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to feature the school's commemorations of the anniversary of the start of WW1 in this edition, and the major features on the Fighting McKays and David Railton hopefully fulfil that pledge. There is also a profile of Sony's marketing guru Guy Longworth, as well as an update from Simon Hyde on pages 14-15 on the school's future plans. We know how interested former pupils are in this matter and indeed how vital this is to the whole future of King's.

A word is due about the sections in this magazine that traditionally derive directly from the school's annual report — now re-titled *King's Illustria*. The purpose of them is to give former pupils a sense of what is currently going on in the school, and how the place is both changing and also retaining the best elements of the past, in the way it is

responding to the demands of the times. It is important, too, that we recognise that the media environment of today is very different from what it was when the former pupils' magazine began thirty three years ago.

Illustria is available in its 92-page entirety via the school's website, so that it is unnecessary to reproduce major parts of it here. So we have chosen just a few elements, for the purposes stated above. Thus, there are a couple of features under School News, as well as some flavour of the year in sport at the school. The school has long claimed that it aims at broad participation and a wide range of activities as well as high standards in what it offers its pupils, in extra-curricular activity in general and in sport in particular. This is well reflected in the remarkable 32

pages devoted to reporting the year's sporting activities in *Illustria*, but this year, rather than focus on extensive reports from what might be called the 'major' sports, we have chosen to emphasise the range of sporting endeavours that King's pupils engage in these days. Those who wish to read more detailed sports reports or about extra-curricular activity or academic departments, should of course refer to *Illustria* online.

Finally, a short postscript. The feature on Stuart White last year clearly interested a number of readers, who might therefore be interested to learn of Stuart's latest doings. He has remained *in situ* during the repeated and fairly chaotic changes of management at WVBA over the past year, but he has just — in January 2015 — bailed out and accepted a position as UK and International Scout at Burnley FC.

Ian Wilson

Last year's first edition of *King's Speech* was well-received in its new format. We hope you enjoy the features and articles in this edition, which I feel is even better than the last and gives an update on the many and varied achievements of former pupils, as well as the school. As always, we are keen to get feedback from former pupils, who are invited to put forward suggestions and contributions for future editions. We promised last year

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From the helm



our ICT teaching suites and we have trialled the use of iPads in our Junior Department.

More immediately obvious are our new sports facilities at our Cumberland Street site. These have delivered new cricket nets, tennis and netball courts, a full-size County-standard Astro pitch and a three-quarter size Astro pitch, in addition to improved coach and car parking facilities. It has been one of the delights of the new school year to see boys and girls from Juniors through to Sixth Form using the area to the full, both during the school day and for training and fixtures. The new Astro pitches alone have resulted in a doubling in numbers of pupils playing hockey. These facilities complement the netball, tennis and junior cricket facilities at Fence Avenue; the refreshed Infant and Junior accommodation, and the refurbished dining halls on both sites. More recent leavers might also be interested to know that the 'temporary' ATCO building on Coare Street was removed over the summer, allowing us to move the Medical

Centre, Learning Support and Careers Office to better accommodation.

It is with considerable satisfaction that I am able to record the fantastic results achieved by our students in last summer's public examinations. With 54% of all grades at A*/A, last year's Upper Sixth set new records for the school. All twelve pupils holding conditional offers from Oxford and Cambridge secured their places and two-thirds of students joined Russell Group institutions. Meanwhile, records were also broken at GCSE: a third of all entries achieved an A* and two-thirds an A*/A.

The cultural and sporting life of the school has also flourished and you will find within the pages of this magazine more information on our incredible drama productions, trips and sporting achievements. You will also find an update on our 2020 Vision - the aspiration to bring together the school's divisions onto a single site - and the rare and very real opportunity that we now have to realize this ambition.

Dr Simon Hyde, Headmaster

Change is an essential ingredient of life. Growing and developing as a school means being prepared to take on new challenges, to experiment and to take risks. Last September, we launched a new school day for Senior pupils, new curriculums in both the Junior and Senior Divisions, a new school information management system and King's Learning Habits. The latter is an initiative designed to develop the key learning skills of collaboration, reasoning, questioning, reflection and resilience. These Learning Habits now consciously underpin all we do at King's and build further on the excellent strides we have been making to develop lively and enquiring minds and to nurture ambitious and well-rounded individuals.

These developments say much about the school's confidence and ambition.

The last two years have seen some major improvements in our infrastructure – some immediately visible and some less so. Behind the scenes, our IT department has completely overhauled our networks and infrastructure, launched pupil email, site-wide Wi-Fi, updated



FROM THE CHAIR



I can report that 2014 was a good year for the Association. The membership has increased, the balance sheet has increased and our support to the school has also increased, with the donation by the Association of a new brass plaque. This commemorates 24 additional King's Former Pupils who lost their lives through military action during WW1, WW2 and the Boer War. Our thanks go to David Hill, for researching the omission of these brave men from the main plaque in the school hall.

I am pleased that we have agreed to purchase a mobile, all-weather cricket wicket for the school and am also pleased to see that the Bursary Fund continues to be put to good use.

We have had some very successful events over the last year, all of which have been very well attended. Particular mention must go to the golf days organised by Alan McInnes, the London Dinner and Drinks in the City. The Annual Dinner was blessed with the presence of Jean Cooper, our special guest representing the late Alan Cooper, Headmaster and featured an inspirational speech by Jon Wilkin, St Helens RLFC Captain. Sporting events involving Former Pupils have also been a great success in the disciplines of rugby, hockey and cricket, with some fine individual performances by our members.

I would like to thank my fellow committee members for their continued support and enthusiasm and Jill Major for her assistance with the FPA. Finally, my thanks to Caroline Johnson, Michael Patey-Ford and Ian Wilson for putting together this wonderful second edition of *King's Speech*.

David Barratt

Peter Moores England Cricket Coach

When Peter Moores [1981] was sacked as England cricket coach, thanks largely to Kevin Pietersen, in 2009, the bookies would have taken long odds on him enjoying a 'second coming'. But that is exactly what happened in April 2014, after he had considerable success with Lancashire, taking them for example to a first county championship pennant since 1934, not to mention being invited to become one of three founder members of the ECB's Fellowship of Elite Coaches and also of UK Sport's elite programme for world class coaching development.

Peter recently responded to some questions from *King's Speech*:

What have been the highlights for you since you were re-appointed?

Definitely last summer's Test Series win over India, after we had been under huge media pressure and had brought in several new young players. The last-ball win in the final international of the summer, a T20 at Edgbaston, was pretty good too.

What excites you about the year ahead?

It is an unbelievable year of cricket, what with the World Cup and a home Ashes series, as well as others v India, West Indies, New Zealand, Pakistan and finally South Africa. Keeping players fit and fresh to perform will be a real challenge.

How do test and one-day cricket differ?

They each have their own unique traits and so need a slightly different focus in preparation. But the basics remain the same.

What are your thoughts as the World Cup approaches?

It's a long tournament, so we need to focus on building as a team as it progresses. There are no real expectations on us, given that we are very much a new and inexperienced side, but we have a real belief that we can be very competitive.

Finally, fondest memory of cricket at King's?

I got in the 1st XI young, and can still remember having the mick taken by the older lads when my unbroken voice squealed out appeals! Playing for the school, though, was some of the most enjoyable cricket I ever played. Playing the MCC was always a highlight, as well as the Festivals. Post-match debriefs with Ian Wilson and Mark Harbord were also memorable – and playing on the front field always felt a privilege.

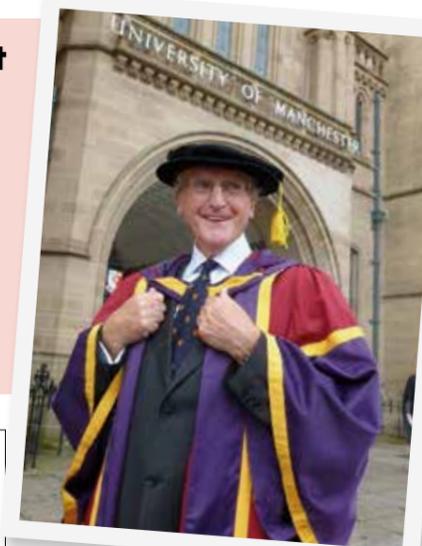


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YOUR NEWS

A stellar achievement

Edward Reeves [1965] has been awarded his PhD in Cosmology from Manchester University, at the age of 68. After retiring from his post as Head of Maths at The King's School in Worcester, Edward decided that this was how he would fill his time. He studied part time, at home in Worcester, travelling to Manchester one day a week.



Amy's outstanding contribution

Amy McCulloch [2009] is currently studying Medicine at Leeds. Last year, she won an award from Leeds University for her charity work in a Romanian orphanage - work begun whilst Amy was at King's. Amy's award for her 'Outstanding Contribution' to volunteering and community work was presented to her during the university's annual Celebrate Week by the Vice-Chancellor, Alan Langlands, who said: "Celebrate Week was humbling and inspiring in equal measure. I felt a great sense of pride hearing about our students' extraordinary achievements in sport and volunteering." At the awards ceremony, Amy was invited to give a presentation highlighting her work and achievements in Romania.



Top French prize for Abigail

Abigail Johnson [2010] has graduated with a Joint Honours degree in French and Japanese from the University of Birmingham. She was awarded the university's top French prize, the Cercle Français, on behalf of the School of Humanities as the 'best all-round student' in the Department of French Studies. She was also awarded a scholarship by Kobe University in Japan for her third year as an undergraduate to recognise the effort and progress that she had made whilst studying there. Abigail has just been recruited onto a graduate business scheme with publishing specialists Ashley and Dumville in Knutsford.



Starring in Cambridge

Rebecca Sugden [2009] was awarded a triple First Class degree in Modern and Medieval Languages with Distinction in French from Cambridge University, being the top student in her year. Known as a 'starred first' in Cambridge circles, Rebecca completed the course at Murray Edwards College and was top of her year in each of her three years, even skipping her gap year overseas to accelerate her graduation. After graduation, Becca spent the summer working in the International Summer Schools in Cambridge before beginning a Master's Degree in European and Comparative Literatures and Cultures, specialising in Nineteenth Century Literature. The daughter of Kay and John



Sugden, her father a former King's pupil who went on to study Engineering at Cambridge and is now a Governor of King's, Becca wants to have a career in top-flight academia. Becca recently paid tribute to the team at King's who first inspired her love of languages. She said: "Special mention should go to Gill Green, who taught me French during my time at the Girls' Division and really helped inspire a passion for the subject, and Ian Dalglish, who took the baton from her as I moved into the Sixth Form. His help and support during the application process were invaluable. I would also like to thank the pastoral team at the Girls' Division and, in particular, Jo Beesley for her support."

YOUR NEWS



Ride of a lifetime

In June 2014, former pupils and close friends Ian Buchanan [1969] and Martin Samman [1969] undertook a 16-day challenge, cycling from Land's End to John O'Groats. Ian was diagnosed with bowel cancer more than 20 years ago and he was keen to do something to raise both money and awareness to mark the 20th anniversary of being cancer-free. The pair covered more than a thousand miles on bikes in just 16 days; a journey that Ian is very grateful to be able to make: "Two decades ago, I was diagnosed with bowel and a secondary liver cancer. But my treatment went well and, following surgery in 1994, I went on to get married and have two children. The fact that I'm here today, and able to complete this ride, is absolutely brilliant."

Ian, now aged 62 and living in Hartford, Cheshire, called in to see his

and Martin's old school, King's. Following the epic cycle, Ian wrote to King's to say: "Our sincere thanks to the Former Pupils' Association for their generous donation to Beating Bowel Cancer. Our blog for June 22nd covers our visit to Macclesfield, including the photo taken outside King's (pictured). Given that it was Martin's first visit to the town since 1969, the theme for the day was nostalgia. The buildings at the front of the school, from the outside at least, are exactly as they were in 1969, it's just a pity we aren't! We also managed to fit in a visit to Martin's old home and follow his route to school."

Ian and Martin are hoping to raise £10,000 for 'Beating Bowel Cancer.' If you would like to donate, please visit their Justgiving page:

www.justgiving.com/lan-Martin-LEJOG2014

South African mining boss returns to King's

The manager of the world's second largest platinum mining company, Dr. Ian Bratt, returned to King's in January to tell current students about, "What I learned and what I did not learn at school."

Ian attended King's from 1965 to 1972, before going up to Cambridge to study Natural Sciences, subsequently taking his doctorate in Chemistry. He emigrated to South Africa in 1981 and joined the senior management team for Impala Platinum. He also founded the South African Orienteering Association, represented South Africa at



Orienteering in 1983 and later managed their National team.

Ian said: "I started running at King's - coming last in a cross country race, but I wasn't going to let that defeat me. I have now competed on the international stage, run 67 standard marathons and 38 ultra marathons. The most important lesson I have learned is that you must work hard and persevere. This was drilled into me at King's, but as you go through your career you learn more skills and an important lesson is never let anyone tell you that you can't do something."

Ian was talking to students as part of a programme of visiting speakers, many of them former pupils, recollecting their own school lives and talking about their careers.

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A prince of the silver screen

Jonathan McKinstry [1978] continues to add to his successful portfolio of film and TV credits. His most recent one was as production designer for the TV series 'Penny Dreadful', which starred Timothy Dalton. Jonathan, who now lives in Spain, has previously worked with such stars as Michael Douglas and Tom Hanks. He is shown here on the set of *Prince of Persia*, a recent major film for which he was supervising art director.



Voyages of discovery

Peter Hollinson [1982], who trained in Hotel and Catering Institutional Management at Hollings College, Manchester, is currently Hotel General Manager on board the cruise liner 'Caribbean Princess' (pictured below). He worked at the famous Grosvenor House hotel in London after qualifying, and began a career at sea in 1987. And Peter is not the only former pupil earning a living at sea. Phillip Gray [1996] was encountered, in the role of Head Waiter, on board the ship 'Queen Victoria' on her 2013 'World Voyage'. Phillip had previously been hotel manager at the Mere Golf and Country Club, and now lives in Latvia, where he is developing a farm; he also speaks Latvian!



Congratulations

Izzy Bell [2012], at St.Catharine's College, Cambridge, has been awarded a Thomas Hobbes Scholarship and a Book Prize by the college.

Mike Dodd [2010] has recently gained a 1st class Masters degree in Chemical Engineering from Manchester University, and is now working with Costain. Older brother John-Paul [2001] is currently working as Technical Manager, UK and Ireland, for Firestone.

Matthew Dunne [2006] has gained a PhD in Biochemistry, jointly from the University of Cork and EMBL, Hamburg. He is now embarking on post-doctoral work in Zurich. Brother **Greg** [2009], after a degree from Nottingham Trent University, works with Travis Perkins in Northampton, whilst father **Steve** [1977] is MD of CCL Label Ltd., based in Castleford.

Guy Emmett [1997] has left Rossall School, where he taught History, to become Deputy Head (Pastoral) at Ackworth School.

Dominic Ferdani [2010] has graduated from Warwick University with a 1st class degree in Chemistry.

Ashley Hinchcliffe [2008], having obtained a 1st in Architecture from UCL, has joined a top architectural practice in Hong Kong.

Ben Marsden [2013] played for a Cheshire Development XI last summer, scoring two centuries against Lancashire and Shropshire.

Richard Riley [1995] has recently been appointed Professor of Medical Statistics at Birmingham University. He said that he credits much of his success to the early grounding, excellent teaching, support and encouragement in both academic and sporting spheres he received from teachers at King's.

Molly Ross [2011] has gained a 1st class degree in History and Ancient History from Nottingham University. She has been working for King's - see the article on page 10 - and for Chatsworth House, prior to going travelling in 2015.

Tommy Taylor [2010] has earned a regular place at hooker, following in a long family tradition, for Sale in the RU premiership competition.

Alex Thomson [2010] played cricket for both Staffordshire and Cardiff MCCU last season.

Kirsten Wolffsohn (née BATSON) [1989] has recently been promoted to become a Consultant Paediatrician for Neurology at Macclesfield District General Hospital.



Crowning glory

Elliot Hanson [2012] was crowned RYA Youth National Champion last year. It was his last year designated as such; after finishing 4th, 3rd and 2nd previously, he said: "To finish with a first is great, and a nice way to end my UK youth career as a yachtsman."

YOUR NEWS

BBC Choir of The Year finalists

Keen-eyed viewers who tuned in to the BBC Choir of The Year competition, held at the Bridgewater Hall in December, may have spotted four former King's pupils in the televised final. They are members of the Northern Spirit Singers, an a cappella choir from Durham, and one of six finalists. To qualify, Northern Spirit Singers had already won the title, 'Adult Choir of the Year' at the Royal Festival Hall in October. The choir features former pupils: Anna Beesley, Tom Baston, Alex Frankell and Amy Jacobsen. Although not acclaimed as overall winners – this title went to Welsh choir, CF1 – a tidal wave of Twitter and other responses suggested that Northern Spirit Singers were equally good; please watch the final on BBC iPlayer to form your own opinion!

Jo Beesley, Senior Music Teacher at King's and leader of the Foundation Choir for many years, says: 'It has been a matter of great pleasure and pride for me that in the last four years, five members of Northern Spirit

Singers have been former King's pupils, all of whom honed their experience, skill and love of choral singing, with me in the BFC and then in the Foundation Choir. My daughter Anna is one of them, so I have been to many concerts and followed them closely. Though Rosie Jacot graduated from Durham before the current competition, she was a very significant member of the choir whilst there: she joined me in cheering them on.'



Jo Beesley with Tom Baston, Alex Frankell and daughter Anna Beesley at the Bridgewater Hall

Peter Harrap [1974] was a trombone player of some quality when he left King's, but has since expanded his range of musical roles significantly. He was based in Glasgow for some years after study at the Guildhall in London, including as Principal Trombone, as well as Assistant Orchestra Manager, with Scottish Ballet. He then moved to the position of orchestra manager and player with the re-formed D'Oyly Carte Opera Company until, in 1992, he moved to Cardiff. Initially orchestra manager, he is now Chorus and Orchestra Director of the Welsh National Opera.

The next big thing in classical music?

Christian Blackshaw's Schubert recital, held in November at the Wigmore Hall, was sold out. His hugely acclaimed Mozart sonata series concluded in early 2013: Volumes One and Two, of this four, double CD cycle, have already been issued by Wigmore Hall Live. Critics are unanimous in their praise, hailing the 'landmark' recording as 'captivating' and 'magical'. The Spectator (29 November) declared that Blackshaw, 'may indeed be the next big thing.' Behind these successes, lies a remarkable story.

After leaving King's in 1965, Blackshaw studied at the Royal Northern College of Music, the Royal Academy of Music and the St Petersburg Conservatory. He attracted the attention of his hero, Sir Clifford Curzon and worked closely with him in London. All seemed set for a high-profile career as a classical pianist.

But, when his wife died of cancer in 1990, Christian made the decision to press pause on his international career, so that he could focus on bringing up his three young daughters.

As The Spectator has it, Blackshaw 'burst back' on to the concert stage about five years ago: the profile describes his playing as having 'supreme control of dynamics'. A deeply passionate and sensitive performer, this remarkable pianist is celebrated for the incomparable musicianship of his performances. It is widely acknowledged that Christian combines tremendous emotional depth with great understanding and, in the words of one critic, 'sheer musicality and humanity'.

Christian is performing at the RNCM Concert Hall on 14 April 2015. For tickets, please see: www.rncm.ac.uk

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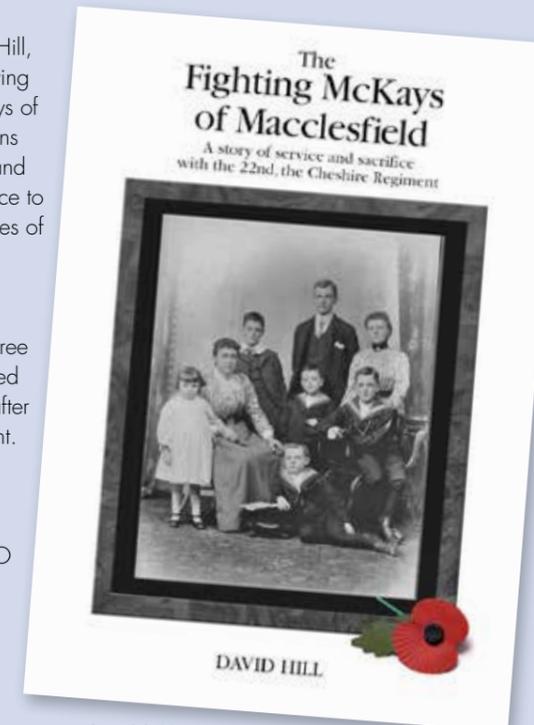
THE FIGHTING MCKAYS

Former King's History teacher, David Hill, has researched and written the following piece about the seven fighting McKays of Macclesfield – a father and his six sons – which is one of the most dramatic and poignant stories of service and sacrifice to emerge from the British military archives of the twentieth century.

Robert McKay was born in 1850 in Gateshead, the son of a postman. Three days after his 18th birthday, he enlisted in the 22nd regiment of foot which, after 1881, became the Cheshire Regiment. Throughout the 1870s, his battalion, the 2nd, was based in India and at the age of 24 he married Mary Ann Rockingham, the daughter of an NCO in the same regiment. Of their first three children, two daughters and a son, only Lily survived infancy. In 1880, the family returned to England and Robert was based at regimental HQ in Chester. A further two daughters died in infancy, but they were followed into the world by six sons and a further daughter. The two youngest were born in Macclesfield, after Robert's promotion to Lieutenant and Quartermaster and transfer to what in 1908 became the 7th battalion, based at the Barracks in Crompton Road in 1895. The youngest daughter, Elsie, was born in 1896 and she was to be the last of Robert and Mary Ann's twelve children, eight of whom, six boys and two daughters, survived into adulthood.

When the Boer War erupted in 1899, Robert was attached to the Cheshire unit sent to face the Boers. His eldest surviving son, Walter, joined the regiment in South Africa, but within a month he had been struck down with fever and died in hospital at Springfontein in February 1901. He had celebrated his 18th birthday less than two months earlier. Just a month later, Robert himself was also struck down with fever, was hospitalised and then invalided home to Macclesfield in May 1901; he survived only another four months and died in September 1901. He was buried with full military honours in Macclesfield cemetery.

In the run-up to the First World War, all five remaining sons of Robert and Mary



Ann McKay, Frederick, Charles, Herbert, Ernest and Arthur, served either as professional or territorial soldiers in the Cheshire regiment. Four of them received their education at Macclesfield Grammar School (now King's), Arthur as a scholar, and, as little boys, they had all learnt their 3Rs at Christchurch School. When the war began, all five were summoned to the colours and, in March 1915, Queen Mary wrote to Mrs McKay, now a widow for fourteen years, congratulating her on having five sons all serving their country.

But the war was to take a severe toll on the remaining members of the family. Herbert, a professional with the 2nd battalion, was the first to die. He was killed in the second battle of Ypres in May 1915, serving as a sergeant. Ernest had risen through the ranks before being commissioned as an officer in the 7th, the Macclesfield battalion, and was sent out with them to Gallipoli, landing at Suvla Bay in August 1915. He survived the trauma of the landings, but was killed by a sniper when leading a working party on 19 September. Charles, who before the war had been Bandmaster of the 2nd battalion, was sent as a reinforcement to the 1st battalion in France, after its decimation at Mons in the early weeks of the war. He was invalided out in the spring of 1915

and served as recruiting officer in Northwich and Birkenhead before being sent out again as a Company Quarter Master Sergeant with the 16th, Cheshire Bantams Battalion, for the battle of Arras in the spring of 1917. He was killed by shell fire on 11 May. Yet, as if that was not enough, the two remaining daughters, Lily, then Elsie, died in the great flu epidemic which spread across Europe at the end of the war.

Once hostilities were over, Mrs McKay moved to Stockport, to a smaller house, knowing that only two of her twelve children, Frederick and her youngest son, Arthur still survived. Fred continued his professional career as a soldier with the Cheshires; Arthur was discharged into a business career, while continuing his links with the Cheshires as a territorial. Mrs McKay lived to see both sons marry and to see grandchildren, but she died in 1935.

When the Second World War began in 1939, Arthur was recalled to the colours and both surviving sons were enrolled into military duties once more. Fred, now well into his fifties, was largely confined to recruitment and training but Arthur, 11 years younger, was still considered fit for active service and was sent to North Africa in 1941. When the Japanese entered the war at the end of the year, Arthur was sent out to the Far East attached to the Lancashire Fusiliers. The fall of Singapore was followed by the Japanese invasion of Burma and it was here that Arthur, now a Major, was killed by a sniper's bullet.

The only survivor of both wars, Fred, lived well into his eighties and finally died in 1972. As Captain Ryalds wrote to Mrs McKay following Charles's death in 1917: "Few mothers have sent so many sons to the colours and may we say how proud we were that we numbered in our midst a member of one of the most heroic and patriotic families in England."

David Hill's book, *The Fighting McKays* is available for a minimum donation of £5, which will help fund the new school War Memorial. Please email your details to formerpupils@kingsmac.co.uk

THE REVEREND DAVID RAILTON

and The Tomb Of The Unknown Warrior

by Molly Ross



Many King's pupils who have visited the battlefields of France will remember that one of the most moving parts of those trips is realising how many graves are marked for soldiers 'Known unto God'. Every year on Armistice Day, we remember the loss of so many brave young men and women and we reflect upon how we can best honour their sacrifice. The Reverend David Railton, a padre during the First World War and a former King's pupil, was so moved by the need to remember these sacrifices that he came up with the idea that is now a great part of our tributes to the Fallen: the Tomb of the Unknown Warrior in Westminster Abbey.

David Railton was born in London in 1884, the eldest of three children. He was initially tutored privately at home with his brother Nathaniel before joining The King's School, then Macclesfield Grammar School, as a boarder, where he is listed as studying Mathematics and Greek before moving on to Keble College, Oxford in 1904. Four years later he was ordained and

it was whilst he was a priest in Folkestone, where he lived with his wife Ruby, that the First World War broke out. Like many other members of the clergy, he volunteered to serve as an Army chaplain. He was popular among the troops, described as a "good padre who was often seen in the trenches" and in 1916 he was awarded the Military Cross for rescuing an injured officer and two other wounded soldiers under heavy fire. After the war, Railton became the vicar at St John's in Margate where, though full of enthusiasm for his role in the community, it became apparent that the trauma of the War had impacted him greatly. He suffered frequently from insomnia and was increasingly concerned by the fate of unemployed ex-servicemen, once travelling to the North of England in the guise of an ex-serviceman in search of work, to see how he would be treated. When the Second World War broke out, his parish church in Liverpool was destroyed in the Blitz and Railton returned to life as a military padre, this time serving with the Royal Air Force. At the conclusion of the war, he retired to life in the Scottish Highlands, whence his family originated. Tragically, he died in a railway accident at Fort William in 1955.

It was in 1916 whilst serving in Armentières, France, that David Railton came across a grave marked by a small

wooden cross in the back garden of his billet. This cross was inscribed to 'An Unknown British Soldier (of the Black Watch)' and Railton reflected some years later on how quiet the evening seemed to him then, when, "even the guns seemed to be resting". The sad little scene gave him the idea that one such 'unknown warrior' should be returned to Britain for a funeral and public burial, in order to pay tribute to the loss of life. On his return to Britain as the Vicar of Margate, Railton wrote in 1920 to the Dean of Westminster, Bishop Herbert Ryle, to present his idea to him. The Dean supported his idea wholeheartedly and approached King George V. The King, however, was not convinced and his Private Secretary responded that a funeral so long after the end of the war was belated and would, "reopen the war wound which time is gradually healing". Undeterred, the Dean applied to Prime Minister Lloyd George and Field Marshal Sir Henry Wilson; the idea was enthusiastically seized upon and soon the King assented. In November of the same year, the body of an unidentified British serviceman was selected by Brigadier General Wyatt and sent to Britain in a coffin made from oak from Hampton Court and affixed with a sixteenth-century sword from King George V's private collection. On the 11th day of the 11th month in 1920, the procession accompanying the

coffin of the Unknown Warrior made its way to Westminster Abbey accompanied by an honour guard of 100 holders of the Victoria Cross. Within a week of the burial, 1,250,000 people had visited the grave in Westminster Abbey to pay their respects. The last lines of the tomb's inscription are taken from the Bible: "They buried him among the Kings because he had done good toward God and towards His house" (2 Chronicles 24:16). Poignantly, 45 other countries have since created a tomb for an unknown soldier, amongst them France, Belgium, Germany, Italy and Russia. In a fitting tribute to the man who had the idea for this moving homage to the Fallen, the coffin was covered by 'the Padre's Flag', the Union Jack that Reverend David Railton had used as an altar cloth during the war. This flag was donated to Westminster Abbey a year later and hangs to this day in the Abbey's St George's Chapel, near to the Unknown Warrior's final resting place.



PROFILE GUY LONGWORTH



Playing for big stakes

GREATNESS AWAITS™

Former King's pupil Guy Longworth [1985] is Senior Vice President Marketing for PlayStation and runs the Global Marketing Leadership team based in California. Guy joined PlayStation in 2011 and led the global marketing launch of PlayStation 4, the fastest-selling games console in history, which importantly regained market leadership for PlayStation.

After King's, Guy graduated from UMIST with a degree in Management Sciences and started his career in the UK – Procter & Gamble, Kraft Foods and Kellogg's – before going Stateside. His experience spans successful leadership, board and strategic roles in many Fortune 100 companies, Private Equity-backed consumer businesses and digital start-ups. Last summer, Guy was presented with the 'Marketer of The Year Award'

at the Marketers That Matter Awards in California.

Still in touch with many of his school friends and a committed Manchester City fan, Guy has a deep love of sport and can occasionally be spotted 'back home' in a Fish & Chip shop or enjoying a pint or two with old school friends.

Guy is widely credited with having been the leading vision behind the PlayStation Greatness Awaits campaign in 2013, which led to the most successful platform launch in PlayStation history (PlayStation®4).

This radical campaign changed the face and style of games marketing for ever; making it about emotions not hardware. Guy says: "We really wanted to make a deep emotional connection with passionate gamers who

look at games the same way foodies look at food or petrol heads look at cars. We spent a lot of time with gamers researching what they love about games and discovered some really interesting insights about the emotional greatness that they feel when they play games and then wanted to throw them a challenge.

like all great leaders, Guy recognises the importance of teamwork: "I'm lucky to work with a great group of really smart, passionate, hardworking people who really believe that what we do makes a big difference, bringing joy and excitement to millions of people around the world."



That's where the first line of the launch ad came from: Who are you not to be great?"

Passion is something that Guy exudes and clearly he is a man who loves his job, but

"More than anything, King's taught me how to deal with people. I came to the school in 1977 and King's was still in the state system, albeit as a selective school based on academic capability. The kids came from all walks of

life, from a diverse set of backgrounds and I had to learn how to get along with all sorts of different people. Without question, the ability to communicate successfully and build strong relationships with people, are some of the most important skills in life and my time at King's certainly helped me develop these skills."

"I was not the best student King's ever had, but I was always involved in lots of activities from music to sports. My passion for sports continues and many of my closest friends are kids I met when I was 11 or 12 who have remained lifelong friends and whom I see when I'm back in England."

"I've lived in the States since 2006 and I love it here... the weather is fantastic and California has so much to offer. Inevitably, I miss my family and friends; the pub

culture and Fish & Chip shops that are unique to the UK; and of course watching Manchester City live... I was a season ticket holder and moved just as we started to become great!"

Asked what he thinks it takes, in terms of attitude and skills, to make it to the top of the business world these days, Guy says: "Self-awareness and openness to seeking and acting on feedback, combined with a commitment to lifelong learning are vital. Keeping pace with technological change is also critical in all aspects of the business world." In terms of advice for younger students just starting out in their careers, Guy says: "You also have to treat other people as you would like to be treated yourself. And in terms of mindset, whether you believe you can or you can't...you are right."

Editor Ian Wilson caught up with Headmaster Simon Hyde to get the latest on King's ambitious plans for the future:

What is the 2020 Vision for King's?

The 2020 Vision is the aspiration to bring together the school's divisions onto a single site.

Why '2020'?

Any project as ambitious as this requires a great deal of planning and preparation. The Governors decided in 2012 to explore the possibility of a new site for the school. We wanted to be as open as possible about our plans, but there was also the need to advise pupils, parents and staff that any changes would lie some way ahead. 2020 seemed to work as a timeframe and I liked the metaphor.

Why does King's need a single site?

A single site is attractive educationally. Bringing the Foundation together has obvious value in enhancing access to the school's facilities. Colleagues currently have to cross-site to be able to teach in different divisions and that means departments are split and teachers are not always immediately available to pupils. Of course, we've got used to overcoming

these inconveniences and technology helps enormously, but we could certainly achieve even more on a single site. We would cut down on duplication and remove the additional cost of operating across a split site, which we estimate to be in the region of £750,000 per year. This is a significant potential surplus that King's could otherwise spend on our pupils' education, our buildings and facilities. We currently have to maintain a large and expensive estate and this has constrained the school's ability to generate the funds we ideally would like to invest in pupils, including the school's bursary programme.

The final reason for a new site is the future: King's needs the location and space to develop over our next two hundred years and, if we get this right, this will be our most important legacy.

Do you understand the attachment of many to our current sites?

As a Former Pupil myself, I not only understand, but share the attachment. That said, whilst being respectful of their heritage, schools have to be focused on the future.

When I was at school, the idea of girls in blue blazers emerging from Fence Avenue would have been almost

inconceivable. But here we are, twenty years after the establishment of the Girls' Division and these confident and happy young women feel themselves just as much a part of the King's family as the boys.

What that tells me is that identity develops over time. Yes, location is important, but we make a mistake if we can only see an institution from within the prism of our own experiences. The school's journey over the last five hundred years has taken us from the Savage Chapel, via School Bank to King Edward Street and then on to Cumberland Street and Fence Avenue.

If our generation should be fortunate enough to inaugurate the next step in the school's journey, then we can but hope that we shall lay foundations as solid as those provided by our forebears.

How will the vision be paid for?

The opportunity to develop the Cumberland Street and Fence Avenue sites has potentially transformed the school's finances and allows us to contemplate a move on this scale. Even so, the cost of

2020 VISION

a new school is considerable. We're not building any school, but a school with a five-hundred-year history and pedigree to match. We will have to sell our sites and borrow a substantial sum. The efficiencies to be derived from a single site and modern, purpose-built buildings are, however, substantial and should allow us to fund the investment we require, whilst broadly maintaining current fee levels.

Can you update us on progress?

We have recently signed an option agreement on land that will enable us to develop a 70-acre site for the new school. Thanks in part to the involvement of a number of Former Pupils, we have engaged Savills to take the school through to planning on each of the sites. The Governors have also appointed Pick Everard, the architects who delivered Leicester Grammar School in 2008, to design the new school and we are currently working through a variety of funding strategies.

Of course, there's still a long way to go and the devil, as always, will be in the

detail, but I remain optimistic that we have the ingredients we need to bring our plans to fruition. Our business case is very strong and, as I have intimated, the educational value of a new school is considerable.

Can you tell us anything about the site?

I can't tell you where it is, not least because there are several more stages that are required before any site can be approved for planning. What I can share is the criteria we used for the site search. We wanted a site of at least 50 acres, so that the school has the potential to develop over time and so that the space and feel of the school's current sites can be maintained. We wanted to retain our connection with Macclesfield and to ensure that transport links work well for current and future pupils.

When will you know that the project can go ahead?

In education we often deal in possibilities rather than certainties. My job as a teacher is to unlock as much potential as I can. As a Head, I don't think the job is much different. We will do all we can to deliver the best possible future for the school and the Governors and I remain committed to sharing as much information as possible with all the members of our wider community as we move ahead.

I am not a politician, so I can admit that we don't have all the answers yet. Of one thing I am certain: we have a rare and significant opportunity and it is our duty to make as much of it as we can.

Is there anything you'd like from Former Pupils?

It's always good to receive support from Former Pupils and some have already been willing to share their expertise and connections with us as we move forward with our plans. If people would like to help or just offer a view, then we'd be delighted to hear from them. They can either email or write to me at school.



King's Foundation timeline



1502
The Savage Chapel of Macclesfield Parish Church housed the school in its early years. The scholars were probably taught in the porch and the master lived in two rooms upstairs.

1552
This building, which stood on School Bank at the rear of the parish church, is believed to have been the original Grammar School of 1552, erected in accordance with the Charter of Edward VI.

1748
The governors purchased the house where Bonnie Prince Charlie had stayed in 1745 and moved the school there in 1748. The street was later renamed King Edward Street.

1844
To complement the academic curriculum of the Grammar School, a Modern School was erected on the corner of Bridge Street and Great King Street in 1844 in order to provide a plain and practical training.

1856
When the Grammar School outgrew the premises on King Edward Street, the governors purchased Westbrook House and the Westbrook Estate in order to build a new school on Cumberland Street, which opened in 1856.

1911
The eventual merger of the Grammar School and the Modern School provided funds for the new main building in 1911 which incorporated the former gymnasium.

1993
The major development of the 1990s was the purchase of the Fence Avenue site, formerly Macclesfield High School for Girls, for the establishment of a Girls' Division and Infant and Junior Division.

2020?
The potential move from Cumberland Street and Fence Avenue will enable King's to face the challenges of the 21st century with renewed vigour.

SCHOOL NEWS

Pirates of Penzance

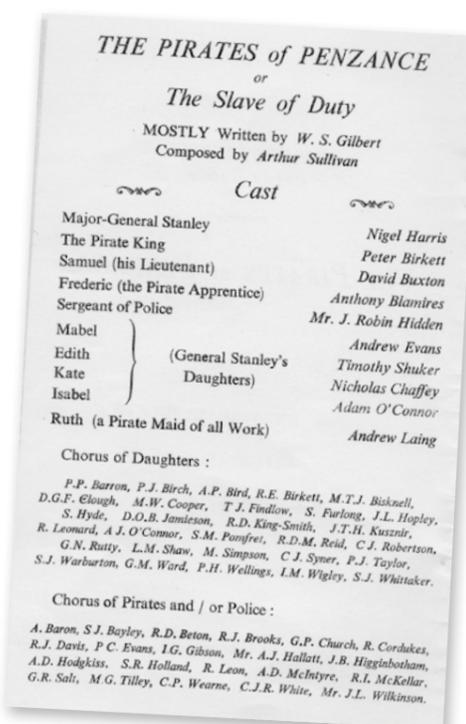
King's actors revelled in the colour and comedy of the Gilbert & Sullivan classic *The Pirates of Penzance* as they revived an age-old British tradition. Gilbert and Sullivan are quintessentially English, but as King's Head of Drama, Donald Forbes, argued: "They present a tough challenge to create a sense of joyfulness, frivolity and sheer silliness, but to produce it with style, pace and drama."

Headmaster Dr Simon Hyde was in the school's previous Gilbert and Sullivan production in 1976, but said: "Our show was superb and something I will remember all my life, but it didn't have this production's sheer audacity and dramatic flair."

At the heart of the action was George Walker as the modern Major General, a bombastic buffoon whose very entrance created a stir in packed audiences. His foil was the romantic hero Tom Lynch as Frederic, the love-lorn, would-be hero who unfortunately has to serve what amounts to a 63-year military apprenticeship before he feels he can marry the sweetest of sweethearts Mabel, exquisitely delivered by Eleanor McKenna. Frederic's 'discovery' of younger women, is much to the chagrin and disappointment of his ageing nursemaid Ruth, a glowing, musically dramatic performance of great maturity from Juliette Gorb, who wants him all to herself. With a band

of lusty pirates, Keystone cop policemen led by the redoubtable Henry Reavey and the elegant decoration of the military daughters, the production was a successful riot of colour, song and comedy, with wonderful musical accompaniment from the orchestra, gloriously directed by Jane Barratt.

If you recognise your name from this 1976 programme, please get in touch with your memories of the production: formerpupils@kingsmac.co.uk



German Exchange

In September, 24 teenagers from the Gymnasium Salvatorkolleg in Bad Wurzach stayed with King's families. The exchange was the brain child of Head of German, Jessica Houghton, and Karin Heine, a teacher from Germany, (who met former King's Deputy Head, David Pook, as the result of an exchange programme 40 years ago). The students visited Eyam, Chester, the Beatles Museum and the Museum of Science and Industry. King's students made a return visit to Germany during October half-term, when they spent time in the class room, as well as visiting various other places of interest.

On reading about the Exchange, former pupil **Ian Gordon** [1959] wrote to Jessica Houghton: "As an old boy ... I know the benefits of exchanges from experience, having first visited Eckernforde on an exchange visit." Ian went on to have a career teaching German.



Ben Nevis ascent

In April, a mini bus full of ice axes, crampons, warm hats and climbing gear headed north to the Cairngorms. Over 5 days, the team completed six of the Scottish Munros and experienced blisters, swollen ankles, challenging weather conditions, teamwork and friendship.

The final day saw everyone head out to Ben Nevis (front cover picture). After a 3 hour plod the team climbed No.4 Gully, with ice axes and crampons, up to the summit. The descent was considered by many to be the highlight of the expedition: Red Burn is a 300m long snow filled gully; in the right conditions the total descent can be achieved in less than 10 minutes with the correct 'epic bum sliding' technique. It was a thousand times more thrilling and hilarious than a theme park!



SCHOOL SPORT

Athletics

The sport flourished at the school this year, with wide involvement by boys, girls and juniors. Indeed, one of the year's highlights was the Junior Division's annual Sports Day, when, on a warm, sunny June day, every pupil in the Division represented his or her House in a wonderful festival of athletic events. Medals were won at a higher level too, with both U10 and U11 boys and girls gaining reward at the Macclesfield and District and the AJS regional championships. Senior teams also gained lots of medals at both District and County championships. Sophie Quinn probably achieved the headline results, finishing 2nd in the north-west in the Senior Girls' heptathlon event, and then 13th nationally, as well as representing Cheshire in the long jump at the national championships.

Basketball

Girls' competitive basketball arrived at King's for the first time this year, with the formation of a sixth-form team. The U16 and U17 boys' sides both had mixed seasons in terms of results – they were often out-sized by opponents, which tends to be quite important in the sport!

Biathlon

Three girls qualified for the national finals, where they performed very respectably in the competition, which was held at the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park in London.

Cheerleading

As has now come to be customary, King's achieved

fantastic results at all levels in the national championships, which were held this year in Manchester, with 5 first and two other podium places in a competition which attracted over 3,500 competitors. They went on to finish an amazing 2nd overall in the World Championships, which were held in Florida, (pictured below).



Sports Tours to South Africa and Barbados

Last summer, 52 boys, 5 staff and a Sports Therapist experienced an African Adventure like no other, during a two and a half week rugby tour of South Africa. Pupils played 12 games across the country, starting in Pretoria and Johannesburg, flying to Port Elizabeth and then along the Garden Route, before finishing in Cape Town. The boys played some of the biggest rugby playing schools in South Africa, including Paul Roos Gymnasium and Jeppe High School for Boys. In stark contrast, one of the games was against a deprived township side called the Leopards and as part of the experience the boys

also coached sport to Primary school age children through the United Through Sport Charity. The boys played well, given the heat, altitude and rock-hard ground. The final statistics show how brutal and bruising the rugby really was – P12, W5, L6, D1. Points For 185 and Points Against 168.

A couple of months later, and it was time for the Girls' Division to despatch 26 of its finest netball and hockey players to the West Indies for a 12-day sports tour. The girls in the U15 and U17 netball teams and U17 hockey side felt the heat on the sun-drenched island of Barbados and experienced several hard fought

encounters. King's won two out of their three hockey fixtures and all three of the netball games played against opposition teams of the same age, but were out-gunned in the school, club and regional fixtures against older girls.

Both touring parties were fabulous ambassadors for King's and for Macclesfield, and all the pupils benefited from their adventures, learning not just new skills on the pitches, but experiencing life in local schools, witnessing the pride and passion of both South Africa's and Barbados's young people.



SCHOOL SPORT

Cricket

Not too much had been expected when a fairly inexperienced 1st XI began in mid-April, but 21 games, and 13 wins, later, a team had developed together whose performances very much underlined the strength of the sport at the school. With the U13 side victorious in their Cheshire cup competition, and the U14s defeated finalists in theirs, there would seem to be every reason to look forward to continuing success in the future too.

It is not easy to pick out specific highlights from the season, though a tense victory by just 6 runs over a very successful Bolton, equally tense defeats by just 8 runs to Sedbergh and by 29 runs to the Old Boys, a first win v Leeds GS, and others v Stockport GS, King's Chester and Merchant Taylors' Crosby, as well as by 5 wickets against the visiting MCC, were all impressive performances in different ways.

The season culminated with three wins at the annual Festival, held this year at Rossall. Both the hosts and Edinburgh Academy were easily defeated, and then Barnard Castle too, in what was effectively the festival final, when the strength in depth of the King's bowling line-up proved too much for the Durham side. They were dismissed for just 98, King's then knocking



Toby Bianchi and Callum McIlveen open the innings against Edinburgh in The Festival



off the runs required for the loss of just 3 wickets. And, in a side whose strength was very much as a collective, with 7 bowlers each securing more than 10 wickets and the top 5 batsmen all making significant contributions, it was notable that the festival also saw four boys score their first ever centuries for the school. Finlay McCance, with 870 runs, was the season's most successful individual performer.

Cross Country

Senior boys' and girls' teams competed well in both their English Schools Cups and their District Championships. As a result, several runners went on to represent both the district and the county. Junior Division runners also enjoyed equivalent successes at both team and individual levels.

Football

The U11 side competed well in all their competitions, if not quite enjoying the successes of the 2012-13 side. Great promise was also shown by the U10 and U9 sides.

Golf

A 9-boy team from the school managed to reach the semi-final of the national foursomes competition, and then a King's side, having defeated a King's 2nd side in the NW regional final of the Independent Schools cup, went on to give a very good account of itself in the national finals, held over the magnificent courses at Carnoustie – quite an experience for the three boys involved.

Hockey

Both boys' and girls' hockey teams were adversely affected during 2013-14 by the ongoing development of the new astro, with consequential disruption to both practice and match arrangements – but all are agreed that the long term benefit will be substantial! Even so, there was some good hockey played by increasing numbers of pupils, at all age groups, and the future of the sport at King's looks very promising.

Among the girls' sides, the U14s had a good season and did very well to finish third overall in the Cheshire tournament, but the outstanding squad was the U15s. Not only did they manage an unbeaten season, but two girls from the side went on to represent the North of England. The boys, too, boasted a number of individual representative selections, and all age group sides showed considerable progress as their experience grew, with the U13s the most successful as North of England semi-finalists. And the 1st XI played at a very impressive level throughout, with excellent victories in the regular fixtures, a successful mini-tour to the Bath festival, and a very respectable performance at the regional finals after being crowned Cheshire champions.

Netball

This was the school's most successful year to date, with both individual and team achievements at all age levels. The seniors did well to finish 2nd in the district league, for example; the U16s finished 4th in the north-west, the highest ever achieved by a

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King's side; the U15s won the prestigious Rydal Penrhos tournament; the U14s were a valiant 2nd at both district and county levels; the U13s were 3rd in Macclesfield and 2nd at Rydal; the U12s were crowned Cheshire champions; and the U11s were district champions. With new outdoor courts and a Barbados tour on the horizon, the sport at King's is definitely on the up!

Rounders

Although poor weather caused a number of fixtures to be cancelled, there was huge participation in rounders from U11 to U15 levels, with great promise being shown by players at the younger age-groups, and both the U14 and U15 teams completed undefeated seasons.

Rugby

King's Rugby again enjoyed a very successful season, with the 1st XV positioned 10th nationally in the reputable Daily Mail rankings. There were some excellent victories recorded, including over traditionally strong rivals Wakefield and Lancaster as well as Lymm, St Ambrose, Denstone and Adams. Strangely, though, perhaps the two outstanding performances of the season were in defeat. Woodhouse Grove and Sedbergh finished first and second in the national pecking order, but King's games against them were certainly

exhibitions of spectacular schoolboy rugby at its best. We actually entered the final quarter of each game ahead, even though we were not quite able to hold out for what would have been quite outstanding wins against top 'scholarship' rugby schools.

Over the 16 fixtures, the side recorded an average 'score' of 28 – 11 per match, and at its best attacked with purpose and intensity, able to get key runners beyond the gain line, so allowing a well-paced offload game to flourish. There was also a good mix of older and less experienced players in the squad, which augurs well for seasons ahead. This promise of continuing success is reinforced when one looks at the strength of age-group sides currently in the school too; for example, the U16s lost only 3 games all season and a good sevens campaign included a victory in the Stoneyhurst Sevens tournament and a last-16 appearance at Rosslyn Park; the U14s also lost only 3 games, and were runners-up at the Sedbergh Sevens; and the U12s were also a very talented group, again with only 3 losses recorded during the year. And, remarkably, the U11s went completely undefeated, and won both the 12-a-side and 7-a-side titles at the AJIS championships.



Sailing

The sport continues to develop in strength at King's, with activity during games lessons as well as on Saturday mornings at Redesmere. We have a superb range of boats available to pupils, and significant numbers have gained RYA and other qualifications during the year. Adam Russ is the latest King's rising star, following Elliott Hanson, who has now moved on to higher things!

Swimming

The sport at King's is restricted to the Junior Division, where, as usual, the annual House gala was a very enjoyable event. There were a few fixtures played against local independent schools, and several medals were gained by individuals at the AJIS championships.

Trampoline

The King's high-fliers again gained a great deal of success in inter-school competitions in the sport. Having dominated at the North-West championships, with eight out of nine teams qualifying for the next level, the school went on to gain national champion status three times – the U13 elite boys, the U19 elite girls and the U11 novice boys. The school was thereby confirmed as one of the country's leading schools in the sport.

FAREWELL

Matt Allen [1985] died in October 2014, aged just 48, after an 18-month fight against cancer. He was living in a village near Lutterworth with wife Tracy and 10-year-old daughter Lucy. From school, Matt had gone to Leeds Polytechnic, and then enjoyed a varied career, incorporating no little travelling, though had been working for Next for 10 years as their Head of Import Tax department at the time of his death. As well as brother Phil [1984] and youngest sister Suzanne [1990], there was good representation from mid-1980s King's at his funeral, at which his love for rugby and predilection for wearing Hawaiian shirts both featured strongly – for example, by Dave Cowburn, Paul Dean, Dave Farbrother, Rick Howarth, Tim McNulty, Dave Rousham, three Southan brothers and Si Taylor.

JND [John] Bennett, who had lived in Poynton, died aged 82 in November, 2014. His brother, AC Bennett, who informed us of his death, reported that he had always had 'fond memories of his former school'.

John Blundell [1971] died of cancer in July, 2014, aged 61; he was by then living again in the USA, having retired from his position as Director General of the Institute of Economic Affairs [IEA] in

London in 2009. John left King's in 1971 for the LSE, and it was there that he came across Friedrich Hayek, the guru of free market Economics, whose influence on John was to carry on throughout his very distinguished career. After graduating, John stayed in London for a few years, for example as press and parliamentary secretary for the Federation of Small Businesses, not to mention as an always controversial councillor in 'red' Lambeth. But in 1982, he moved to the USA to head several free market think tanks there – for example the Institute of Humane Studies – during the period until 1993, when he returned to head the then somewhat moribund IEA. He spent the next 16 years at the organisation, and very soon had restored it to a position of no little eminence. John was a personal friend of many Conservative politicians, David Davis and, in her later years, Margaret Thatcher in particular, but he preferred to sow his free market and libertarian ideas indirectly, through personal influence, speeches and the written word rather than in the public eye as a politician. He was, though, a prolific author, both of newspaper and journal articles and of books; examples included 'Regulation without the State' (2000), 'Waging the War of Ideas' (2005), 'Policing in a Liberal

Society' (2007), 'Margaret Thatcher: a Portrait of the Iron Lady' (2009), 'Ladies for Liberty' (2011). But he also remained a great friend and supporter of King's, and made several valuable contributions to its activities – for example, inaugurating the Drinks in the City event, support towards cricket tours, provision of an academic prize for 6th form Economics students. When he left the IEA, he moved back to the USA, where he travelled extensively throughout the Americas on lecture tours, until his death last year.

Michael Bridge [1971] died suddenly in November 2014, after suffering a brain tumour. After King's, he began to train as an accountant, but soon decided it was not for him, and switched to joining the family wholesale fruit and vegetable business, which he took over and ran, with his brother, for the rest of his working life. He was a man of the outdoors – skiing, game shooting, walking – as well as a DIY enthusiast and committed family man.

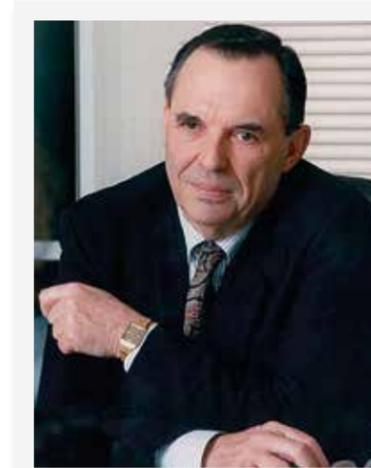
Adrian Hastings [1964] died in late 2014; we have no further information.

PF (Jack) Malkin [1969] died in 2013, having lived virtually all his life in Wincle. He left King's to go to Leeds University, and then qualified as a Chartered Accountant. Having worked for a while with Spicer and Pegler, and then Price Waterhouse in Manchester, he went to ICL, with whom he spent the majority of his working career. He had a lifetime love of rugby, having played for the 1st XV at school and for Cheshire Schools in his U6th year.

Tom Margerison died, aged 90, in February 2014, after having suffered for 15 years from Parkinson's Disease. He was very well-known as a journalist, broadcaster and author, who did much to stimulate an intelligent popular interest in science in particular. After King's, he went to Sheffield University, where in due course he gained a PhD in Physics. He then became a science journalist, being part of the team that launched *New Scientist* in 1956, and was the journal's first Scientific Editor. Margerison was a natural broadcaster; he first appeared on Rediffusion TV in 1956 and later regularly reported on science, medicine and technology for the BBC



John Blundell



Tom Margerison

'Tonight' programme. In 1961 he also became science editor of the *Sunday Times*; in addition he became deputy editor of the first Sunday colour supplement a year later, and was also instrumental in establishing, with David Frost, the franchise which became London Weekend TV – though he later fell out with Rupert Murdoch and lost his job as Chief Executive there in 1971. Another of his claims to fame, was as an expert in the space race and Soviet science and technology – he was particularly close to the first man in space, Yuri Gagarin – though he did decline an attempt to recruit him by British Intelligence!

Ken Potts [1958], a very well-known and well-respected local primary school teacher, died in Sept. 2013. He began his career at Ashgrove Primary, and then became a very young Head at the age



Ken Potts

of 29 at St Paul's, moving on later to several other local schools before eventually retiring from Buglawton in Congleton. He then took up a part-time role in youth work, as well as serving as a local councillor – whilst also playing a very accomplished double bass in a jazz group for many years.

Peter Schedler [1950] died in August, 2014; we have no further information.

JB [Johnnie] Walker [1938] died in February, 2013, after a short illness. After leaving King's, he started work in a local bank, but soon joined up and embarked on what was to become a very successful 38-year flying career. He first trained to fly bombers and was awarded the Distinguished Flying Medal for bravery in 1942, having flown numerous missions with Bomber Command based in Lincolnshire. He then became a test pilot, with A V Roe, and later moved to commercial flying – though this also included participating in the Berlin Air Lift in 1948. He joined BEA, later British Airways, in 1951, and eventually retired in 1976, by which time he was a Senior Captain. [We are very grateful for this information to Mark Walker [1982], Johnnie's son; he left King's to read Mathematics at Magdalene College, Cambridge, and is now Finance director of CVS (Commercial Valuers and Surveyors), based in Bramhall].

Dr. David Watson, who had been living in the Taunton area, died in February, 2014; we have no further information.

Staff Leavers

The following members of staff who had spent at least ten years at the school, in date order of arrival, left last year: **Peter Illingworth, Sue Appleton, Paul Halewood, Diane Barker, Karen Wells, Margaret Wheeler, Jane Rodgers and Melanie Holmes.** (Full details, of these and other leavers, are given in the 2013-14 *King's Illustria*.)

SUPPORTING KING'S

King's is delighted that so many former pupils choose to stay in touch with the school long after they physically move on. In recent months, several former pupils have returned to speak to current King's pupils about their chosen career paths, whilst others have chosen to offer work experience placements to students keen to broaden their horizons.

Many of you also choose to support the school financially: something that is vital to the school's ongoing ability to offer bursaries to talented students whose parents are unable to afford fees or who have fallen on hard times. The school is incredibly grateful to receive all donations to the bursary fund, whether through regular giving, one-off donations or legacy gifts.



One former pupil who has supported the bursary fund for a number of years is Barry Jones (above), President of the Former Pupils' Association. He says: "I was fortunate to receive a scholarship to King's, which I have no doubt set me up for life. I benefited enormously from my King's education and went on to become a chartered accountant. I owe a lot to the school and it remains very close to my heart. I am keen to support King's and to help other local boys and girls to access a great education through the bursary fund, and I therefore make a regular annual donation to the fund."

There are many different ways to donate and more information is available on the school's website: kingsmac.co.uk. Alternatively, if you would like to discuss a donation, please ring the Director of Finance, Jonathan Spencer Pickup, on 01625 260000.

EVENTS ROUNDUP

Bursary Golf Day

It was a family affair for the Tomlinson brothers who won the annual Former Pupils' Association Bursary Fund Golf Day in July. Around 100 golfers turned out at Macclesfield Golf Club to help boost the Bursary Fund by over £4,000. Pictured with Headmaster Simon Hyde (left) and event organiser Alan McInnes (right) are Tomlinson brothers Gary, Paul, Dave and Wayne. In second place were Moores the Merrier, while third place went to Ken Grant's team. The Bursary Fund has now raised around £700,000 and aims to provide assistance for families who would not normally be able to afford a place.



Old Boys' Rugby Festival at Derby Fields

On Sunday 31 August, King's hosted their annual Old Boys' 7s competition. Many former King's pupils returned to Derby Fields (now celebrating its 30 year anniversary) to take on teams made up from other years, spanning the last two decades. It was a fun, yet competitive environment and the afternoon was very well supported by past and present staff, pupils and parents enjoying a good chance to catch up. Frankie Barker's Cobras have won the competition over the last two years and were looking to make it three in a row. However the Leavers of 2011 (Team Reg), captained and managed by Will Hanson, were keen to make an impression. The two teams met in the last game of the day – the Grand Final – and in a pulsating game, Team Reg (below) came back from behind to win 21-12.



Annual Dinner 2014

Rugby league star Jon Wilkin was the guest speaker at King's Former Pupils' Association Dinner in November 2014. The St. Helens and England star is shown here with Chair of the Former Pupils' Association, David Barratt.

Jon, who is the first Chair of the Super League's Players' Association, spoke to an audience packed with former rugby union players at the Adlington Hall Hunting Lodge. Jon said: "I have played in good teams and I have played in great teams and what makes the difference is leadership. A team needs an inspirational figure who will challenge individuals across every area, taking each player out of their comfort zone and forcing them to look again at themselves."

Among the audience, was the special guest Jean Cooper, the widow of former Headmaster, Alan Cooper, who led King's for 21 years throughout the 70s and 80s. Mrs Cooper said: "I remember King's with the greatest of affection. We arrived in this big old school with two young children and were rushed off our feet in the first few years, but we loved every minute and it was a lovely time for us both."

Over £1000 was raised during the evening and this will be put towards the Quincentenary Bursary scheme which, since its inception thirteen years ago, has now raised £700,000 and helped fifty three pupils attend the Sixth Form who otherwise would not have had the opportunity.

Pictured below is Headmaster, Dr Simon Hyde with Chair of Governors Dr John Kennerley, Bursar Jonathan Spencer Pickup and Jean Cooper.



Charity Rugby match

On 23 December around 40 Former Pupils took part in a charity rugby match - King's Old Boys' v a Macclesfield Senior XV at Macclesfield Rugby Club.

The club and school have a longstanding relationship going back over many years. The match was organised by Paul Bartle, rugby coach and Chemistry teacher at King's, to raise money for East Cheshire Hospice.

King's Former Pupils came out on top -34 – 21, but the four-figure sum raised meant all involved were winners. Paul said: "A lot of old friends went up against each other, especially as some of the Macclesfield Senior team were former King's lads. We had around 300 people turn out to support the event and there was some quality rugby on show, played in an excellent spirit."

Gritstone Trial?

The informal walking group for retired King's staff (the Old Lags) continues to thrive. Our most recent achievement has been to complete the Gritstone Trail, all 35 miles of it, from Kidsgrove to Disley. Readers will be dismayed to learn, however, that we didn't do it all in one go. We are now embarked on climbing all our local 500 metre summits, using a fine continuous circular route that appeared in *Trail* a couple of years ago. The picture shows a random selection of Lags, all looking a good bit more carefree than in their final years at King's, on the edges path around the Castle Naze plateau. Pictured from left: Mr Hallatt, Mr Browne, Mr Andrew, Mr Gee, Mr Beatson, Mr Hart and Mr Perriss. Most Lags scored both a new summit (Black Edge) and a new pub for lunch (The Beehive Inn at Combs) that day.

Any other retired staff who would like to join us from time to time, would be very welcome.

Mike Hart

Then and Now

Mr A J Hallatt is shown taking a break on the moors and swinging a cosh in the 1976 production of *Pirates of Penzance* (see page 16)



Drinks in the City

Some 50 former pupils and current and former staff gathered together in the splendid surroundings of the Oxford and Cambridge Club in Pall Mall for the 'Drinks in the City' reception in October. Those attending included six School Captains and a range of leavers from 1951 through to 2013. Well represented were members of the 'Cornerfield Club' (photograph); the 1999 leavers' group; the 1996 leavers including the School Captain, Matt Forbes; and six former members of staff including Steven Coyne and three Principals. The Headmaster updated the group on recent developments, with a slide show of the new buildings and projects from all school sites. For some, this was the first viewing of the Sixth Form Centre and the new sports facilities at Derby Fields and Cumberland Street. The Head also gave a presentation of the progress of the '2020 Vision' plans. Once again, the event proved to be very popular and it is proposed to hold a similar gathering next year so that many more of the 'London Exiles' will be able to attend.





KEEP IN CONTACT

Are you in this photograph from 1972?

If you are, please get in touch, so that we can pass on your memories to Ronald van den Hurk. He sent us this message and included his form photo and all the pupil signatures. Please email us at: formerpupils@kingsmac.co.uk



All these signatures are on the back of the photograph. Is yours one of them?

Dear sir /Madam,
 I am a former pupil of King's School. I am Dutch and had a hard time adapting to England at the time.
 I was at King's in 1971-1973 and would like to contact former class members. I can remember being in class Lower 4F and I think 2D.
 My class teacher at the time in lower 4F was I believe Mr Batchelor, I had an English teacher who was Scottish so I learned to speak English with a Scottish accent.
 I was in Macclesfield some 10 years ago and saw your Queen there, not knowing she was going to visit King's.
 Attached is a photograph of, I believe class L4F 1972-1973. The back of the photograph is signed by all class members. I would really like to know how they are doing.
 Best regards,
 Ronald van den Hurk

Stay in touch!

Hundreds of our former pupils are now using the school website and Facebook page to stay connected with King's and former classmates. There is a dedicated Former Pupils' area on the website, accessed from the homepage, which contains dates of forthcoming events, profiles on notable former pupils, news stories, plus details of how to get involved and support the school. Please see: www.kingsmac.co.uk



Facebook group

This open group has around 600 'likes'. It contains updates and news from the school, details of forthcoming events for former pupils, old school photos and videos, plus updates from individual former pupils. Please see: www.facebook.com/kingsinmacfp and click 'like' to receive our updates.



Dates for your Diary

- 8 May London Dinner at the RAF Club, Piccadilly
Please contact Rob Unternalter robunterhalter@hotmail.co.uk

- 29 May Frank Moore Trophy at Macclesfield Golf Club 1pm tee (£30)

- 2 July Old Boys' Cricket at Cumberland Street

- 3 July Bursary Fund Golf Day at Macclesfield Golf Club (teams of 4 £180)

- 8 July Inter-Schools Golf at Bramhall Golf Club (£38)

- Sun 30 August Old Boys' Rugby Sevens Festival at Derby Fields, Macclesfield
contact guy.mason@kingsmac.co.uk

- 27 August Howard Worth Shield at Knutsford Golf Club (£38)

- October (date TBC) Drinks in the City, The Oxford & Cambridge Club, London

- 13 November Annual Dinner, Adlington Hunting Lodge

For more information please email: formerpupils@kingsmac.co.uk