offer some refreshment and a rest for mind and body. It is a very safe "funk hole".  
[A funk hole was a sleeping/resting cavity cut into the trench wall]

The rule about visitors is very elastic. Anyone who has lost his way, anyone who is thirsty or lonely, may be introduced by himself. Guides to the surrounding district are provided for the asking, and funerals arranged for. Of course, anyone who is suffering from wounds is ipso facto a member, but there is no ladies' day. In conclusion, may we add that if any Old Edwardians who are unable to visit us personally wish to open up relations, we shall be only too glad to receive their cards or any other expressions of goodwill.

Ralph A. Broderick.  
W. Mundy Cox.  
Laurence Ball.

[We express officially, but cordially, our hearty good will to the new unofficial branch, and wish the best of luck to it and to its members individually.—ED. O.E. Gazette.]

## The curious case of Herr Rothe: part three



Herr Rothe, second from left on the back row

In the last two editions of the Gazette we have been telling the story of Herr August Rothe, a Language Master at King Edward's from 1881 to 1912. So far we have learnt of his possible involvement in the disappearance of a medieval codex, how he was regarded as a teacher, and his retirement on the eve of war. In this concluding part, the KES archive tells the story of Herr Rothe's act of compassion during the Great War.

While German, English and French troops suffered appalling casualties from punishing shell-fire and the endless ordeal of attack and counter-attack on the Western Front, Herr Rothe, by this time living in Germany, showed compassion which transcended national politics and the horrors of war.

Rothe's humbling story was not told until long after Armistice, when, at an Old Edwardians Dinner in January 1933, the speaker recounted a conversation he had had with a fellow OE just after the war:

***After demobilization, an officer consulted me and said, 'Are you an Old Edwardian?'***

***'Yes, why?'***

***'So am I. Did you ever know a master at the school called Rothe?'***

***'Yes, again, why?'***

***'I was a prisoner of war in Germany and my life was hell on earth. Suddenly things became brighter and with extra blankets and other little comforts life became more like heaven. I was mystified until one day the Commandant sent for me and said, 'Were you at King Edward's School, Birmingham?' On my replying 'Yes,' he said, 'Well, there's a man in this town called Rothe, who has been inquiring and, finding that you had been there, has arranged for the extras you have been getting.'***

***The point is that this boy had never been under Rothe at all; he came from the old school and that was enough for the foreigner to whom we behaved so badly.***

At the end of the speech, two OEs asked for Rothe's address so that they too might write and thank him for the gifts and comforts which he had sent to them while prisoners of war.

Herr Rothe died two months after his story was told at the dinner. Just before his death he wrote a final letter to the OEA:

My brother-in-law sent me a detailed account of the very kind words you used about what little I did to make the involuntary stay of my old pupils, first in Heidelberg, then in Berlin, more endurable. I owe too much to the School and to my English family to allow political considerations to influence my dealings with them. Please receive my warmest thanks for your kindness, which...went far to brighten up a period of gloom into which I am thrown through a bad attack of liver trouble. I left England in 1913 and am now just over 80.

Ever yours faithfully,  
Aug. L Rothe

The Rothe Cup, presented to the School by Herr Rothe on his retirement in 1912, was one of the most valued trophies competed for in House competitions after the war. In December 2015, in honour of the master who thought so highly of his old school and its pupils, the Rothe Cup was competed for once again, and was presented to the Captain of Jeune, proud victors of the House Rugby Competition.

Careers focus:

# The law

In this edition we put the spotlight on Old Edwardians in the legal profession. Simon Cliff (1994), Nick Cooke (1973) and Gareth Weetman (1995) write about their different roles in the law.



## General Counsel, City Football Group

I did more work in the 12 weeks leading up to my A-levels than in the previous seven years at KES, my friends and I elevating exam cramming to an art form. This turned out to be a good grounding for a legal career, where we have to assimilate and make sense of large amounts of information in a very short time.

I took a conventional career path, reading Law with European Law at Nottingham University, a four-year degree which included a wonderful year spent studying (rather, drinking wine and eating cheese) in Paris. This was followed by Nottingham Law School and then a training contract at the City law firm, Freshfields.



Sport has always played a part in my legal career and when I was a newly qualified solicitor at Freshfields, I was fortunate enough to be seconded to the London 2012 Olympic bid for nine months. There were only 20 or so people when I arrived, piles of unopened PCs stacked against the wall of the office in

Canary Wharf and rows of empty desks that gradually filled over the following months.

Being involved in a winning campaign like London 2012 hooked me on working within sport and its highs and lows of striving to win, but it was a few more years of working as a corporate finance lawyer before another opportunity arose. Having worked on the transaction for Sheikh Mansour to acquire Manchester City FC in 2008, I headed up north from my law firm in London on secondment to the football club for three months. Nearly eight years later, I am still here, heading the legal function, and have been fortunate to be part of winning an FA Cup, a League Cup and two Premier League titles, somewhat ironic for a boy from a school that didn't play football.

I am also still close friends with a number of boys from my year – KE boys do stick together for the rest of their lives. We are having many opportunities to meet up this year as we all celebrate (commiserate?) turning 40.

*Simon Cliff (1994)*



## Judge, Central Criminal Court

I was fortunate enough to grow up during a time of unprecedented social mobility. Something which, for me, meant a place at KES, with no fees to be paid, a university education and a career at the bar with all of the excitement and opportunities which that involved.

The English, Geography and History departments left me with a permanent love of their subjects. Drama (especially Shakespeare and his contemporaries), travel and an insatiable appetite for reading history have enabled me to recharge my batteries time and time again. The CCF experience wasn't wasted either – I represented all three services at the bar. And all those assemblies

have come in useful too – I'm the Chancellor of the Diocese of St David's in my 'spare time'.

A love of sport spurred me to run the 400m for my university, play hockey until I was 50 (thinking of returning to a veterans' team). As well as playing a little part in helping Newport County back into the Football League.

Most importantly of all, the teaching at KES enabled me to do well enough at university and in practice to achieve in a very competitive world. It was at KES that such analytical and reasoning skills as I have were born. So was my independence of mind – I'm very proud of defending miners during the miners' strike and travelling to Mauritius, pro bono, to defend a Muslim politician wrongly accused of ordering political killings in the aftermath of 9/11, for example.

I practised on the Wales and Chester Circuit between 1977 and 2007, becoming Leader of the Circuit in my last year (a unique honour for a Brummie!), having become a QC in 1998. I left the bar to become the Recorder of Cardiff (the senior judge at the Cardiff and

Newport Crown Courts) in 2007. I moved on to become a permanent judge at the Central Criminal Court, (the Old Bailey) in 2012. I sit as an Additional Judge of the Court of Appeal, Criminal Division and as a Deputy High Court Judge in the Administrative Court, Planning Court and Queen's Bench Division. All built on a KES education. Oh! And I met my wife – we've been married since 1979 – at a disco in the dining hall. Every cause to be grateful.

*Nick Cooke (1973)*



## Barrister, 7 Bedford Row

The desire to subject people to the sound of my voice was born and nurtured during my happy time at school. The opportunities were many and varied, including regular presentations to Levett house, boring the massed ranks on such cerebral topics as a comparison of the Keaton and Val Kilmer portrayals of Batman, during Dr Hosty's weekly Shakespeare reading club (which I confess I had only joined because of the free cake on offer, but quickly came to love), and during several dramatic productions under the expert guidance of Mrs Herbert.

These experiences led me to engage in the murky world of competitive debating at university which, whilst perhaps not the trendiest pursuit, enabled me to travel the world partaking in various competitions and developing my public speaking. Upon the

tolling of the ominous bell of reality that was graduation, and having set my heart on a career as a barrister, I headed to London clutching my law degree and undertook the Bar Professional Training Course.

The main hurdle for those seeking a career at the Bar is to secure 'pupillage'. I knew that, despite the frequent warnings from those within the profession that the future of a criminal law practice looked gloomy, I wanted to partake in the jury trials that typically only that area offers. I was incredibly fortunate to find a place at 7 Bedford Row, a Chambers that offers a broad spectrum of practice areas, and a wide geographical base of work. In the 16 years that have flown by in a blur of tax and VAT returns since, I've chiefly specialised in criminal and personal injury law. I find the variety of work to be both rewarding and interesting. One day I may be trying to get my head around (and then cross-examining) expert evidence from a neurologist or forensic accountant, whilst the next I may be doing my level best to ask non-leading questions of a young and vulnerable witness across a video link so that they might best give their account to a watching jury.



I will always be grateful to KES for the start it gave me on this journey, all the more so for the fact it was provided despite my parents' modest income. It was a tragedy when the Assisted Places scheme was killed off in 1997, but I applaud and gladly support the steps taken by the School Trust to put its own scheme in place. The fact that KES draws from all backgrounds across Birmingham was, and remains, one of its most valuable foundations.

*Gareth Weetman (1995)*

## Births

### Nick Brown (1963)

Birth of son, Francis Lameck, on 11 August 2015.



### Julian Roberts (1993)

Birth of daughter, Olivia, in August 2015. Sister to Tobias.

### Matthew Nicholls (1996)

Birth of son, Charles, on 6 June 2015. Sister to Sophia.

### Joe Russell (2007)

Birth of daughter, Anna Beatrice Mary, on 7 May 2015.

## Marriages

### Pat Fern (1963)

Married Carole Bawlf on 5 September 2015.



### Mike Dilkes (1980)

Married Elizabeth Adams in November 2015.

### Andrew Miller (2006)

Married Katherine Donaldson on 4 July 2015.

### Charles Harris (2008)

Married Marijana in May 2015.

# Old Edwardians News in brief

## 1930s

### Maurice Hambling Evans (1939)

After 93 years I have pulled up my Birmingham roots and settled in Yeovil, Somerset to be looked after by my daughter in her house. There were four Evanses in our family who went to the School. With our middle name Hambling we were Herbert John, Rupert, Maurice and Anthony. John and Rupert's names are on the School's honours board (the sign-writer's mistake of 'P' instead of 'R' for Rupert I do not think has been put right). Unfortunately I am the only one left. I have since had contact with the School through my son's attendance, Jeremy R Evans (1974).

distinction of being the first British woman to run a marathon in all seven continents. In retirement we took up cycling and crossed America from Seattle to Boston and New Zealand top to bottom. I now try to spend as many winter weeks as possible in Spain.

### Ian Turner (1956)

I spent a gap year teaching at a Preparatory School before reading Geography at Selwyn College, Cambridge. I spent the next year as a teaching assistant at the University of Washington and returned to the UK in 1961 to get married and start work at the London County Council as a trainee town planner. After professional qualification I worked for several local authorities and finished my career as Director of Planning to Derby City Council. After retirement I began a second part-time career as a lecturer and writer on 20<sup>th</sup> century decorative art. My wife and I have three children and six grandchildren.

## 1950s

### Philip Martin (1951)

Having survived two years of National Service, I returned to Birmingham University to study modern languages, then worked for four years with our family printing business before a career of 34 years in export marketing, using the three languages I first began learning at KES. Since 1994 I've enjoyed 21 years of very happy retirement, doing voluntary work for the parish church and various organisations in Yateley, Hampshire, where my wife and I live.

### Jim Wainwright (1951)

I studied Geography under Bill Whalley, who encouraged my father to think of Cambridge for me. I was accepted at Selwyn, more on rugby ability than academic excellence, and gained a commendable degree and played against Oxford. I was given good advice by Tom Howarth, and ultimately finished my career as Warden of Glenalmond in Perthshire. I became an extremely proud father when my son, born in Perth, captained Scotland and became a British Lion. Three of his four sisters are 'English', but most of my 14 grandchildren are 'Scottish'. My wife died five years ago, having achieved the

## 1960s

### David Twiss (1962)

I retired as a Consultant Medical Physicist in 2006, just after initial planning at St Stephen's Church Selly Park started on our 'Building for the Future' scheme. The project has taken 10 years, during which I have been Project Board Chairman. We now have a brand new Parish Centre with a stunning foyer, and a re-ordered church which is bright, warm and comfortable. My advice to all those approaching retirement: don't expect a quiet one!



Photo courtesy of CoFE Birmingham.

### Pat Fern (1963)

I am currently Executive Producer of a docudrama series *1491*, Producer of a documentary *China Transformed* and concluding the financing of a science film *Whale Talk*.

### Michael May (1963)

I am enjoying retirement very much. In 2013 I spent six weeks touring the North and South Islands of New Zealand and had a wonderful time. In 2014 I went on a week-long pilgrimage to the Holy Land and last year I spent five days visiting the beautiful city of Krakow. I also visit Scotland each year for a couple of weeks, exploring the Islands of the Outer and Inner Hebrides, the Orkneys and Shetland as well as the Highlands northwards along the western coast of the mainland. Otherwise I keep myself busy at home with leisure pursuits and generally having a rest!

### Graham Rand (1965)

I am the founding editor of *Impact*, a magazine published by the Operational Research Society.

### David Taylor (1965)

News from deepest Somerset... We have been here for nearly seven years. In 1967 the Old Eds Cricket Club had its first tour to the West Country and has been here every year since. 2016 is the 50<sup>th</sup> tour. We had dinners to celebrate tours 25 and 40. This year we want anyone who has been on a tour, played for the Old Eds or is an OE who plays cricket to come on the tour commencing 25 July. The dinner will probably be on 28 July in Bath. Anyone wishing to come should email me: [davidandpattaylor@btinternet.com](mailto:davidandpattaylor@btinternet.com)

### Richard Arculus (1967)

I retired from the Australian National University at the end of December 2015. I am now an emeritus professor at that institution, and will be maintaining my

research interests, particularly in submarine volcanism and hydrothermal activity. I am currently on a two-month-long research voyage in the vicinity of Heard and McDonald islands in the Southern Ocean. The picture shows an eruption from Big Ben volcano (2745m) on Heard Island, while we were exploring the seas around the island.



### Steve Drinkwater (1968)

I retired from work in 2010, having spent most of my professional career in National Parks – the Lake District and then the Pembrokeshire Coast. For the last five years I have gained much enjoyment from leading walking holidays in England and Wales for HF Holidays. I still live near to the Pembrokeshire Coast with its magnificent cliffs and numerous sandy beaches. There's no doubt in my mind that being a Scout at KES was instrumental in kindling my lifelong passion for the outdoors.

## 1970s

### Andy Green (1973)

Keeping busy as Chair of IG Group, SID at ARM Holdings and NED at Avanti Communications. Still the President of UKspace (really pumped up by the Tim Peake mission) and championing the UK Tech Industry too as Chairman of the Digital Catapult and Deputy Chair of the Tech Partnership.

### Paul Ruddock (1976)

I stepped down as Chair of the Victoria & Albert Museum last October after 13½ years on the board and eight as Chair. I remain on the board of the Metropolitan Museum in New York and am excited to be joining the British Museum's board later this year. I was honoured to be appointed by the Chancellor in October to be a Commissioner of the new National Infrastructure Commission which will advise the government about long term infrastructure requirements from road and rail, to energy policy, new housing, broadband and many other issues. Finally, I continue to chair the Oxford University Endowment as well as the WW1 Centenary Cathedrals Repair expert panel. I am also working with the Mayor of London on the establishment of a huge new Cultural Quarter in the Olympic Park which will include not only a new outpost of the V&A but also a Sadler's Wells theatre, an outpost of the Smithsonian Museum of Washington, and new campuses for both UCL and the University of the Arts.

### Nick Keen (1977)

Who would have thought that a fairly arbitrary decision to join the CCF in September 1972 would lead to a career in uniform lasting until now? After 34 years as a Regular Army Officer, it is finally time to retire. During that time I have served in the UK, Germany, USA and Belgium as well as working visits to 12 other countries, not to mention skiing in Bavaria, climbing volcanoes in Mexico, glacier trekking in the Canadian Rockies and sub aqua diving in Sardinia. After a fantastic and varied career, it's time for the next chapter. My lifelong love of languages, kindled at KES, which led to me becoming the UK's Exchange Officer in the German MOD in Berlin, now leads me to the next phase of my professional life as a teacher of English as a Second Language living in Spain.



## 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](mailto:editor@kes.org.uk) or visit: [www.oldereds.kes.org.uk/yournews](http://www.oldereds.kes.org.uk/yournews)

## 1980s

**Harry Longman (1980)**

Five years ago I founded GP Access Ltd and we are solving a problem. While the travails of the NHS are rarely out of the news, what this means for patients is that every day more than 100,000 are turned away when they want help from their GP. Yet by working differently, we've shown how GPs can increase their capacity by at least 20%, and this means patients can be in touch with them within minutes and always offered a same day appointment if needed. We've recently added askmyGP, which enables patients to seek help from their GP online. It's more convenient for patients and even more so for GPs. Look out for this coming to your practice.

**Dan Clarke (1981)**

Having run in a few local half marathons, on 2 October this year, I will be running my first full marathon in Bournemouth – where my daughter, Imogen, is at University. I will be raising money for Macmillan Cancer Support and any donations would be most gratefully received via: [www.justgiving.com/DanClarke-BournemouthMarathon2016](http://www.justgiving.com/DanClarke-BournemouthMarathon2016)

**Guy Haslam (1981)**

A number of us from the 'class of '81' met for an informal reunion dinner and had the pleasure of the Chief Master's company. After drinks in the Tap and Spile, we enjoyed a fine meal in Edmund's in Brindleyplace along with many reminiscences and catch-ups. If anyone from our year would like to keep in touch, we have a Facebook group called: KES Class of '81.

**David Wolfe (1981)**

Wolffepack, the revolutionary new concept in backpack design created by David Wolfe, has just scooped its third international design award in three months: ISPO Award 2016/2017 from the Outdoor & Sports Industry in Germany; Good Design Award 2015 from the Japan Institute of Design Promotion; and, Good Design Award 2015 from the Chicago Athenaeum Museum of Design & Architecture.

**Andy Thomson (1989)**

I retired from the Army in November 2014 from the privileged position of Commanding Officer, 5<sup>th</sup> Regiment Royal Artillery. I am now a Director in the Compliance and Operational Risk Control function of the Swiss bank UBS. UBS offers payroll giving and matched donations so I've managed to double my contribution to the Assisted Places fund whilst reducing the actual cost to myself. Hurrah! The photo is me about to be driven out of camp for the last time having handed over the Regiment, sitting on top of a MAMBA radar vehicle.

**Tom Woolgrove (1989)**

In January, I was appointed CEO of Premium Credit, the leading insurance premium finance company. We also finance school fees, membership and professional fees.

## 1990s

**Alex Hurley (1990)**

I have recently retrained as a primary school teacher – after 20 years of interminably tedious corporate life – and am thoroughly enjoying the fact that I can make a real difference to people's lives. I'm currently working across a host of schools predominantly in inner-city Birmingham and am delighted to report that despite perceptions to the contrary, there is a massive amount of ambition and talent out there on our doorsteps. I also only work four days a week which makes it even better.

**Sanjay Verma (1991)**

I have been recently appointed to the ENT UK Committee for Humanitarian Activity. I am also presently Royal College of Surgeons Surgical Tutor for the Leeds General Infirmary, where I am a Consultant ENT Surgeon. My subspecialist interest is hearing implantation and I was recently featured in the *Yorkshire Evening Post* for implanting the first Cochlear BAHA Attract hearing implant in Leeds.

**Anil Budh-Raja (1992)**

I am a GP and Cosmetic Dermatologist and now have three clinics in London: in Chiswick, Harley St and Knightsbridge and now most recently in Birmingham. We offer anti-ageing treatments, particularly focusing on skin and brain anti-ageing. I've recently been one of the doctor team on Channel 4's *Embarrassing Bodies Live* show and been featured in *The Times* and *The Guardian*. I'm offering a one year 15% discount to all OEs and their spouses: [www.dranil.co.uk](http://www.dranil.co.uk)

**Alistair Malins (1997)**

After 10+ years in the City of London, I left my job in investment banking last year to become a tech entrepreneur and founded a business called Holiday Crowd, a crowdfunding platform for investing in holiday properties across Europe. Our investors receive a share of the rental income generated from the holiday property (via an annual dividend) and their share of the proceeds when the property is sold, usually after a five year investment period. We'll be launching our first property in March 2016.

**Peter Ellison (1998)**

I was delighted to be promoted last year to Lieutenant Commander. I have been serving as the Operations Officer of HMS St Albans for the last six months, while the ship completed its final trials and training before deploying in November 2015 to the Gulf. We have been working with various task forces conducting maritime security operations and countering the narcotics trade, but particularly this last month, we have been escorting both the US aircraft carrier Harry S Truman and the French aircraft carrier Charles de Gaulle while they have been conducting strike operations against Daesh in Syria and Iraq. I am due to leave the ship for a staff job later this year and will enjoy spending time in my new home in Chichester.

**Philip Wheatley (1998)**

I have recently been appointed to the post of Deputy Headteacher at Whickham School and Sports College in Gateshead.

## 2000s

**Nevjeet Bhagrath (2000)**

I have finally made it to Consultant and have taken up a Consultant Forensic Psychiatrist post at Thornford Park, Priory Group, Berkshire. Bizarrely, I now work with Amit Chatterjee (1999) who has been a Consultant there for the past two years!

**Rob Arnott (2003)**

I left my corporate job in 2015 to launch Okapi Home ([www.okapihome.com](http://www.okapihome.com)) along with my sister Claire (KEHS, 2005). Although early days for the business – an African-inspired homeware and gifts brand working with small-scale artisans in East and Southern Africa – I am enjoying my new-found freedom and the ready-made excuse to travel to Africa!

**Scott Handcock (2003)**

Since leaving the BBC I've been working as a producer and director for Big Finish Productions, pulling together original dramas, in addition to new audio versions of franchises like *Doctor Who* and *Torchwood*, working alongside actors like David Warner, John Sessions, Eve Myles, Celia Imrie, Alexander Vlahos, John Barrowman and many more! Late last year, being a bit of a horror buff, I was able to complete a lifetime ambition and spearhead my own production of *Dracula* on audio – starring horror fan and *Sherlock/League of Gentlemen* star Mark Gatiss as the Count himself. It's a project I'm very proud of, due to land in May this year, and a solid representation of the work I undertake.

**Paul Freeman-Powell (2004)**

My wife and I found out we're expecting twins in October so along with our two-year-old we'll soon be officially outnumbered! Work-wise my company, Telecoms Cloud, launched its much-anticipated API which empowers software developers and system integrators with tools to enable the Internet of Things – exciting stuff! Any OEs working on similar projects or with telecoms requirements do get in touch.

**Peter Wood (2005)**

I have been awarded a Doctorate from The Open University for my work studying the contemporary growth of cycling in London. I am currently preparing an investigation into behaviour change and transport campaigning, including pro-car campaigns, bus-user groups and the politics of walking.

**Tom Amarnani (2007)**

I qualified as a solicitor on 4 January and have taken up a Corporate role as an Associate at Mills & Reeve LLP (Birmingham office).



## 2010s

**Kieran Nandhra (2015)**

I am currently undertaking research for my university regarding tooth morphology, in addition I was voted in by my peers to be the first year representative, although I am running for vice president of dental society for next year. Finally I have joined the hockey team and although it is not as strong as the KES team it is still very enjoyable.

**Jack Walton (2015)**

I have just returned to the UK after five months working at a scuba diving centre in Phuket, Thailand. While I was there, I took my course to become a PADI Open Water Scuba Instructor and passed my Instructor Examination in December.

## Can you help us find any 'lost boys'?

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](http://www.my.kes.org.uk/lost) and type in your year group to see who we are missing. If you have contact details for a lost OE, email: [oldeds@kes.org.uk](mailto:oldeds@kes.org.uk) or tel: 0121 415 6050.

Deaths

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

- Philip W Edwards (1939)
- John K Oxenham (1939)
- Martin I Fellowes (1940)
- Donald K Middleton (1940)
- Alan D Wright (1940)
- Frank O Hooley (1941)
- Robert L Teare (1942)
- Douglas C Hague (1943)
- Kenneth T McKenzie (1943)
- John W Bakewell (1945)
- John D Lawrence (1945)
- Peter Alun-Jones (1946)
- Cyril M Bentley (1946)
- John F Tickell (1948)
- Norman H Lawrenson (1949)
- Michael V Gosney (1950)
- Philip Anthony Gough (1951)
- Dennis W Hadley (1951)
- David C Ward (1952)
- Michael J Counsell (1954)
- John A Fuery (1954)
- Richard J Smith (1958)
- John D Peel (1959)
- Paul G Faber (1961)
- Fred M Kornhauser (1962)
- Richard J Phillips (1966)
- Stephen Hammond (1971)
- David Rawlins (1980)
- Brian A McCauley (1985)
- Daniel R Batchelor (1988)
- Tim W Lawrence (2007)
- Peter B Chapman (Staff: 1953-1985)
- Lindsay MacDonald (Staff: 2010-2014)

Philip Walter Edwards (1939)  
1923-2015



Philip Edwards, who died in December 2015 at the age of 92, left King Edward’s on the outbreak of the 2<sup>nd</sup> World War, opting out of being evacuated to Repton and forgoing his appointment as Rugby 1<sup>st</sup> XV Captain. Instead, although only 16, he was accepted by Birmingham University to read English Literature. After graduating he went into the Royal Navy and served on the aircraft carrier HMS Victorious, notably in the Far East, surviving the desperate Japanese kamikaze suicide attacks.

Returning to Birmingham University after the war, he became a lecturer and was very involved in the foundation of the Shakespeare Institute at Stratford-upon-Avon. At the early age of 36 he was appointed Professor of English at Trinity College, Dublin where he energised the traditional department and developed a keen interest in Irish writers which bore fruit in his 1979 book *Threshold of a Nation*, a pioneering study of English and Irish Drama.

In 1966 he moved to Essex University as Professor of Literature where amidst the turmoil of student protests he produced his influential book *Shakespeare and the Confines of Art*.

In 1974 he was appointed as King Alfred Professor of English Literature at Liverpool University. There followed editions of *King Lear* and *Pericles*, publication of the entire works of Philip Massinger, a much lauded edition of *Hamlet* and his major work on Shakespeare, *Shakespeare: A Writer’s Progress*. The Liverpool period also saw the beginning of his works on the narratives of historic sea voyages, which culminated in his widely read edition of *The Journals of Captain Cook*.

He was a great voyager himself with sabbaticals in America, Canada, New Zealand and Japan and travels with his family. His later years at Liverpool were also marked by a period as Pro-Vice-Chancellor and election as Fellow of the British Academy. Philip moved to live in Kendal a year before his retirement in 1990 and apart from his continued writing took a very active part in local societies, institutions and interests of such a wide variety they are too numerous to mention.

Throughout his long life, Philip was a devoted family man and is survived by his wife Sheila, four children, eight grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Bob Edwards (1942)

Frank Oswald Hooley (1941)  
1923-2015



Born in Ladywood in the midst of the old back to back dwellings of Birmingham, Frank obtained a scholarship direct from Council Elementary school to King Edward’s – a rare feat in those days and a tribute to a school which still gives opportunities to all. He attended at New Street, the temporary huts and the new buildings (albeit with no Big School – assembly was in the library).

Graduating from Birmingham University in Modern languages, after being rejected by the Foreign Office, (the main question was ‘who was your father?’), he embarked on a career in university administration firstly at Birmingham and then Sheffield. From 1960-62 he was seconded from Sheffield to be Registrar of the Fourah Bay College, Sierra Leone.

His lifelong love was, however, politics and after unsuccessfully contesting Skipton in 1969 and Sheffield Heeley in 1964, he won the latter (with the slogan ‘Hooley for Heeley’) in 1966 losing in 1970 but regaining it in 1974 and remaining its MP until 1983. He served as a member on various Select Committees and was, I believe, the first to promote a ‘Freedom of Information’ Private Members Bill which foundered on the rocks of procedure in 1981.

A committed Christian (Methodist lay preacher from 1985) he was active in the Methodist Churches in Kingstanding and his final home Presteigne. Also with UNESCO and the United Nations Associations with whom he was an executive member and received, in 2011, a lifetime service award.

Active until the end in his local community he had a gliding lesson in his eighties, considered learning to ride a horse and continued to play table tennis until his death from a sudden heart attack. Frank is survived by his wife Doris and two daughters, Sheila and Kay.

Malcolm Roy Hooley (1946)

Robert (Bob) Teare (1942)  
1926-2015



Born in Basingstoke, Bob’s family moved to Birmingham and he went to Chigwell House School in 1933 before attending King Edward’s between 1937 and 1942. He was very involved in the Cadet Force and one of his contemporaries has vivid memories of Bob parading in the OTC Band, wearing a leopard skin and beating strenuously on the big drum.

After leaving King Edward’s he was articled to Gordon Wilcox of Sharp Parsons & Co, Chartered Accountants with an intervention for Military Service, mainly in Africa, being released from the Army in 1948 with a rank of Captain. Bob joined Parker Winder & Achurch Limited in 1950 and enjoyed a very successful and interesting time becoming MD of J W Rains Limited in 1959.

He joined R Cartwright & Co in 1964 having a significant role in the expansion of the Group and became Chairman of the Company in 1983. A very turbulent time followed with hostile take-over bids, before finally in July 1985 Newman Tonks took over Cartwrights. In his later years in commerce Bob joined Apollo Metals plc as Director and Executive Chairman. During this period he enjoyed some of his happiest time in business before retiring in 1993.

Bob married Joyce in 1955, who was extremely supportive of his business commitments. They had two children Richard (1974) and Debbie. He enjoyed rugby and was Club Secretary of the Old Edwardians for several years. Bob enjoyed travelling and experienced a number of cruises before settling for a holiday home in Spain for many years.

Bob and Joyce moved to Shropshire where they made many strong friendships before moving to Nottingham for health reasons. Bob’s final two years were spent in a care home in Widmerpool.

A very caring family man who was always totally committed to everything he did and was extremely proud of his children and grandchildren.

Richard Teare (1974)

## Kenneth McKenzie (1943)

1925-2015



*On active service in Malaya*

Kenneth Thomas Clyde McKenzie was born in Sydney in 1925, his father having left Birmingham to make his fortune but sadly failed to do so. Misfortune followed within three years when both parents died, leaving him as a ward of the Australian government.

A neighbour cabled the bad news to his father's eldest brother, Thomas Clyde McKenzie living in Solihull. Within ten days his uncle had arranged his affairs and booked the six week voyage to Sydney. On arrival he had to convince the authorities he was of good character and financially sound before the small boy was allowed to leave the country. This he did with a letter in his pocket from the Lord Mayor of Birmingham and a reference from his bank manager! On the long return voyage the young ship's doctor had few patients to tend, so spent much time playing with the boy, who, on arrival informed his new cousins he would be a doctor when grown up. This idea remained firmly in his mind even when ET England advised him to do languages, but he insisted that he study science and enlisted the aid of his house master FK Turner who took him into his science fifth form.

Ken entered the School in 1937 and like all 'Macs' was in AE Leeds (red) house. Two years later, when war was declared, he greatly enjoyed the boarding style of life at Repton, with the easy access to amenities such as tennis and swimming. In his last year he led a strong unbeaten swimming team, largely due to the prowess of John Hodgskin-Brown and Keith McGowan. It was rumoured that three schools cancelled matches to avoid an inevitable defeat. In the 1<sup>st</sup> XV he was a lively forward with a devastating tackle. He won the Bache Cup by a few votes from a close friend, Colin Figures, for whom he had voted.

He read medicine at Birmingham where he was Captain of the XV and also played for North Midlands. On graduation he was house surgeon to Professor Stammers at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital and later house physician to Professor Malins at Kidderminster. Called up for Army service he volunteered for Malaya. After a few weeks in military hospitals in Singapore and Kuala Lumpur he took part in jungle patrols with King Edward VII's Own Gurkha Rifles, an experience that left him with a lifelong admiration for the Gurkha soldier.

After assistantships in Derbyshire and Chiswick he joined a long established practice in Solihull of eight partners, the size of which was very rare before the days of group practices. Although somewhat diffident in company, he always had a warm relationship with patients and especially with those who were seriously ill.

Away from work he was a keen dinghy sailor, being a member of Barnt Green Sailing Club for over 30 years and later keeping a small cruiser near St Mawes. He also took up skiing when nearly 50, his reckless and inelegant charges downhill earned him the nickname from his family of 'the flying doctor'. He was married to Angela, only child of Nolan Bradsworth, third and last generation of wholesale fruit and vegetable merchants in Smithfield Market. A son and two daughters survive him.

*Kenneth McKenzie*

## Tony Gough (1951)

1932-2015



Tony Gough led a very full life in which cricket played a large part. At school, he was in the 1<sup>st</sup> XI for four years, being captain in 1951, a year in which he also captained Warwickshire Schools XI. He also had colours for Rugger and Fives.

After National Service in the Army, when he captained his regimental cricket side, he read Estate Management at London University and captained the cricket team. He

joined Harborne CC in 1946, became a very good club batsman and was captain for eight years from 1958-66.

After university, Tony joined Edwards, Son and Bigwood, qualifying as a Chartered Surveyor in 1958. He became a Partner in his early thirties and remained at Bigwoods (later Chestertons) until his retirement in 1991. In his professional work, Tony, known latterly as Philip, was always meticulous in his attention to details and was very well respected among his contemporaries.

Tony was proud to be an Old Edwardian and he played for the Firsts and Extras for 10 years. At Streetsbrook Road, in the opening match against Moseley, he scored the first try, taking a pass from Peter Jackson. He was Secretary of the Rugger Club for five years and served on Old Edwardian Association Committees for nearly 40 years, organising Biennial Dinners, Dinner Dances in Big School and Christmas Suppers at Streetsbrook Road, among other things. He was delighted to repay, in some way, the school to which he felt he owed so much.

Indeed, Tony had a remarkable record as a committee member. At Harborne, after his captaincy, he was Secretary, Chairman and President, a period of some 50 years' service to the Club. At Warwickshire, where he had played a few games for the Second XI, he was Honorary Treasurer for eight years and Chairman of the Development Sub Committee for 40 years, and played an essential part in the development of the Wyatt Stand. Tony was an MCC member, and served on TCCB General Purposes Committee at a time when it seemed that English cricket was mainly run by Alan Smith and Ossie Wheatley.

Tony and his wife Marcia regularly attended St Mary's Church, Selly Oak, which played an important part in his life and where he served on the General Purposes Committee and was Stewardship Secretary for 15 years. He was also involved in a number of charities, as a committee member or Trustee. Tony was modest, humorous and good company – a true gentleman, who always played with a straight bat.

*George Taplin (1951)*

## Richard (Dick) Smith (1958)

1940-2015

Richard Smith was born in Birmingham and graduated from Birmingham University with a BSc in Civil Engineering. He joined British Rail in September 1962 as a Graduate Trainee, initially at Walsall (where his first name was shortened to Dick, and stayed as such throughout his railway career!) and then Euston Chief Civil Engineer's office. On completion of training, he progressed through technical and junior management grades at Euston and Liverpool.



Richard married Sue in 1967 and son Mark was born in 1969. He was appointed as an out-based Area Civil Engineer at Penrith in 1971 and five years later moved to Sheffield in a similar but higher graded post. He was elected Member of the Institution of Civil Engineers in 1971 and became a Fellow of the Permanent Way Institution in 1973. In 1980 he took the post of Civil Engineer at British Rail Engineering Ltd (BREL), based in Derby. This gave him responsibility for civil engineering and maintenance at all their workshops involving much travelling to sites between Glasgow and Eastleigh. At this time he moved home to Long Eaton, but his wife's ill health put a severe strain on their marriage leading to their eventual separation.

BREL was an early candidate for rail privatisation which led to Dick's involvement as a founder of Gower Associates, a consultancy set up in 1988 initially to continue the type of work he did with BREL but later expanding into bigger projects such as feasibility studies into passenger service restoration and line speed enhancements. Gower Associates became part of the Babbie Group in 1994 and Dick continued as a consultant, in later years on a part time basis.

Outside work Dick had interests in walking, model railways and the Ffestiniog railway, where he worked as a volunteer in the 70s and 80s. But his real passion was for canal boating, and whilst living at Long Eaton he purchased his own boat, Ursula, and this led eventually to his meeting his second wife Trish, whom he married in 2002. Trish had roots in Leicestershire, and they moved to Tilton on the Hill in 2003. By this time his son Mark was married with two children and living in Surrey, and Trish had married children in France and Germany so there was plenty of train travel to visit families and grandchildren.

It was a great shock when a man who had led a very active life was struck down with cancer in 2013, which resulted in paralysis from the waist down. Typically he put on a brave face, but the outcome was inevitable, a sad end to a proud man.

*Trish Smith*

Fred Kornhauser (1962)  
1944-2015



My longest standing friend Fred Kornhauser and I met when we both started at KES in 1955. He was in Heath and I was in Cary Gilson. Fred was a serious student, performed well, was involved in sports and the cadet force and did everything that was expected of him.

He had a propensity for maths and went on to get a BSc Hons from London University and then joined IBM. He developed a strong career with IBM as a project manager and stayed with the company for virtually all his working life.

None of this may seem remarkable, but then how should a life be judged? In fact Fred was a remarkable human being. He was universally loved by friends and family alike. Nobody ever said anything but good things about him.

He adored his wife and honoured her with his love, support, and dedication. They had two children whom together they brought up with the same values they held dear. These children turned into wonderful people in their own right. Fred was everything a husband and father should be.

As a friend he was loyal, caring and had a dry sense of humour that ensured time with him was entertaining and fun. And when fate so cruelly and unfairly prematurely took away his health, slowly and unkindly, he never complained. He managed his illness with strength and dignity.

I personally mourn his loss from across the world, and I know his family's loss is so much greater than mine. Fred's was a life well lived, and should be valued accordingly.

Fred is survived by his wife Marianne, children Nicky and Jeremy, and grandchildren Poppy and Jesse, who all miss him tremendously.

John Rock (1962)

Daniel Batchelor (1988)  
1970-2015



Dan never followed the crowd. At KES he wasn't one for mainstream sports, but took up fencing which he continued through university. A strong and self-reliant character, he was a keen scout outside school and a member of the CCF Naval Section, and once got a trip on a submarine coming back from Gibraltar. Initially interested in Geography, his head was turned by Jack Jenkins, the School's first 'Industrial Fellow' sponsored by Barclays Bank. That was it – he was an economist!

After obtaining a first degree at Sheffield he joined the Civil Service – but, being Dan, in Northern Ireland, and he moved to Belfast. His experience in the regulatory body overseeing the privatisations of the 1990s plus a Masters from Ulster University paved the way for his later career. While in Belfast he married Rebecca, whom he had met at Sheffield. They moved to London in 1998 when Dan soon joined the FSA (as it then was). His two children were born in London: Joseph in 2001 and Harriet in 2004. Unfortunately his marriage failed. He worked for a number of banks as Compliance Officer and at one of them he met a colleague, Nicola, who became his partner.

In October 2014 he was diagnosed with a sarcoma of the heart. Dan endured this rare but pernicious disease with amazing valour, right up to his death. Colleagues described him as intelligent and capable but modest – a totally trusted advisor; friends as a caring but mischievously funny man. Both colleagues and friends writing after his death told how he had taken them under his wing at difficult times with kind, enabling support. One could not ask for a better legacy from his too short life. He will be missed by his many friends and family, including his father Richard (1964) and brother Will (1994).

Dan asked that any donations at his funeral go to the AP100 Campaign.

Richard (1964) and William (1994) Batchelor

Tim Lawrence (2007)  
1988-2015



Yesterday we lost our colleague and friend Tim Lawrence in a skiing accident in the mountains at Myrkdalen. Tim, a young tenor of tremendous talent, of exuberant personality and bounding energy, had left that morning full of excitement for the first day of snow and a new season of adventure. We can imagine him in the car with friends, aglow with chat, song and cheer. That such a flame is extinguished is incomprehensible.

Tim moved to Bergen on leaving the Royal Academy of Music to become one of the earliest members of what is now Edvard Grieg Kor. He brought every part of his ebullient life to us here in Norway, fierce about his music, thrilled to be starting a career and bursting with talent and enthusiasm. Irrepressible, generous and funny, Tim was always at the centre of the room, a little pink in the face, radiating streams of ideas and positivity. He would challenge directors, question choir leaders, spar with designers (“No! I will not bare my chest and carry a fruitbowl!....”), wriggle at the sight of choreographers and sing like a prince.

Tim had said, initially, that he didn't really intend to have a career in opera. Rather, he sought the concert platform. At BNO, as productions evolved and costume fittings loomed, he would grow thoughtful. But as his voice and technique grew – both magnificently – roles began to follow. He had recently sung in Russia, Milan – and it was clear that a distinguished career in all kinds of repertoire would follow. In Bergen this year he sang Purcell which brought us to tears; at Årøt Operagard, he delivered Handel with absolute elegance.

Last week he sang Bach at our OperaPub to thunderous applause. On Saturday, he was the pristine, melodious tenor soloist in Collegium Musicum's Christmas Oratorio. On Sunday he joked that next day he was off to ski because he loved the thrill, the risk, the no-holds-barred living of life to the full.

We are privileged to have shared that vibrant life, to have loved his singing and been warmed by his friendship. Our hearts go out to his family, to Lauren, and to the fellow members of Edvard Grieg Kor.

Mary Miller, Bergen National Opera

Lindsay MacDonald (Staff: 2010-2014)  
1972-2015



Lindsay MacDonald died on 26 September 2015 at the age of 43 after a long fight against cancer, leaving behind a husband, Scott, and two young sons, Robbie and Billy. She had been the Head of Physics here from 2010 until 2013 but decided at that stage to reduce and then end her teaching so that she could spend more time with her family.

Lindsay had lived a life of extraordinary richness and variety before she came to King Edward's. She was the only candidate for a job here whose PhD was in the mechanical clearance of land mines or whose curriculum vitae included being 'Chef and First Mate' on a yacht sailing out of the British Virgin Islands. Lindsay was passionate not only about sailing but also about horses, riding at county and national level, playing polo and even being Master i/c Polo at Eton College. There's grand for you. Her list of interests in her application, dog-walking, mountain biking, scuba diving and swimming, suggest that she didn't spend much of her life indoors or sitting down.

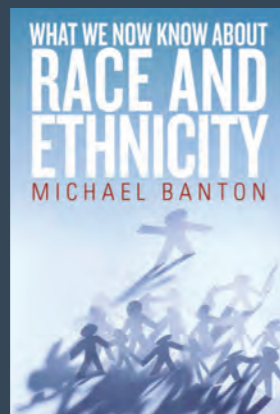
After her degrees at Loughborough and Warwick, Lindsay worked in a number of roles in industry before seeing sense and becoming a teacher, first of all at Highgate School and then at Eton College. As Head of Physics here, she was an unfailing source of energy and enthusiasm and she was a teacher who won the respect and affection of all the boys she taught. She was always smiling, always positive, even when she was beset by illness, operations and continual concerns about her health. When you met Lindsay, you could never have conceived that there was anything to trouble her and, even when she had retired, she took great delight in working with local junior schools in the School's Outreach programme. Lindsay's life was cut short much too soon but, she, if anyone, had lived that brief life to the full.

Lindsay's death was a terrible blow to all who knew her here and that is best encapsulated by the words of a boy who left last year who wrote spontaneously on the news of her death:

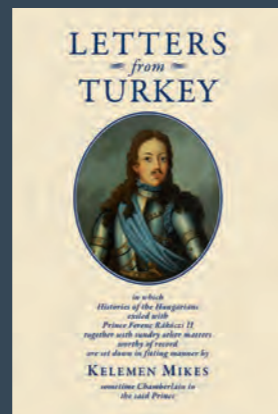
'Dr MacDonald was an inspiration to many of us and her passion, determination and positive outlook never failed to make her lessons and her subject a pleasure to be involved in. Like many others, I am completely lost for words. As my friends and I begin university next week, we will undoubtedly keep Dr MacDonald in our minds as she continues to be an inspiration to us all.'

John Cloughton (1975; Chief Master)

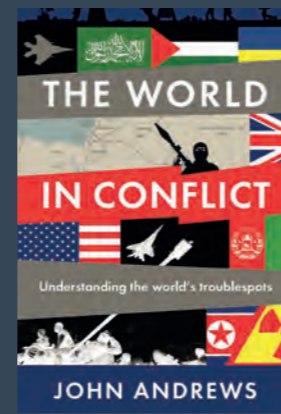
# Old Edwardian publications



**Michael Banton (1944)**  
What We Now Know About Race and Ethnicity  
Publisher: Berghahn Books



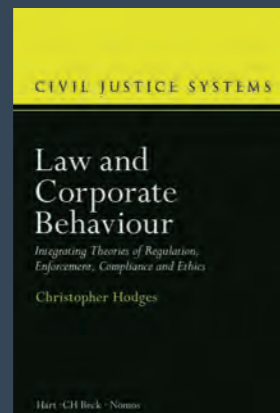
**Bernard Adams (1954)**  
A translation of Letters from Turkey by Kelemen Mikes  
Publisher: Corvina (Budapest)



**John Andrews (1964)**  
The World in Conflict: understanding the world's troublespots  
Publisher: Economist



**David Glover (1970)**  
Vie D'or – Memoirs of a Pharmaceutical Physician  
Publisher: Troubador



**Christopher Hodges (1972)**  
Law and Corporate Behaviour: Integrating Theories of Regulation, Enforcement, Compliance and Ethics  
Publisher: Hart Publishing



**Mark Lawley (1972)**  
Wildlife in the Marches  
Publisher: Marches Publications



**Jim Grant (1973) aka Lee Child**  
Make Me  
Publisher: Bantam Press



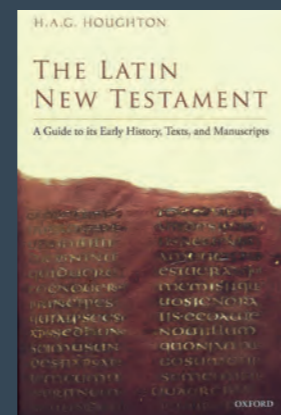
**Stephen Cooper (1976)**  
After the Final Whistle: The First Rugby World Cup and the First World War  
Publisher: Spellmount



**Jonathan Coe (1979)**  
Number 11  
Publisher: Viking



**Ben Banyard (1994)**  
Communing  
Publisher: Indigo Dreams



**Hugh Houghton (1994)**  
The Latin New Testament: A Guide to its Early History, Texts, and Manuscripts  
Publisher: Oxford University Press

## AP100 Campaign update

Thanks to the continued support of over 1,400 Old Edwardians, parents and other supporters, we have now raised **£9.5 million** towards the AP100 Campaign. This money will be funding 90 boys on Assisted Places throughout the School from September 2016 and we are on course to reach our £10 million target by summer 2016 to fund 100 Assisted Places.

A new addition to the AP100 Campaign is the Cloughton Scholarship, which has been established to mark the retirement of John Cloughton from his post as Chief Master this summer and to recognise his commitment to academia and social mobility. Thanks to the equal generosity of the Old Edwardians Association and the King Edward's Foundation, we have £200,000 in matched funding available, so that any gift made to the AP100 Campaign and the Cloughton Scholarship before 31 May 2016 will effectively be doubled.

### AP100 Ambassador: Bill Oddie

Bill Oddie attended King Edward's from 1954 to 1960. He went on to read English Literature at Pembroke College, Cambridge and on leaving university went into showbiz. With a well-documented career spanning over 50 years, he is a multi-talented celebrity – wildlife presenter, broadcaster, writer, song-writer, musician and conservationist.



“My school days at KES were the happiest days of my life. My wish is that everybody and anybody should have the education I had.”



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