

King's Speech

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Remembering a local legend from the cricket field to the battlefields of the First World War

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Editor's Welcome

WELCOME to this, the fifth edition of *King's Speech*. We had some very encouraging responses to the 2017 version and would again invite readers to respond to this one, especially if you have some suggestions for future editions.

In the following pages, the Headmaster has contributed an article that aims to inform former pupils about recent times at their alma mater, and once again too there is an update on the progress being made in connection with the move to the new site that is now coming closer to fruition. Elsewhere, there is the usual mix of lengthier pieces about what we hope you will find interesting aspects of former pupil activity, not to mention reminiscences, news items and more factual updates on alumni achievements over the past year or so. There is some information too about current happenings at the school, but the school's website and *King's Illustria* publication are locations where you can get much more detail on this if you so wish.

You will read of the Spring 2018 Gala Dinner of the Association. What a stroke of genius it was to hold the event in the school's hall! There were widely varied groups of former pupils in attendance and, I am delighted to be able to say,

with a reasonably healthy smattering of female former pupils there too – some of whom have been regular annual dinner attendees over quite a number of years, but some too who were definitely first-timers. Crucially it was a full house and everyone seemed to enjoy the occasion.

Since last year's edition, the school has appointed Lauren Tidey as Development & Alumni Officer and she has already had a significant input in developing the efficient operation of the Association. I would like on behalf of members to welcome her formally, and to wish her continuing success in her role. I must also express my huge thanks to Caroline Johnson for the marvellous work she has done in pulling together this edition of *King's Speech*; without her, it would not appear! Gill Mullarkey, too, in her second year, has maintained the same high standard of design that has been the hallmark of the five editions of the magazine since it replaced the much more basic Gazette in 2014.

As always, the compilation of the obituaries section of the magazine yields both sadness and happy memories. Two of the deaths recorded in this edition are particularly noteworthy from the standpoint of the FPA and its development as a voluntary organisation bringing together members of the school community over the years.

Both Alan McInnes and Brian Hillson held important positions within the Association in their time, but more important, their contributions at different times both played a major, indeed vital, role in keeping it in existence and in making it what it is today. It will forever be in their debt.

Ian Wilson
Editor

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COVER IMAGE: Commodore Jerry Kyd (1985) & HMS Queen Elizabeth

From the Helm



At the end of this academic year, I will have spent as long as Head at King's as I spent as a pupil. The one constant in this 14-year association with the school has been change; change across the generations as well as change within them.

The recent Gala Dinner held for the first time in the School's Main Hall was a marvellous opportunity for 130 former pupils to catch up with friends, join current students on a tour of the school and examine material from the archives. Six decades' worth of alumni attended and the event raised over £2,000 for the Bursary Fund.

I have written before about the importance of bursaries in increasing opportunities for those who would otherwise lack the financial means to attend King's.

Bursaries not only acknowledge the debt we owe to Sir John Percyvale and our other benefactors, but they help keep the school grounded. As a beneficiary of a free education myself, I feel strongly that these ties to our local community matter and that all benefit from a school that is socially inclusive.

The increasing cost of independent education over the years has sadly priced a growing number of families out of schools like King's. It is little wonder that public perception is unsympathetic as our schools are portrayed as bastions of privilege and unfair advantage.

The less inclusive we are perceived to be, the more remote we become from our communities. This is, despite all that we strive to do by sharing our facilities, supporting local charities and helping the 100 or so pupils a year who could not be at King's without financial support.

If we are to remain true to the values of our founders, we need to build up a significant endowment fund to provide bursaries into the future. The most successful campaigns in the North West

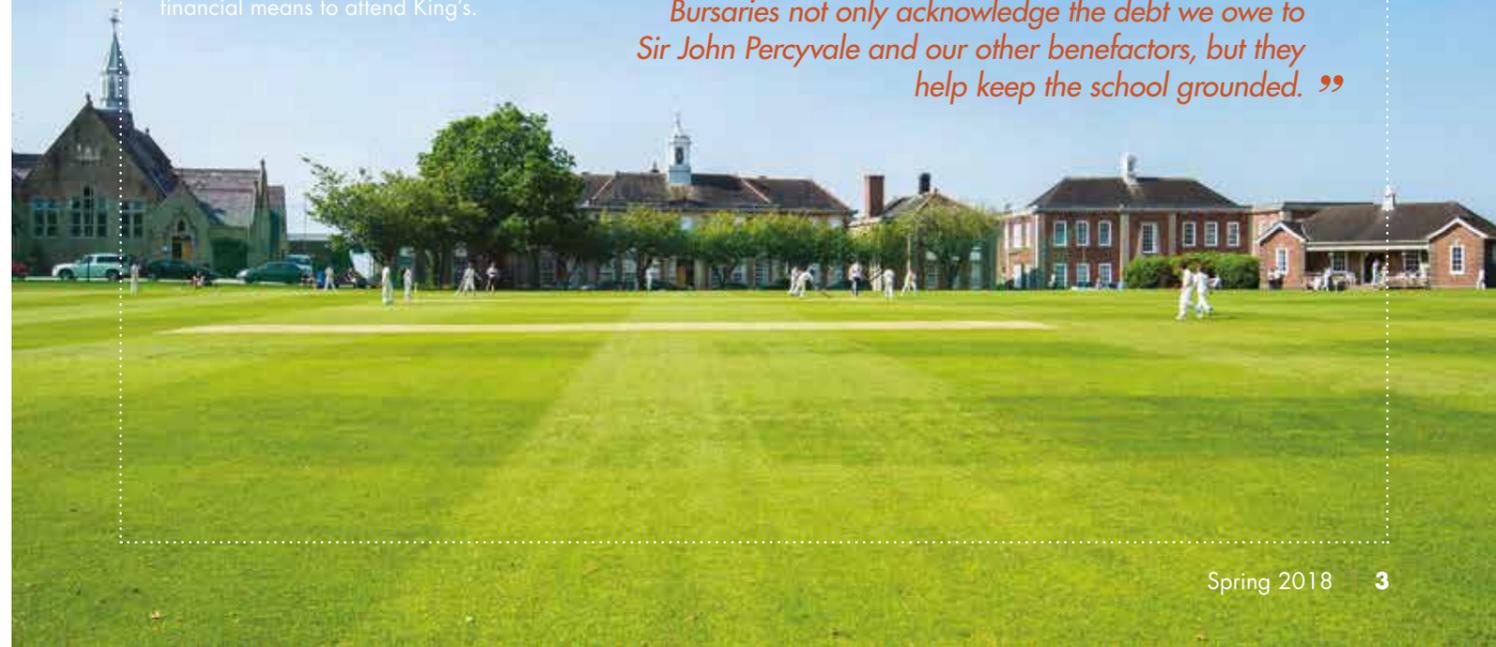
have raised over £20m over the last couple of decades, so King's has a long way to go to match this level of generosity.

As a start, we are in the process of establishing the Percyvale Legacy Society and are currently inviting our Founding Members to join us by pledging to leave a gift in their wills. Any sum will be appreciated and will make a difference. Benefactors can determine how their legacy is to be spent, though we hope that many will wish to support the School's Bursary Fund.

If, as a School, we are to address the challenges of access and social mobility that are at the heart of keeping King's the school it is, then we will need your help. Robert Kennedy, at the University of Cape Town in 1966, spoke of the ability of 'tiny ripples of hope' to combine together into a current that can achieve great things. I hope that you will consider playing your part in the next big step change we need at King's.

Dr Simon Hyde
Headmaster

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From the Chair

You may be interested to know that as a Former Pupils' Association we are now over 4,500 strong and growing, making us one of the largest in the UK. We would however like to grow even stronger so please encourage your old school friends to join as you have, so we can keep our King's community alive and well, not just today but into the future with the move of the school to a state of the art new location.

I was delighted that the recent Alumni Gala Dinner was such a huge success and that we were able to host it at the school this year. For one

evening only a room normally associated with examinations and assemblies, transformed into an impressive gala venue. With well-known sporting legend Bryan Redpath as our guest speaker and our inimitable Rob Thorneycroft as MC, it was a very

enjoyable evening and thanks to the auction and raffle, we raised over £1,000 for the forthcoming Girls' Sports Tour to South Africa and £2,000 for the Bursary Fund. Special thanks to Lauren Tidey for organising such a great event.

One major setback for the Association was the loss of our dear friend Alan McInnes. Alan was a staunch supporter of the school and will be unsurpassed as being a former pupil, former teacher, former Governor and Chairman of the Committee – a great loss. Many of you will know that Alan organised the Bursary Fund Golf Day and we are currently looking for volunteers to help run this event in Alan's name. There are also vacancies for three new members on the FPA Committee and I would welcome nominations particularly from former pupils who left within the last 15 years. Please contact the school for further details.

I would like to end by wishing you all the very best for the coming year and I look forward to hopefully seeing you at some of our forthcoming events.

Dave Barratt, FPA Chairman

Guy scores a top role

Congratulations to **Guy Laurence** (1979) who is the new Chief Executive of Chelsea Football Club. Guy started his position with the reigning Premier League champions in February, reporting directly to the club's Board of Directors and taking responsibility for the day-to-day operations of the club, including the continuing development of its commercial activities in the UK and around the world, especially in China.

Chairman Bruce Buck said: 'Guy is joining the club at an exciting period for Chelsea on and off the field. He will be working with the owner and the Board to increase our commercial revenues and maximise digital opportunities.' Guy was previously President and CEO of Rogers Communications, one of Canada's largest communications and media businesses and, prior to that, he was CEO of Vodafone UK.



Kate's South American adventure

As part of her Modern Languages and Cultures degree at Durham University, **Kate Hawker** (2014) is carrying out a two-phase year abroad in Spanish-speaking countries. She began by spending four months as a secondary school teacher on San Cristóbal Island, Galápagos, and is currently volunteering in Bogota, Colombia.

She is working for a Comic Relief funded project called 'Yo me defino' in Ciudad Bolivar, a marginalised community in which gangs and violence are commonplace. She is part of a team which includes psychologists, social workers and educators, and is working with 250 young women who are linked to, or at high-risk of, affiliation with gangs. Problems faced by the young women include sexual violence, substance abuse, underage pregnancy, and displacement from families resulting in time spent on the streets.

Kate says: "We work closely with a government initiative called Indipron, which provides education for young people who have been removed from mainstream education due to behaviour, affiliation with gangs and substance addiction. I believe the project is doing fantastic work with the young people of Ciudad Bolivar and it is certainly eye-opening as well as extremely difficult, but rewarding work."



Tom's African Fundraiser

Young adventurer **Tom Lynch** (2015) climbed Mount Kilimanjaro in August for the 'Hope for Children' charity. Tom was part of a 28-person team at Loughborough University to embark on the challenge for the charity that champions the belief that every child deserves a childhood.

The team also visited a project in Tanzania that helps educate some of the country's 437,000 street and working children, many of whom are refugees from neighbouring countries. Tom is currently studying Chemical Engineering at Loughborough University and wants to work in the Food or Pharmaceuticals sectors. His passion for adventure developed during King's Namibia expedition in 2014.

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David's organic success

David Baskeyfield (2001) continues to enjoy major critical success as an organist. He lives in New York and was the winner of the 2014 Canadian International Organ Competition. He is currently serving as Director of Music at Christ Episcopal Church in Pittsford, New York, close to the prestigious Eastman School of Music from which he gained his Doctor of Musical Arts in 2014.

In his final year at King's, David was awarded the William Barnett Award and the William Broster Prize for French. He joined St John's College Oxford to read Modern Languages, later changing to read Law. He was simultaneously an organ scholar at St John's College, following which he spent a year as an organ scholar at Dublin's Christ Church and St Patrick's Cathedral.



JUST BRIEFLY...

Emily Calvin (2016), now in her second year studying Environmental Sciences at Leeds University, was



asked to apply for an Advanced Leadership Development and Research Scholarship in her first year and, after a rigorous selection process, was awarded the scholarship.

Emily is working on a Paleobotany project looking at the development of plant (ferns) cell structures in relation to differing levels of CO₂ in the atmosphere, and will present her paper at an environmental conference in Dublin next year. Emily has also qualified to transfer onto the 4-year MSc course and, as part of this, has been awarded a place at MacMaster University near Toronto in Canada, Canada's leading research University, to study during the 2018/19 academic year.

William Arnold (2005) was named 'Young Structural Engineer of the Year' in 2017, by The Institution which makes the awards annually to recognise outstanding young engineering professionals. Will was recognised for his work on innovative projects like the Fubon Tower in Tapei (a skyscraper in an earthquake-zone), a whiskey distillery in Scotland and the 2012 Serpentine Pavilion. Will was inspired to become a structural engineer at age 14: "Without my Maths and Physics teachers, I may not have kept up such an interest in the built world. Mr



Nicholls, my DT teacher, also greatly influenced my passion for design, something I rely on today."

Rebecca Sugden (2009) has achieved a Distinction in her M. Phil. awarded by St John's College, Cambridge after achieving the highest mark ever recorded on that course. Becca graduated in 2014 from Murray Edwards College, Cambridge with a double First Class Honours degree in



Modern and Medieval Languages. She is currently finalising her PhD thesis at St John's and has been elected as a Research Fellow at Gonville and

Caius College, Cambridge, to start in October 2018. This is a tremendous achievement as the candidate list consists of hundreds of top-level academics from the world's most prestigious Universities.

Lauren Tidey is the school's first Development & Alumni Officer, with a remit to help former pupils stay in touch, and to also implement the school's fundraising strategy.

Using her background in events management, Lauren has been using social media to re-connect with former pupils and invite them to events in the North West and London. Recently the Development Office has invested in a new alumni database, this will enable us to keep in touch more efficiently and assist us with our fundraising strategy. Another project is our Legacy Campaign and the creation of The Percyvale Society.



We've been framed!



King's has teamed up with local architectural photographer Jon Cruttenden to offer former pupils, parents and staff the opportunity to buy framed prints of both the school's sites. Photographs are available in a range of sizes and frame options and prices start from £25. To order, please go to: www.kingsmac.co.uk/kingsphotos



YOUR NEWS

SPEAKERS' CORNER



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Robotics expert gives insight into Engineering careers

Jonathan Aitken (2000) returned to King's in the autumn to tell the next generation about the life-changing opportunities presented by robotics and artificial intelligence.

The former pupil is now a Research Fellow at the University of Sheffield in the Department of Automatic Controls and Systems Engineering. His research specialises in the deployment of field robotics in dangerous and hazardous environments.

Jonathan, who went to the University of York to study Electronic Engineering ultimately earning a PhD in artificial intelligence, outlined the possible future careers for pupils with an interest in technology, science and engineering.

Remembering his own school days, he added: "I am very grateful to my former teachers, such as Chris Hollis and Nick Riley, who taught me to work quickly but thoroughly and to fully understand the importance of mathematics in engineering and design."

Top Particle Physicist explains the fundamental powers

Dr Mike Peardon (1988) returned to King's to tell Sixth Form students studying Physics about science's continuing endeavours to understand the fundamental powers of the universe at the micro level.

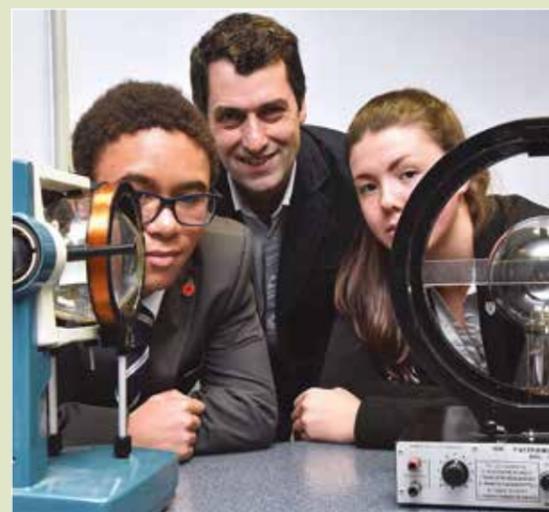
Mike, who gained a first-class degree from Cambridge's Robinson College has worked in academia, industry and research all over the world and is currently an Associate Professor at Trinity College Dublin.

He specialises in developing the computation necessary to comprehend the strong nuclear force, one of the four known fundamental interactions, alongside electromagnetism, the weak interaction and gravitation.

He told the students that "there are still many gaps in our knowledge and we still don't fully understand the complexity of the interactions within the nucleus and no doubt some bigger and better model will be produced in the future."

He added: "My work involves elegant mathematical equations which have an inspiring aesthetic quality, but are also at the heart of practical developments used in everyday life. For example the worldwide web was invented in CERN and the work particle physicists are doing worldwide is driving the revolution in the collection and application of data."

Dr Peardon paid tribute to his former King's teachers: "I had a fantastic education at King's which really fired my enthusiasm for Physics and first and foremost that's what we want to see in today's students, a sheer enthusiasm for the subject."



Royal Military Policeman returns to King's to salute army life



Former pupil **Alex Seabrook** (2012) returned to his old school to tell current pupils about life in the Royal Military Police. Currently based in Colchester as part of the 156 Provost Company, one of around 2,500 Military Police responsible for internal army discipline among Britain's 82,000 force,

the lance Corporal is enjoying every moment. Alex left King's in 2012 to study Architecture at Leeds University, but was then drawn by his dream of a "more adventurous, more active life." Now three years into his four-year term, Alex explained that he is looking at further options within the Army.

His military police training has opened up potential opportunities to train as a close protection operative for high-ranking officers in operations around the world, or for ambassadors in countries where there may be deemed a constant threat. He said: "I loved my life at King's and wanted to return so I could speak to the current pupils, many of whom will have been in the Junior Division when I was in the Sixth Form, about my life and my choices and perhaps dispel a few clichés about the army and the military police."

Richard talks success, money and happiness

In December, former pupil **Richard Btsh** (1975) gave a talk to King's A Level Business and Economics students about success, money and happiness. Richard is currently a Director of Chess ICT, where he describes himself as a dealmaker, having experience of more than 200 transactions including mergers, acquisitions, IPOs and joint ventures.

Richard left King's to study Economics at Newcastle University and then joined Ernst & Young to train as an accountant before moving into corporate finance, litigation and finally mergers and acquisitions. Richard's talk to students covered his experiences in business, taking Chess from a turnover of £4m to £130m in 10 years, and the importance of innovation, culture and courage. His advice for young entrepreneurs also included the key themes of work-life balance, success and happiness.



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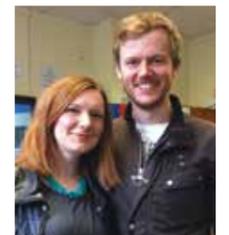
Joe Roberts (2012), who won the UK Guardian Cannes Young Lions Print Advertising award in April 2017. He and his creative partner Doug went to Cannes in June for a week to attend the Festival of Creativity and compete in the international competition for advertising teams under the age of 30. They won with a poster advert for a charity promoting safe passage for child refugees and were picked from thousands of entries.

Amy Sanderson (2013), who has received a First Class Honours degree in European Social & Political Studies (BA) from UCL.

Paddy Symmons Roberts (2014), who has been awarded a First Class Honours degree in English Literature with Creative Writing from Warwick University.

Olivia Soutter (2012), who received her PGCE in Secondary English in June from Homerton College, Cambridge. Olivia was also awarded the Charles Fox Prize for outstanding contributions to all aspects of the PGCE course. In July, Olivia began teaching at The Freman College in Buntingford.

Polly Edwards (2006) and **Will Bradley** (2006), pictured right, who recently got engaged.



Dmitri Whitmore (2016), who is currently an undergraduate at Cambridge University and was awarded the Cambridge prize and a university scholarship after achieving the highest first in his college at the end of his first year.

Richard Buxton (1985), who is co-owner of the 'Cheshire Cheese Company' and has won a number of awards. The 2017 highlight was 'Forest Gin Cheese', thought to be the first ever gin-flavoured cheese.

Michael Ford (1998), who has just published his crime novel 'Hold My Hand'. Mike has been writing children's novels under various pseudonyms and ghost-writing for celebrities for many years.

Michael Wolff's bestselling Donald Trump expose, 'Fire and Fury', is reported to be the subject of a seven-figure TV deal. Ex-BBC chief and former King's pupil **Michael Jackson** (1976) is set to be executive producer; Jackson currently runs Two Cities Television.



EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW

Making Waves

Earlier this year, the UK's largest and most expensive Royal Navy vessel took to the seas. With a former pupil at the helm, we were able to catch-up with **Commodore Jerry Kyd** (1985) whilst he was on board HMS Queen Elizabeth undertaking sea trials. Here he reflects on his career, his current role and his school days at King's...

When did you first realise you wanted to spend a life at sea?

“ I loved sailing and the water from an early age, including sailing dinghies and windsurfing when I was at King's, but the lure of adventure, not wanting to sit behind a desk for the rest of my life and work as a team made me inquisitive about life in the Armed Services. I remember visiting a Royal Navy frigate in Liverpool Docks with my father when I was in the Upper Fourth year at King's and another trip to a submarine with some other King's pupils at about the time I was choosing my GCSE subjects. I was immediately interested; the men and officers I met were professional, smart, fun and very positive. The esprit de corps was powerful and I thought 'this is what I want to do.' I applied and attended the Admiralty Interview Board when I was in the Lower Sixth at King's, passed and joined Britannia Royal Naval College straight after A levels at age 18. Six months later, I was in the Caribbean on an aircraft carrier doing my initial sea training and being paid. And then the Navy sent me to Southampton University for three years. I couldn't believe my luck!

Tell us about your current role

I am honoured to be the first Commanding Officer of our new strike aircraft carrier, HMS Queen Elizabeth. At 65,000 tons with a 4.3 acre flight deck she is quite a



beast and the biggest warship the Royal Navy has ever operated. She is packed with 21st Century technology and we soon embark the new Joint Strike Fighter, the F-35 Lightning – a hugely impressive aircraft and it will be our primary weapon system. My responsibilities as Captain of HMS Queen Elizabeth is to guide her successfully through sea trials, embark her helicopters and fighter jets and get her ready for her operational life, ready to fight anywhere around the globe. I have about 1,000 crew onboard today and that will grow to about 1600 by the summer when we go to the United States for fixed wing flying trials. No day is the same!

I have been lucky to be the Captain of a number of frigates, aircraft carriers and shore establishments in my career. As Captain I am well aware of the huge responsibilities, but the rewards are very great indeed. Without doubt, the most professionally satisfying element of being a naval officer and especially as a sea Captain

is commanding men and women of such quality and diversity. They are brilliant – motivated, selfless and talented. Whether a chef, engineer, weapon specialist, navigator or fighter pilot, the ship's company are a well-oiled team and they remind me every day how lucky we are to have such people prepared to serve our country. And they do so often in arduous and dangerous conditions far from home with so much humour and absolute professionalism. In HMS Queen Elizabeth the scale of the enterprise is vast – everything is big and an aircraft carrier is a busy, complicated ship of war – on deck there are lots of aircraft, fuel, weapons and people moving about day and night, whilst below deck life carries on 24/7 supporting operations.

The 50 chefs cook about 4000 meals a day; the engineering, maintaining and operating all the equipment including sewage treatment plants, changing aircraft engines, making fresh water, to turning the propellers all demands

teamwork of the highest order. Being the Captain is very special of course, although I do slightly miss the raciness and more nimble size of a fighting frigate!

What would you consider to be the highlights of your career?

There have been so many great times and highlights in my career. Every day is different in the Navy and brings with it a broad spectrum of challenges. But I suppose if someone was to press me I would say my favourite memory is when I sailed HMS Monmouth, a Type 23 Duke Class frigate, from Plymouth on my first day in command of that ship. The sense of achievement, excitement and privilege, at a relatively young age (36) is something I will never forget. As Captain, the buck stops with you: there is no fire brigade or immediate help at sea in the deep ocean and many hundreds of people look to you to make the right calls.



A privilege indeed, superb and sobering at the same time. Of course we have men and women commanding smaller minesweepers and patrol boats at a much younger age. The Royal Navy and Royal Marines offer a great life and some really exciting challenges.

How do you deal with the pressure?

The Navy, like a good education, invests in you and prepares you steadily and carefully for the trials and tribulations ahead. The responsibility of being Captain of this new Class of aircraft carrier, HMS Queen Elizabeth, could be overwhelming were it not for the training and experience the Navy gives you steadily and irrepressibly from the day you join. I also have the luxury of knowing I have hundreds of superbly trained people, across engineers, logisticians, weapons specialists, Royal Marines to naval doctors onboard so there is always great support and advice available. As a cohesive team just about anything can be tackled and overcome. So often, people are limited or daunted by misplaced self-doubt and a lack of confidence. The Navy is very effective in training, mentoring and developing men and women from all backgrounds. It seeks

potential in people and then makes them better, not least by engendering confidence, pride, respect for others and loyalty. Everyone has faults and weaknesses, but the Navy teaches you to play to your strengths and develop to be the very best you can be.

What do you miss whilst you are away at sea?

My wife, Karen, and a good glass of red wine.

What are your enduring memories of King's?

I remember all my years at Kings from 1979-1985 clearly and with fondness. School years are so vital in shaping and preparing you for the challenges in life. In this sense, King's was a fantastic foundation and it is sad that only in hindsight do you truly realise what your teachers do for you – they really do have your interests at heart! At King's the culture of learning, sufficient discipline and sheer quality of teaching was really good. I still remember my very first day at King's. I was aged 11, and my form tutor, the tweed suited Mrs Schofield marched into the room. She was quite fierce if I recall and already a grey-haired veteran at King's, but my

word she was brilliant. She inculcated in all of us the overriding importance of respect for others and hard work. Mrs Schofield and the King's machine did an admirable job in setting the right values in me which has stood me in good stead ever since. And they also managed to give me a good academic education too! Of course, the school is now a 21st Century institution reacting to the changing times and environment but I can see that it has retained the fundamental values that make it so successful and a place where parents should rest easy that their money is being well spent!

What would be your advice to any pupils at King's these days?

One thing I have increasingly realised is that life is incredibly precious and transitory. Life may be a long journey, but the opportunities that will spring into view will disappear fast unless you grip them. So my philosophy for the pupils today is: work hard, take calculated risks, never worry what others think about you and always trust your intuition, particularly when opportunity presents. Work hard and be a good person. And lastly, never take yourself too seriously – you don't need to – just be yourself and accept who you are. ”

IN PROFILE...

A walk on the entrepreneurial side...

Peter Linas (1986) is the International Managing Director of Bullhorn, a software company that provides customer relationship management and operations software to the recruitment industry. Since Peter's arrival, the company has grown significantly with an annual turnover of \$100 million and over 600 people employed internationally.

After King's, Peter joined university, but quickly realised further education wasn't for him and became a stockbroker. After the crash in 1987, Peter moved into recruitment where he remained for 20 years before moving into the technology side. Peter now oversees Bullhorn's international operations outside North America.

Asked what he enjoys most about his role, Peter says the entrepreneurial side of the business, as well as meeting new clients and opening in new territories.

Having seen Bullhorn go from strength to strength, Peter counts one of his greatest non-work achievements as continuing to live in Cheshire as opposed to the bright city lights of London or other mega cities in Europe.

Reflecting on his school days, Peter says he remembers "the social and cultural side of school and, in particular, the sport. Having friends with similar aspirations and who wanted to make their mark on life certainly enhanced my school experience. My favourite subject at school was Economics with Mr Jordan, a teacher I remember due to the fact he invested time into students and had a genuine interest in the subject."

Peter says: "King's taught me the art of possibility, it gave me aspirations and the confidence to achieve great things further on in life and that there are no boundaries."



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Dominique helps engineer the future...

Dominique Roberts (2013) graduated last summer with a high First Class Bachelor of Engineering degree with Honours in Motorsports from the University of Central Lancashire. Dominique also received the award for the best Bachelors project across the School of Engineering for her dissertation on the use of regenerative energy in future automotive performance vehicles. In addition, she also received an award for gaining the highest overall grade

on her degree course. In September, Dominique took up an exciting role at Bentley Motors and she is now part of Bentley's Sales and Marketing Department in London, working as part of the future strategy team and will spend the next few years supporting concept project vehicle development.

Dominique says: "This is truly my dream role working in luxury performance vehicle development and the possibilities within the group are endless." Reflecting

on her route into what is a male-dominated industry, she says: "From the age of 16-19, I worked as a Race Engineer in the Porsche Club series. Then I moved to international GT racing with Lamborghini UK for one season. Formula One was always my goal so I jumped at a summer placement with Force India F1 team in 2014, which was incredible."

Dominique's degree allowed for a sandwich year placement which she undertook in the whole vehicle engineering department of Bentley Motors. "The environment is extremely supportive and they truly throw you in at the deep end. My main role was as part of the concept development project for the EXP10 model and pitching attributes developments to the board."

Dominique's focus and ambition is clear, "My goal is to work my way up to be a Director within the next 5 years with the ultimate goal of being a cross functional Chief Executive."

Reflecting on her school days, she adds: "Every single member of staff in King's sixth form helped me to achieve what I have today, particularly Dr Hartnett and Mr Street."

From the archive

Former King's History teacher **DAVID HILL** recalls a sporting hero from a hundred years ago, prompted by the sad death of one of the school's more recent sporting heroes, Alan McInnes. Alan's achievements brought to mind a former pupil from a more distant past, who died in tragic circumstances exactly one hundred years ago in the final year of the First World War.

FJOHN Adshead Harrison, more commonly known as Jack Harrison, was, until Alan McInnes appeared on the scene in the 1950s, generally regarded as the old grammar school's most legendary sporting hero. Their careers on the games fields of the North West followed an uncannily similar pattern.

Alan (pictured right) made his name in winter sports, being captain of the British Universities Rugby Union team whilst a student at Loughborough University and playing for Sale before moving into Rugby League with Salford and finally managing Wigan.

Jack (pictured above) was more renowned as a footballer, playing for the Northern Nomads and other regional teams and being hailed by 'Red Rose' of the *Manchester Chronicle* as "a cheeky young man." Both played golf to a high standard at Macclesfield Golf Club where Jack won the Open Trophy in 1913 and is remembered on the club's war memorial.

During the summer they both excelled on the cricket field. Alan was primarily a very competent wicket keeper who often stood up to the faster bowlers, had a very good eye

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as a middle order batsman and hit the ball unusually hard. Jack was a hostile and accurate fast bowler, taking 61 wickets in 1913, his best season, including 8 for 24. He was also a hard hitting middle order batsman with a top score of 128 not out.

Both captained the Macclesfield C.C 1st XI: Jack between 1913 and 1916, Alan in the 1970s and 80s.



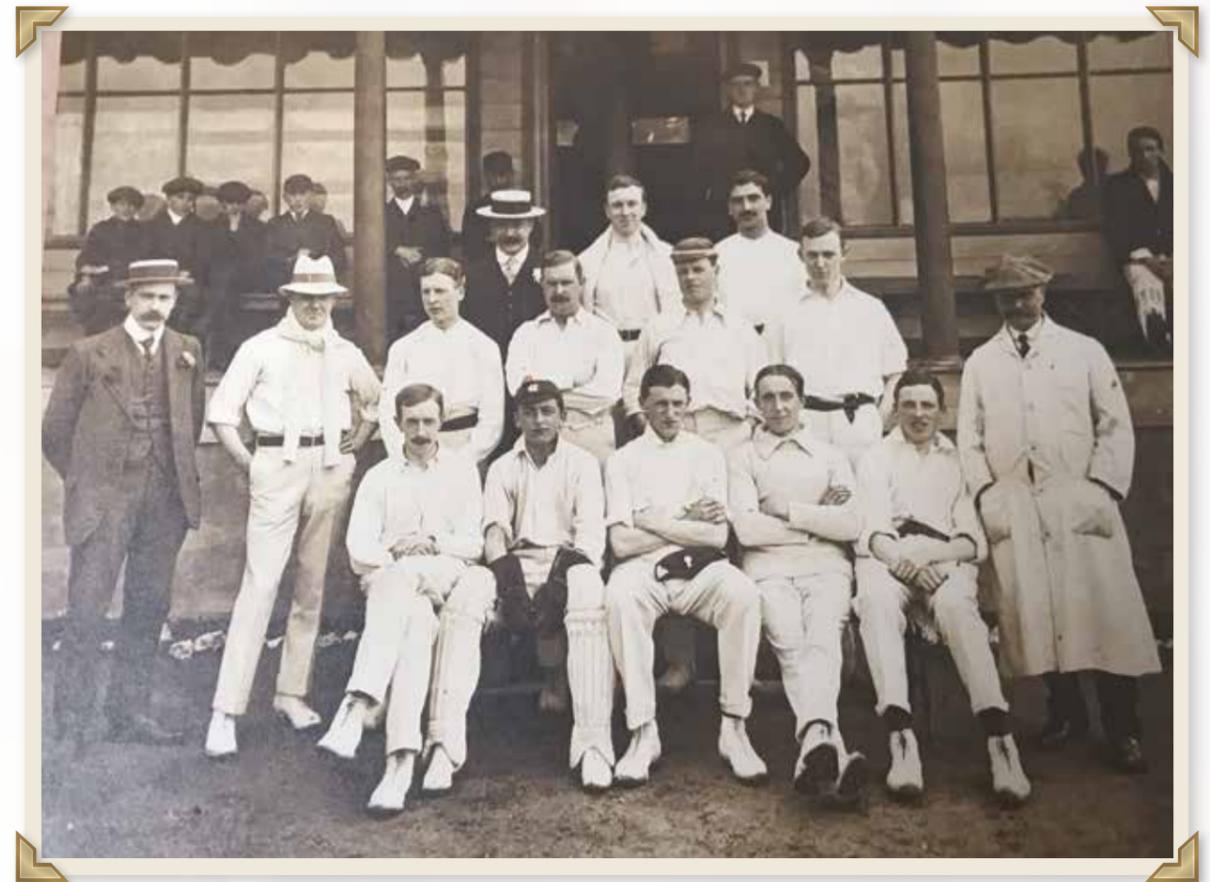
Both played Minor Counties cricket for Cheshire where Jack, in 1914, took 7 for 43 against Durham. His untimely death in April 1918 at the age of 28 was regarded as a major blow to cricket in the North West as it merited, unusually for a minor counties player, an obituary in the game's bible, *Wisden's Cricketers' Almanack*, and also in the *Manchester Evening*

Chronicle. Jack Harrison was born in 1889, the third of four sons of William Harrison a grain merchant. His home Horton House, 42 Cumberland Street was almost opposite the Grammar School gates. The family firm had offices in Chestergate and at the Old Trafford Docks.

Jack entered the Grammar School in 1902 and starred in almost all athletic pursuits, especially cricket and football, becoming captain of cricket in his final year. On leaving school he went into the family business and spent much of his spare time on the sports field. In 1913, he married Sybil Dodds and was running a saw mill in Sutton having rented Lane Ends House in the village.

As a young married man of 24, Jack did not volunteer for military service on the outbreak of the war, but played a full programme of charity cricket matches throughout the 1915 season. When conscription was introduced in 1916, he enlisted in the local battalion, the 7th Cheshires, and went to Oswestry for officer training.

He was commissioned into the Machine Gun Corps and posted to the 31st Division, a Pals division from the northern counties which had been decimated in its first action at



Macclesfield Cricket Club 1st XI in 1914; Jack, as Captain, sits in the centre of the front row with his Cheshire cap on his knee. His brother Frank stands in the second row behind him wearing the hooped cap.

Serre on the first day of the Battle of the Somme in July 1916. He served with them from mid-1917, was slightly wounded in the autumn, before being sent home on leave in February 1918 to see his wife who was expecting their second child.

At the end of March he was sent back to his unit to deal with the Kaiser's spring offensive. He was killed on the 12th April whilst attempting to defend the village of Vieux-Berquin, between Hazebrouck and Bailleul, South West of Ypres. He is buried in Aval Wood Military Cemetery in the village.

Jack's widow was left with two young children and moved to a smaller house in Sutton. His younger brother, Frank, served with the 22nd Manchesters, the 7th City Pals

battalion. He survived the ordeal of the attack on the first day of the Battle of the Somme and wrote home with a vivid description of the action on that day, his part and, more especially Roy Mellor's fatal part in it. Frank later won the M.C, survived the war and he too went on to play cricket both for Macclesfield and Cheshire.

THE story of Jack Harrison is even more poignant due to the fact that his younger son Peter, whom Sybil was expecting during Jack's last leave early in 1918, also attended The King's School in the 1930s, but was killed during the Second World War while serving with the Royal Air Force in 1943.



Lane Ends House, Sutton where Jack lived with wife Sybil

Headline Acts...

King's has always been known for the eclectic range of careers followed by its alumni, and perhaps one of the more notable is the number of **sports journalists** spawned by the school.



ANDREW BENSON



OLIVER HOLT



CHRIS WHEELER

COLLECTIVELY, our sporting scribes have entertained and informed their relevant audiences, covering several different sports and for different media outlets.

Probably the most eminent of them was the late **Denys Rowbottom**, who wrote beautifully, mainly on cricket and rugby union, for *The Guardian* for 20 years until he died tragically early at his desk in 1968. Rowbottom captained the school cricket 1st XI in the early 1930s, and so too did the nearest King's can claim as a successor, **Andy Wilson (1990)** who was school cricket captain in 1989-90 and then a cricket and rugby league correspondent for the same paper for about 20 years until he moved into other fields in 2014. A recent addition to *The Guardian* sports team is **John Brewin (1994)**, who writes on football and recently took great pleasure in writing about Macclesfield Town's return to the Football League after a six-year absence.

Former pupil **Julian Ryder** has been very much the voice of motor cycling on TV and in magazines for the past 40 or so years, and **Oliver Pickup (1998)** has been developing a career writing on sport mainly for *The Daily Telegraph* and *The Times*.

Best known among current writers are **Oliver Holt (1984)**, chief sports writer for *The Mail on Sunday* and a 2017 National Journalists' Award Winner; **Chris Wheeler**, who writes on football for the *Daily Mail*; and **Andrew Benson (1988)**, the well-known Formula One chief motor racing

reporter for the BBC. Neither Andrew nor Oliver planned to go into journalism when they left King's and both went on to study History degrees, partly because they enjoyed writing and knew this would be central to their courses.

Andrew feels that History, with its stress on written analysis and critical thinking, is a particularly suitable subject at degree level for budding journalists. Oliver recalls Graham Wilson, Dave Woodhead, Chris Taylor and Keith Aikin as King's teachers who particularly encouraged his essay writing and love of the written word, not

to mention a breadth of learning which he thinks has been very important to him throughout his very successful career.

Chris Wheeler, however, recalls that with his interest in sport and English as his favourite subject at A Level, he had journalism in mind from an early stage. He explains: "I loved my time at King's. It enabled me to pursue a passion for sport, encouraged by teachers like Tis Bevan, Pete Matthews, Mark Harbord, Keith Perris and Dai Jones. It also piqued my first interest in journalism after myself and three classmates looked at resurrecting the school magazine

with Ian Wilson." He adds: "I didn't plan on working in sports journalism immediately when I left King's and took a year out before going to university. During that year, I got my first job on a local newspaper and made the decision to continue down that path instead of doing a degree. Everything else has followed on from there: local, regional and national papers as well as a couple of spells working abroad."

Perhaps seen as a rather glamorous career choice, combining sports, travel and working for national newspaper titles, all three said very similar things when asked about pros and cons of their current roles.

Chris explained: "Getting paid to watch sport is a pro that doesn't need much explaining, but there are aspects of the job that many people don't always appreciate. Unsociable hours, tight deadlines and stressful conditions like being in a foreign stadium a long way from home when an injury-time goal changes a game just as the Wi-Fi fails still brings on a particular kind of nausea! However, I've been incredibly lucky to travel the world seeing some of the best teams in the best arenas and interview some of my favourite sports stars. In many respects, it's a dream job. However, I don't see enough of my family and friends, and I've not had a weekend off since the 80s."

Oliver added: "I genuinely look forward to going to work every day".

All three very much appreciate the opportunities they have had, but also commented on the high-stress elements of their jobs, the anti-social hours and the need to develop a thick skin, and all undoubtedly developed their passion for sports at King's.

"In many respects, it's a dream job...I genuinely look forward to going to work"

In Andrew's case, his first love has always been Formula One. He said: "A university friend suggested I should pursue it as a career, given how keen I was on the sport. So I sent in an article to a F1 magazine, and when it was actually published, I followed up by applying for and getting a permanent job on the same mag!"

Oliver first set out to forge a career in advertising, but later decided to have a go at journalism via the Cardiff graduate training scheme; he immediately loved it and, after a period as a trainee news reporter with the *Liverpool Echo*, applied for and got a post as motor racing correspondent for *The Times*.

With the obvious attractions of the life of a sports journalist, we asked all three about any advice they would offer to pupils currently at school considering entering the field. All three gave similar advice to any youngster contemplating it as a career: 'Don't expect it to be easy, be prepared to start at the bottom and to persevere; and the rewards can be high'.

Chris explains: "It's more of a vocation than a job, so be prepared to start out doing the dirty work. I'm lucky to cover Manchester United and Manchester City for a living, but I served my time following Macclesfield Town in the GM Vauxhall Conference.

"From an industry point of view, newspapers are facing an uncertain future. The advent of social media has created a whole new dimension in sports journalism, and unfortunately the access to the people who matter – particularly in football – is diminishing all the time. But with that said, if you're prepared to give it a go, it can be a great way to earn a living."

Alumni Gala Dinner 2018

F N March, former pupils returned to their alma mater for a record-breaking gala dinner. This year's dinner was staged in the familiar surrounds of the main school hall for a genuine trip down memory lane. Before the three-course meal, many of the 130 attendees enjoyed a tour of the school followed by a drinks reception in the Library.

The event raised £2,000 for the King's School Bursary Fund, plus £1,000 for the forthcoming sports tour to South Africa. The oldest former pupil to attend was Derek Way who came to King's in 1944 and went on to have a successful career as one of the town's leading chartered accountants. He said: "It wasn't at all strict. We ran riot really, but it was such great fun and you knew if you were good enough to go to Oxford or Cambridge they would get you there; if you were good enough to play rugby for England they'd get you there too."

Susi Jarvis, née Reutter, who was one of the first intake of girls after the opening of King's Girls' Division in 1993, said: "We had a great time and formed strong friendships that survive today. And yes, of course, we loved it."

Guest speaker was former Scots international rugby player Bryan Redpath, whose sons all attended King's.

Pictured from top: Guests enjoying dinner in the school hall; Nick and Katie Jordan, Eilir Rogers and James Wilson; James Hoe, Roger Wilson and Alan Hoe; Todd Eden, Rebecca Rogers, Susi Jarvis and Andy Holt. Below: Chris Southan, Andy Fethers, Mike Pilkington, Mark O'Connor, Guy Laurence, Dave Barratt, Nick Ridings, Neil Kennington and Andrew Moss.



2020 VISION: Coming into focus

NEW SCHOOL UPDATE

Headmaster Dr Simon Hyde reveals progress made towards achieving our vision of a new state-of-the-art school.

F N last year's edition, I provided an overview of the 2020 Vision within the context of our school's proud 500-year history. This year, I want to offer an update

and explain what we have achieved so far. Taking my cue from Commodore Kyd, there has been plenty of hard work, a few calculated risks, a willingness not to become too concerned with the reservations of others and a readiness to grasp opportunities and to trust intuition!

When we launched our 2020 Vision in 2012, the challenges seemed enormous. Efforts in the mid-2000s to move the school onto a single site foundered on the rocks of financial viability and location. The Green Belt was so tightly drawn around Macclesfield that options were limited and, despite its proximity to the town's centre, most of Fence Avenue was situated in the Green Belt, making development difficult. Costs seemed prohibitive and there was a need to update our facilities and enhance the school's estate.

Launching the 2020 Vision required imagination, acceptance of the benefits of change and a good dose of luck. The good fortune came in the shape of a new Local Plan, which identified a significant demand for housing in Macclesfield and acknowledged that the Green Belt would need to be relaxed if the demand was to be satisfied. With the support of a number of former pupils, the school was able to de-risk a significant portion of the costs as we explored the project's feasibility.

Following an extensive site search, a 50-acre plot of land was identified adjacent to the school's current playing fields on the outskirts of Prestbury. The land was originally part of the Hare Hill estate owned by the late Colonel Charles Brocklehurst, who had served as Chairman of Governors from 1952 to 1968. It was partly this historic connection that persuaded the then owner to sell us the site. In May 2017 and following a donation from a former

pupil of £1.5m (the largest in the school's history), King's acquired the site. However, we still faced formidable challenges; requiring planning permission on both sites for housing; Sport England required the school to replace and upgrade all of its existing sports facilities and playing fields; the planners required contributions to affordable housing, public open space and education. Half a million pounds of highways improvements were also required and, in addition, there would be a VAT bill on the new school estimated at £9m.

After one false start in May 2016, the school's proposals finally reached the Strategic Planning Board in July. Inevitably,



there was significant opposition from those likely to be impacted by the changes and from those opposing the use of Green Belt. In a close call, all three applications were approved on the Chair's casting vote. The Secretary of State decided not to call in the Planning Authority's decision and work began on the legal agreements. In January 2017, the full permission for the new school site and outline planning for Westminster Road and Fence Avenue were issued.

The sites needed to be marketed with the benefit of the hard-won planning permission. Preferred bidders were selected and detailed negotiations started. The school's requirements were again challenging for the developers, as the school could not offer vacant possession of its sites before it had built the new school. That potentially would mean a two-year delay and cause

an insurmountable bridging challenge (as the school would need to borrow the cost of the new school). Developers' payments therefore had to be bank-guaranteed and brought forward, so as to protect the charity and reduce the bridging challenge.

During 2017, work focused largely on resolving the financing issue. Developers that could not meet the school's requirements had to be replaced and substitutes found. What we have now achieved was not thought possible in 2016: offers of upfront payments on the two principal sites (Westminster Road and Fence Avenue) and offers subject to planning on the two minor sites (Coare Street and Cumberland Street). As I write, we have exchanged contracts on the first site. Contracts are in a final form on two further sites and the remaining site is almost complete. All of the contracts are conditional on the school signing a build contract, which in turn is conditional on finance.

In parallel with the sales process, we have been working with our chosen contractor to refine and cost the new school scheme. Revisions to the internal road layout, sports pitch consolidation and some value engineering were approved in August 2017. By this January, we discharged our final pre-commencement condition, so the school is now legally ready to start work. Of course, we will only be able to do so when we know all the numbers add up. The new school is largely being financed from sales receipts. But there is a significant requirement for a long-term loan and we will also need to raise further funds from donations if we are to deliver the school we would like to see.

The Governors need a robust business case, an affordable scheme, guaranteed receipts and appropriate due diligence before they can realise our 2020 Vision. As it comes more sharply into focus, I hope it will provide a source of pride for our community as significant as HMS Queen Elizabeth will be for our navy and nation.

SCHOOL NEWS



King's awarded Silver Quality Mark

King's is the first independent school in the UK to be awarded The Learning Organisation's Silver Mark for its commitment to high quality teaching and learning and, specifically, the development of pupil learning habits.

Only five schools have won the Silver Award since its launch by The Learning Organisation and now King's is planning to become one of the first schools nationwide to achieve the highest level of Gold. Affiliated to the University of Winchester, TLO's senior educationalists provide a rigorous inspection service with objective reporting on classroom culture.

Richard Griffiths, King's Deputy Head with specific responsibility for academic progress, said: "TLO assess how well our teachers develop independent learning habits and behaviours and how they enable pupils to take ownership

of their learning. Teachers were assessed on their use of innovative, interesting and exciting methods designed to engage, enthuse and fire the imaginations of the inquiring young minds we have the privilege of working with."

The TLO were fulsome in their praise of King's, stating: "In many schools the development of independent learners is a well-intentioned yet largely unfulfilled pipe dream. Not so at King's – initiatives from Year 7 through to the Sixth Form are carefully designed to give learners increasing opportunities to exercise personal initiative and to undertake independent study. Learners talk enthusiastically about these opportunities. The planned development of independent learning sets King's apart from almost all other schools. Speculation, high challenge and a can-do approach are consistent features in classrooms."



A spell-binding helping of **Oliver!**

Young actors staged the classic Dickens tale of murder most foul earlier this year. Set in the menacing, poverty stricken Victorian slums, pupils delivered a spell-binding portrayal of the psychopathic plotting of Bill Sykes, the tomfoolery of the Artful Dodger and the bewitching beauty of Nancy.

Ablly supported by an orchestra and stage crew, Ellie Webster, 14, took on the role of the Artful Dodger, and formed memorable partnerships with Harry Collett's fabulous Fagin and Angus Rutherford's eponymous Oliver, (pictured left). If that thrilling trio played it for laughs, then Joshua Clayfield as the thug Sykes sent the audience time and again back to reality with a charismatic display of mean, moody menace ending in the terrifying death of Fiona Beeston's beautiful Nancy, the darling of the piece.

Japanese adventure

Intrepid explorers from the Senior Divisions undertook a culturally rich trip to Japan over the Easter holiday.

Students explored the Land of the Rising Sun with travelling companions from a school in New Jersey. Pupils visited Osaka's spectacular castle surrounded by trees festooned with cherry blossom before travelling to Kyoto, an ancient city filled with Shinto shrines and Buddhist temples, where they learnt the ancient art of calligraphy.

After a visit to the famous Deer Park at Nara, home of the Todaji temple, the largest wooden structure in the world, pupils took part in the ancient tea ceremony ritual. The final three days were spent in the magnificent metropolis of Tokyo, visiting the imperial palace, the national museum and, a highlight for some, the famous electronics district of Akhhabara. The students became adept Sushi makers and even managed to successfully navigate their way around the busiest and most confusing underground system in the world.



SPORTS NEWS

RUGBY

Following on from their rugby tour of Australia and Singapore last summer, the 1st XV (pictured bottom) got through to the last 16 of National School's Cup in December. The 1st XV and U15A then remained unbeaten in all 12 games (six each) after Christmas, including a victory over a 1st XV touring side from Buenos Aires (Liceo Naval) and an U15 team from the United States (Utah Lions).

In rugby sevens, King's 1st team (pictured below) completed a hat trick of county titles winning the Cheshire Cup and a third title in succession. A fast running, slick handling and risk taking King's team eased their way to the semi-finals with victories over the hosts St. Ambrose College, Bishop Heber, Wilmslow High School and Cheadle Hulme. The biggest hurdle was the semi-final facing boarding school Rydal Penrhos, who were in fine form. A last-gasp score from Rydal meant the match went to a golden-point conclusion.



After some heroic defence, an outstanding turnover then saw several sweeping phases up the field and ultimately a match-winning opportunity and progress to the final. The final was much kinder on the nerves, King's dominating from the off and defeating Altrincham Grammar School 26-13. The King's U15 Sevens Squad made an equally impressive start to

their campaign, picking up the Plate at Solihull's competition. King's racked up over 200 points throughout the tournament. Outside backs and Sale Sharks products Sam Worthington and James Haywood amassing bags of tries, while Captain Hayden Heath, was in outstanding form.

Owen Jones represented the Independent Schools' Lambs and is currently touring Croatia and Italy with them, playing against their International age-grade XVs. Alongside his Sale Sharks Academy involvements, Ollie Leatherbarrow has also represented and captained a Scotland U16 XV, whilst Will Davies played for Sale Sharks U18s versus Harlequins at the Academy Finals Day, held at Allianz Park. Former pupils Teddy Leatherbarrow and Cameron Redpath have represented England U18 and U20 respectively. Our own Myles Marshall 7s Competition included the U12s for the first time, and the event brought 400-plus rugby players to King's Derby Fields.



TRAMPOLINING

King's achieved further trampolining success at both the North of Britain Championships and the National Finals in March. King's under 11 novice girls claimed the national title. Individually, Oliver Jones and Izzy Hammond (pictured above) came 3rd and 2nd respectively, with Otis Hughes coming 4th.

Acclaimed King's coach Rachael Burrows was presented with a special recognition award for helping the most children qualify out of any school in the country and for her contribution over 12 years of King's qualification.

SPORTS NEWS



HOCKEY

The U18s made it through to the County Hockey Finals where they finished in 3rd place to wrap up a really pleasing season, and the U14s have qualified for their delayed County Finals day in April after winning the first round of matches.

The U13 girls also showed their hockey potential as they came 4th in the North West semi-finals of the National Schools' Hockey Competition, whilst the Junior girls have achieved a number of 'firsts' for King's.

The U11s (pictured below) won the Cheshire round of the In2 Hockey Championship and qualified for the North Finals after a successful day at the North West Round. The girls also produced some great hockey in the Independent Schools' Tournament to finish in 1st place in the AJIS Cup.



CRICKET

The February half term tour to Dubai was "like playing cricket in tomorrow's world" according to coach **Steve Moores** (1980). The party of 24 King's pupils coached by four staff in an U18 and U16 side went from brushing snow off the King's all weather nets to playing in 30 degrees centigrade under floodlights on baked clay pitches.

The U18s won three and lost two of the games while the U16s won one and lost four, in what were all highly competitive matches against the cream of Gulf school and club sides and fellow English tourists. Both teams faced respective age group sides from Abu Dhabi, Sharjah, Ajman, Dubai and plus Merseyside and Yorkshire with some superb team and individual performances.

King's has again featured in *The Cricketer* magazine's Top 100 UK Schools for Cricket, for the third consecutive year. The world's number one cricket magazine's judging panel based their selection on the quality of coaching, the range of fixtures, extent of facilities and the quality of cricketers making their way into the professional ranks and league cricket. The Guide to the Top 100 Schools 2018 was published in November. Simon Hughes, Editor of *The Cricketer*, said: "I heartily commend the commitment that the school dedicates in coaching pupils in our wonderful sport and hope it continues long into the future."



NETBALL

The netball season was rather blighted by poor weather, but the U12s performed extremely well to finish as runners-up at the Cheshire County Tournament, whilst the Under 13s came 4th.

The U12 A and B teams produced some excellent netball to finish runners-up in the Macclesfield & District Netball Tournament, whilst the U10s (pictured left) won the Association of Junior Independent Schools' (AJIS) Cup.

The super fit squad beat The Grange 6-4 in the final and earlier beat Withington 6-4 in the semi-final. Further up the school, the U19s represented Cheshire in the North West Regional Schools' Competition and came 4th in their division.

The gift that keeps on giving...

THIS year, the school is launching a Legacy Giving Society, to recognise and thank all those former pupils and staff who have chosen to remember the school in their will. The Percyvale Legacy Society is named after the founder of King's, Sir John Percyvale, who gifted a chantry school in his home town Macclesfield in 1502. The school was established in the Savage Chapel of Macclesfield Parish Church shortly after Sir John's death through his legacy.

Since then, many of the school's developments have been underpinned by philanthropy. Our Bursary Fund has become vital to continue one of our key aims: to provide a first-class education to bright children, regardless of their financial circumstances. No matter how large or small, a legacy to King's is a gift that will endure and help future generations of King's pupils.

Former pupil, **Mike Rose** (1957), (pictured above) who joined King's in 1950, has been a lifelong supporter of the school. His colourful time at King's consisted of the roles of School and House Captain, Company Sergeant Major, member of both the 1st XV Rugby and 2nd X1 Cricket team and long jumper in the school's athletics team. After King's, he passed out first in order of merit at RMA Sandhurst as a Senior Under Officer and academy rugby captain.

His achievements at school have gone on to follow him later in his life; he was awarded a place at Oxford University but was unable to take up the offer as he was required to join his army unit immediately in West Germany. Mike went on to become a board member of Waitrose Ltd in 1992 and has played rugby for the Army several times including twice at Twickenham, as well as for Wilmslow and The Harlequins.

Now living in Dorset and an Honorary member of the Former Pupils' Association, Mike says: "I have chosen to leave a legacy



in my will to honour the remarkable teachers who taught me, A.S. (Dickie) Haresine (French), W.S. (Slogger) Logan (German) and R.D (Nobby) Clarke (History), to say nothing of T.T. Shaw and all that King's gave me."

Three times a year, Mike meets up for lunch with former School Captain **David Hutt** (1958) and former pupil **Tim Smith** (1958) to reminisce about their time at King's. The most recent meeting was at the Alumni Gala Dinner in March.

King's is incredibly grateful to Mike for the legacy he has pledged as well as the donations to the Bursary Fund over the years. These help secure the education of future generations so that they too can look back on King's as fondly as Mike and his contemporaries.

A gift in your will is one of the most valuable and lasting ways you can support the school's Bursary Fund. It costs nothing in your lifetime, but will have a powerful impact in transforming a child's life for years to come.

Anyone who makes a pledge to support the school in their will, and informs us by the end of 2018, will be recognised as 'founding members' of the Percyvale Society. For more information, please contact our Development Officer: lauren.tidey@kingsmac.co.uk

WHAT WILL YOUR LEGACY BE...?

Ellie Johnson (left) received a bursary to attend King's. She says: "I am really pleased to have had the opportunity to attend King's. It was a very positive place to be and I enjoyed being taught by encouraging and inspirational teachers. King's allowed me to discover the subjects of Latin and Classical Civilisation and I enjoyed these so much that I went to Durham to read Classical Past. I have now decided to contribute towards the Bursary Fund through regular giving so that a student in the future might enjoy and get as much out of their time at King's as I have done."



FOND FAREWELL

FORMER STAFF

Mick Brown

Mick died in December 2017, aged 60, after a battle against cancer, and having only retired in September 2017. Mick joined King's in 1999, after 13 years at Cheadle Hulme School, and very soon established himself as a highly respected schoolmaster. He taught some Biology, but his main role was, with Chris Buckland, in establishing Psychology as a significant subject in the school's Sixth Form curriculum.



Originally from Lytham, Mick read Physiology at Sheffield University, and taught at Heath School in Derbyshire before Cheadle Hulme. At King's, he was very popular and made several extra-curricular contributions, in junior cricket and in sailing; but he will be fondly remembered as the man who popularised Psychology at King's.

Mike J McNulty

Mike died aged 80 in December 2017. Mike first came to King's in 1976 as Deputy Head under Alan Cooper, and continued to act in the role until ill health persuaded him to hand over to Nigel Richardson in 1992. He continued to teach English at the school, undoubtedly his greatest love until health issues caused him finally to retire in 1995. English had been Mike's subject at Brasenose College, Oxford, after school at Hulme GS, Oldham - where he was School Captain as well as cricket captain. After Oxford, he taught the subject at three different grammar schools before being appointed Head of English at Bury GS in 1968, at the age of only

31. During his 19 years at King's, Mike used his cricket skills to help run school teams as far as his other responsibilities allowed, and loved nothing more than getting stuck into English texts with the fifth and sixth form sets who saw a very different side of him from the one he played as Deputy on a day-to-day basis, and he gained huge respect from them as a result. Mike's wife Shirley was a member of staff in the King's Junior School, and their son Tim was a pupil at King's, before following a career with the Hong Kong police.

Dave L Rowlands

Dave, who taught Chemistry at King's from the mid-60s until 1970, after a degree from St John's College, Cambridge, died in May 2017. He was a lively member of the staffroom, and was instrumental in reviving cross-country running as a serious extra-curricular activity at the school. He also played cricket for the Maxonians and was a Liverpool F C fanatic. He left to take up an appointment at Tarporley High School, where he also became Deputy Head (well-known former King's pupil Nick Wrigley was Head).

Diana Millett

Diana died in February 2018 aged 86. She was a longstanding Governor of the school, wife of very well-known old boy Fred, and mother of former pupil John, who is an actuary. She was a regular attendee at the annual MCC cricket match until last year: Fred was instrumental in the school getting the prestigious fixture in the early 1970s.

FORMER PUPILS

Margaret Bennison (née Edwards)

Margaret (1951) died in August 2017. Margaret attended the High School from 1945 to 1951, where she successfully completed a Commercial Course in the sixth form, which took her in to secretarial work. She was a regular on the touch line at 1st XV games at Cumberland Street. Margaret qualified to teach and finished her working life teaching Needlework at Harrytown High School in Romiley. She later served as the Sunday School Secretary and a Church Elder at Hatherlow United Reformed Church.



Ted Edwards

Ted (1965) died aged 72, in March 2018. He left King's in 1965 to read Modern Languages at Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge. He then began a teaching career at Churchers College, Petersfield, moving in 1971 to Heath GS, Halifax. He duly became head of department there, eventually retiring in 2003. Ted was also a keen sportsman, playing both rugby and cricket at school, and later serving as Secretary at Halifax RUFC.

Derek Travis

Derek died in February 2017, aged 94. After leaving King's, he had a long career in engineering, both in the RAF (1942-51) and as a civilian based in Brighton. He worked both as a toolmaker and as a planning engineer before finishing his career in 1986 at Brighton University, where he was heavily involved in designing and building what was then a revolutionary energy-producing wave machine. Derek was also an active trade unionist, and both an accredited Methodist preacher and the minister of the Preston Park Baptist Church.

Alan McInnes

Alan (1961) died in December 2017 after a brave battle with illness. Universally respected, Alan left behind his beloved wife of 50 years Gwyneth, daughter Nicola, three grandchildren and thousands of friends across the North West. Born in 1942, Alan moved to Macclesfield aged 12 and never left the town. At King's he was twice captain of rugby and twice captain of cricket, one of only two people in King's history to achieve that double double.

He went to Loughborough University where he captained English Universities, which he always said was the highlight of his sporting life. He began his rugby career playing in the amateur union code for Sale, where he was vice-captain, but joined Salford in November 1966 as a tough, but highly-skilled, fly half. After one season he moved to centre, where he continued to be a regular in the team, and a particularly skilled exponent of the drop goal. Over his 94 Salford appearances he scored 12 tries and kicked 42 goals, before playing his last game in 1970 against the New Zealand World Cup Squad. He joined Salford's coaching team as fitness trainer, which led to him twice taking over as interim coach, in 1978 and again in 1982.



It was as a coach that Alan found his true metier. In 1984, he became joint coach, alongside forward, Colin Clarke, at Wigan and, between them, they can be credited with laying the foundations for the all-conquering side of the late eighties and nineties. They guided Wigan to third and second-places in the league, and won the John Player Regal Trophy and Lancashire Cup together. But the highlight of their tenure was the 1985 Challenge Cup Final, when Wigan beat Hull FC in an epic Wembley decider. Later Alan worked in the media for GMR radio and served on the Rugby Football League's Disciplinary Panel.

Alan was a dedicated teacher, beginning his career at King's, then moving to Marple Hall, where he became head of Lower School. After retiring from teaching, Alan returned to King's in 1998 to coach rugby and cricket. Alan served as Chair of the Former Pupils' Association from 1999 to 2004 and raised monies to refurbish the cricket pavilion before joining the Governing Body in 2010. He organised for many years the annual Bursary Fund Golf Day, which has raised over £30,000 for King's. He also organised the Former Pupils' golfing programme for many years, playing friendly fixtures across the county.

Graham Simpson

Graham (1989) died aged 47, in November 2017. At school he was an outstanding sportsman, playing both cricket and rugby at 1st team level, not to mention winning the school's badminton championship twice. He went from King's to Liverpool University, where he gained BEng in Metallurgy and Materials Science and



then, remarkably, an MSc in Archaeo-metallurgy. He spent most of his working life in Scunthorpe with British Steel/Corus/Tata Steel, and when his illness intervened was senior development technologist in the Technical services department. Graham also continued his sport after school, including playing for Barton-in-Humber RUFC.

FOND FAREWELL

FORMER PUPILS

Michael Richard Dixon

Michael (1947) died in December 2016. He was one of the school's pupils who helped bring in harvests during World War 2, and subsequently, after taking a course at ReaseHeath College, he began a career as a farmer in 1955, eventually retiring in 1998.

Barry Bryning

Barry (1959) died in March 2017, aged 75. He was well known locally as a sportsman. First as a cricketer with Poynton CC, after he played successfully at 1st XI whilst at King's, he later became a golfer - he participated in virtually all the old boys golf events organised by Alan McInnes, having also played with Alan's 1st XI at school. Barry was also the founder of something of a dynasty! It must be a unique achievement that, after Barry had opened the bowling for the 1st XI in the 1950s, so too did his son Ian in the late 1980s, and then his twin grandsons, Josh and Sam, on occasions during the past two seasons.



Brian Hillson

Brian died in May 2017, aged 86. He was a man of many talents and an exceptionally well-organised man, appearing as a voluntary committee man/treasurer/chair of virtually every organisation in which he was involved! This included King's Former Pupils' Association, which as Treasurer, Chair and later President, remains very much in his debt. Brian trained as an accountant and then became MD of the family business. After retiring, he became chief executive of the Manchester Methodist Mission. A keen sportsman, he was Chair of Wilmslow Tennis Club, had an offer of a trial with Wigan Athletic and a commendation from the FA for 50 years' service to local soccer. Brian's sons Simon and Mark also attended King's.

EVENTS ROUNDUP

London Dinner

In May, around 30 former pupils and members of staff gathered at the RAF Club in Mayfair for the annual former pupils' London Dinner.



The hugely successful event provided not only a chance for our former pupils to catch-up with each other, but also to see former Principal Bill Beatson and hear from Headmaster Dr Hyde on the school's plans to develop its former pupils' association. There were plenty of 'new' faces at the event and lots of interest in helping to build a more extensive former pupils' network.



Bursary Fund Golf Day

The 2017 Annual Bursary Fund Golf Day was won by Heaton Office Solutions with a superb score of 90 points. The Liverpool company has a branch in Macclesfield and has been stationery suppliers to the King's School for many years.

The golfing event, which was organised by the late Alan McInnes, has now raised over £30,000 in total, helping to build the King's Bursary Fund.

Headmaster Dr Simon Hyde said: "The Golf Day is a wonderful fundraiser for the Bursary scheme, which enables local children the opportunity of a King's education and from I what I can see also allows former pupils to renew the competitive instincts they developed on our playing fields.

"The School is hugely indebted to Alan for his organisation of the event for many years."



Drinks in the City

Once again the London Drinks in the City event took place in October, this time at Mayfair's RAF Club. Around 25 guests were in attendance, however each decade from the 50s to the 2000s was represented with ideas for events and engagement being two of the main topics of conversation.

Send your updates to formerpupils@kingsmac.co.uk

STAY IN TOUCH!

Hundreds of our former pupils now use the school website and Facebook page to stay connected. There is a dedicated Former Pupils' area on the website, containing dates of forthcoming events, former pupils news, plus details of how to get involved and support the school. Please see: www.kingsmac.co.uk

Facebook & Twitter



The open Facebook group now has more than 1,000 'likes' and contains school updates and news, event details, old school photos and videos, plus former pupils updates. Please see:

www.facebook.com/kingsinmaccfp and click 'like' to receive our updates.



You can follow us on Twitter at [@kingsmac](https://twitter.com/kingsmac)



And also on [LinkedIn](#)

DIARY DATES

Friday 11 May @ 6pm

London Dinner – Brasserie Blanc, Chancery Lane

Wednesday 13 June @ 7.30pm

FPA AGM, King's Sixth Form Centre

Thursday 14 June @ 6pm

Manchester Drinks in the City Restaurant Bar & Grill (Private Dining Room)

Friday 29 June

Former Pupils' Cricket Match The King's School

Friday 6 July

Bursary Fund Golf Day Macclesfield Golf Club

Saturday 1 September

1st XV Festival and Old Boy's 7s King's Derby Fields

Friday 7 September

Former Pupils' Hockey Match The King's School

Thursday 18 October @ 6pm

London Drinks in the City – Browns Courtrooms, Covent Garden.

To book, please email: formerpupils@kingsmac.co.uk