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Editorial

It is good to see that self-selecting groups of Old Citizens are now getting together quite frequently. The lawyers’ dinner seems to be an annual fixture (p.8), and in this issue there is an invitation to “all medics” to a buffet at the School (p.10).

Such occasions as these are welcomed by the Committee, which, while relying upon members to do the organisation themselves, will (if asked) subsidise the cost. All who attended seem to enjoy the company, the speakers, and the opportunity to renew old acquaintances.

The Committee believes that social events for groups of Old Citizens currently at University would also be beneficial to the Club and the School (as well as their being merely enjoyable), but again we depend upon you to propose and organise them.

With regard to the idea that the two families of ‘School’ and ‘Old Citizens’ should be merged, the Editor is pleased to see that our new President has been interviewed by two fourth-formers! And more than usual prominence has been given to two sixth-formers: Canon McKenzie, whose declaration at Prize Day is on p.6, and Tommy Bryant, whose achievements on the track are reported on p.23.

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Meddings & Murphy, OC architects, are honoured

“It is a matter of great regret that Tom Meddings’ name appears nowhere in the building: this is an injustice that, nearly 20 years later, should be rectified”

These words, appearing in issue No.284 of the Gazette in the summer of 2005 expressed a sentiment that was supported by many members of the Club. One evening in January this year, nearly three years after the words were written in Tom Meddings’ obituary, more than sixty members of the Worshipful Company of Chartered Architects and the John Carpenter Club, together with their guests, gathered at the School to correct the injustice by unveiling two plaques in the entrance foyer of the most recent School building.

In 1986 the City of London School began the third phase of its life in a new building, still on the Thames, but a little downstream from the 19th century building bounded by the Embankment to the south, John Carpenter Street to the west and Tudor Street to the north.

The design and creation of the new building, which lies just to the south of St Paul’s Cathedral was largely in the hands of two Old Citizens, Tom Meddings and Stuart Murphy. And it was to honour these two architects that the ceremony was held at the School on 15 January this year.

The evening began with a welcome from the Headmaster, David Levin, to the crowd of representatives and guests, who then handed over to Old Citizen Brian Waters (57-63, President 2005-06) to explain the purpose of the ceremony and the background to both the building of the new School and the foundation of a Scholarship.

Two plaques were to be unveiled. One plaque celebrates the Stuart Murphy Visual Arts Scholarship which was raised by Brian Waters when he was Master of the Worshipful Company of Chartered Architects in 2002-03. Many of the 39 contributors to the scholarship attended this ceremony. The other plaque acknowledges the architects of the building: Stuart Murphy, who was, at the time of design and building, Architect and City Planning Officer, and Tom Meddings, the project architect.

The family of Stuart Murphy was represented by Mrs Jane Murphy and children Giles and Sarah, while the family of Tom Meddings was represented by children Luke and Tamsin. Sadly, Mrs Pauline Meddings was not well enough to attend the occasion.

Following introductions, a family joint venture succeeded in unveiling the two etched glass plaques, which are positioned in the foyer of the School on the wall alongside the three models of the School’s various ‘homes’: at Milk Street; on the Victoria Embankment; and on its present site in Queen Victoria Street.

Terry Heard, sometime Second Master, had extracted from the archives, and then provided as a display, tracings and drawings that had been prepared for the two previous schemes for the reconstruction of the School on this site. Both schemes were later abandoned.

David Levin also explained to the gathering the School’s bursary scheme, and how the Stuart Murphy Scholarship fills an important need in cases where a qualifying fifth former is at risk of having to leave the School.

The scholar Yates Norton, now in his second year in the Sixth Form, spoke eloquently in thanking his sponsors for the opportunity that the Stuart Murphy Scholarship has given him. His time in the Sixth Form at the School has enabled him to win a place at Cambridge to study in the Faculty of Architecture and History of Art. Presently no similar scholarship exists to meet a similar need, and the JCC is considering whether it might establish one.

The Headmaster and the School hosted the evening event generously, and the JCC met the cost of making the plaques which had been designed by Brian Waters.

LEFT The late Stuart Murphy (44-50), City Architect & Planning Officer
LEFT The late Tom Meddings (32-38), the Project Architect for the new School
LEFT Children of Stuart Murphy, Giles and Sarah, with their mother, Mrs Jane Murphy
LEFT Children of Tom Meddings, Luke and Tamsin, with Terry Heard, Second Master at the time of building
LEFT Conversation in the Asquith Room before the ceremony
LEFT Guests gather in the foyer for the unveiling ceremony
Yes, that’s right. Wow! That was how the Lord Mayor, Alderman John Stuttard, began his address to a full house at Guildhall following his Annual Distribution of Prizes early in November 2007. He was, however, only expressing what all those in attendance had been thinking, for the list of prizewinners, the scope of their achievements and the smoothness of the organisation was truly impressive. The JCC was represented by the President, John McDonnell QC, and others.

All were welcomed by Mr WH Dove, MBE, JP, Chairman of Governors, and the ceremony included music of a very high standard provided by the School. One of the many highlights of the evening was the speech In Praise of John Carpenter, given by the Head of School, Conan McKenzie:

“My Lord Mayor, Sheriff, Alderman, Chairman, Governors, Headmaster, Teachers, Old Citizens, Parents, Guests and boys of the City of London School:

To most people, the story of Dick Whittington, a man who, with the help of a talking cat, rose from vagrant to Lord Mayor of London, is a fairytale: a charming story told to amuse young children, and to teach them the value of hard work, persistence, and self-belief. When the children get to six or seven, however, they are distraught to discover that the story is, unfortunately, fictional. There was no Dick Whittington, there were no singing bells, and there was certainly no talking cat.

At the City of London School, we know better. We know that Whittington was a real man, four times Lord Mayor of London in the fourteenth and fifteenth centuries, and, most importantly, that he was a friend and colleague of John Carpenter, Town Clerk and founder of this school.

On his death in 1442, John Carpenter left sixteen pounds and eleven shillings for the education of four poor boys to be called Carpenter’s Children. Today, that sum would not, I am told, cover the Head Boy’s weekly coffee bill, but in the days before electronic whiteboards, insurance premiums and trips to South Africa by the Debating Society, it was more than enough, and by 1834 there was enough money to open a school for 200 boys, not quite so poor but still surprisingly unpresentable by the standards of the time.

Carpenter and Whittington are now long dead, but the virtues encompassed by the fairytale live on at CLS. Persistence and self-belief are still very much in evidence at the school, even if some of my teachers tell me there is room for improvement on the hard work part. CLS is now one of the leading schools in the country: 14th in the most recent FT League Tables; described by the media as an ‘academic powerhouse’; and with exam results continually outpacing the competition. We have over 30 student-run clubs and societies, including a Judo Society and Fencing Club which are producing National Champions; a Debating Society that can host a Model UN conference with hundreds of delegates from across the UK while regularly winning some of the biggest competitions in the country; and a Politics Society which attracts Cabinet Ministers and Leaders of the Opposition to the school (though perhaps I try to stay quiet about the fact that our most frequent and popular guest is Jeffrey Archer).

Yet, despite this success, CLS has not forgotten the values for which it was founded. This year our student charity appeal raised over £56,000 for ‘Medicine sans Frontières, and, thanks to our many scholarships and bursaries, the parents of almost 100 boys currently pay no fees at all, helping to give us the diversity for which we are so justly renowned, and which I have admired every day since I first joined the School almost eight years ago.

Unlike many of my predecessors in this role, I’m afraid I don’t remember much of that first day: I do remember getting lost in the building after school a few days later, and spending twenty frantic minutes struggling to find my way out. The Headmaster would probably say this builds self-reliance. It certainly built a sense of direction! What really sticks in my mind, however, is the quick bond that sprang up between all the boys in my class, united in our happy struggles against Latin verbs, English poems and the teachers who kept reminding us to do up our top buttons.

I was amazed and impressed to discover that one boy had spoken English for only four years, another played chess for England, and that yet more regularly sang for the Queen. I was hugely grateful for the opportunity to study with these apparent gods-among-men. Within weeks, this large group of boys from widely varying families, schools and countries had formed a close-knit group, blind to the differences which had hitherto existed between us.

Much to my surprise, I later discovered that my experience was not unique, and that inclusivity, diversity and above all academic excellence were common to the whole School. These long-standing values were well-recognised by our old boys. Kingsley Amis wrote: ‘I have never in my life known a community where factions of any kind were less in evidence, where differences of class, upbringing, income group and religion counted for so little…’

The academic teaching was of a standard not easily to be surpassed, but more important still was that lesson about how to regard one’s fellows, a lesson not delivered but enacted.’

Herbert Asquith put it more simply: ‘What shall I say of the City of London School, when I rue all I have in the world to the City of London School. I am sure all our pupils today could recognise the sentiments of these two Old Citizens.

As our Headmaster is fond of telling us, this is indeed a Great School. In many ways, the tale of Dick Whittington could almost have been written to describe our ethos. At CLS, it doesn’t matter where you come from, but only where you’re going, and through hard work, effort, and enthusiasm, you can indeed achieve greatness.

Even without the help of a talking cat.”
The 4th OC Legal Dinner...  
...took place in the Dining Room of the Guildhall Club in November, at which the principal guest was Sir Francis Jacobs.

Sir Francis Jacobs QC

The beginning
Secondary school for Sir Francis started in 1950 and ended just 50 years ago, in 1957, but there was a preliminary to his attendance at CLS. As an LCC scholar, the young Jacobs was at first destined for Christ’s Hospital. “On Day-1 I was fitted out with the Blue coat uniform,” Sir Francis recollects, “but [my parents] changed their minds, and on Day-2 I was collected and taken home!” He reflected that this was “possibly right,” for “apart from its being a boarding school, the Christian setting might not have been right for me.” He continued, “Although of course an understanding of Christian institutions is essential for us all, even today: the Christian feast of the circumcision, for example.”

At school
At the beginning of the spring term, Sir Francis Jacobs took the Classical road at school: Oakley and Ellingham were his teachers. Both had seemed eternal fixtures, but both retired when Jacobs left: “I impose not just for that reason,” he muses. Even though at the time of leaving the School he had thought of becoming a barrister, Jacobs just could not give up Classics, and at Oxford he read Classical Moderations followed by Greats, falling in love with philosophy along the way. “At the School we also had lessons in philosophy and economics – a very progressive curriculum.”

While at school, Jacobs enjoyed a love of music, playing the double bass (he says: ‘very badly’) in the School orchestra, with tuition from Percy Copping, and playing the fife in the band of the CCf. He was also, rather surprisingly, taught art by Mr Ellingham, in some of whose English lessons the class was introduced to the history of art – rather than Muriel Spark’s Jean Brodie, before her day.

The fascination of the law
“The law seems to be of interest, if at all, only to lawyers. Have you noticed how others don’t find the same fascination? Among my own family my constant refrain is ‘I’ve had a case on that’, provoking at least a hint of private amusement. And the company of lawyers seems to be enjoyed more by other lawyers than by normal people.”

In giving us this view, Sir Francis reminded us of Jane Gardam’s excellent portrait of a truly curious lawyer in her novel Old Fieh, in which the headmaster says to a boy: ‘Yes, you’ve got a good lawyer!’

He continued: “But the law has been fascinating to me. And if there is anything less popular than law in this country, it must be the European Union. So it’s good that on this occasion I have been invited to say something about both.”

Sir Francis did that briefly but informatively, relating the chapter of accidents – or chapter of encouragement – that enabled him to develop his interest in Europe. “As they say, the best advice is: ‘Do what you enjoy doing, and find someone to pay you to do it!’” So it was he moved from teaching jurisprudence at LSE, to taking pupillage. Later, he was encouraged to go to the Council of Europe where he learnt about human rights; and thereafter, he was encouraged to work at the European Court of Justice (ECJ) in Luxembourg, where “I learnt about EC law, and met my wife.”

And after 14 years back in London teaching and practising EC law, Francis Jacobs was offered the post of Advocate General at the ECJ. “After seventeen fascinating years there, I am now happily back at King’s College, and just along the river at the Temple. The river has been something of a Leitmotiv for me, since I was born at its mouth and have spent much time on its banks: at CLS on its old site, at Oxford, at King’s College, at the Middle Temple, and at successive homes in Ham and now Teddington, where the Thames becomes salty and tidal.”

The sovereignty of the law
This year is the 50th anniversary of the Treaty of Rome. It is not widely celebrated in this country, although Sir Geoffrey Howe, when Foreign Secretary, gave a party for its 50th anniversary. And at the end of 1992, booklets were it nation-wide to mark the arrival of the internal market. And although the Lawyers’ Dinner was not the occasion for a debate on the merits of the EU, Sir Francis remarked that one consequence has been that “we are, and have been for 150 years ago the School was praised in the House of Commons by Richard Cobden, no less, as an example of religious toleration in education.”

Sir Francis reminded us that we have multiple loyalties, being both English and British, for example, and we may well have other loyalties too. We are citizens of the United Kingdom, and also citizens of the EU, which should be seen as a strength rather than as a weakness. The appropriate balance between these sometimes conflicting interests can be found only by the law. And the EU model, a system based on law, with the ultimate allocation of powers determined by an independent court, has been both a magnet – irresistibly attracting most of the rest of Europe, from the original 6 to the current 27, with more in line to join – and a model, imitated in other systems around the world.

At the end of this fascinating and illuminating talk from such a distinguished QC, jurist, Sir Francis brought us all back to our common educational beginnings, celebrating another citizenship: “We have the great good fortune also to be Old Citizens. So I give you the toast of Old Citizens, and the City of London School; long may she flourish!”

Questions followed, and were answered by Sir Francis comprehensively and patiently, before the convivial gathering broke up.

Sir Francis Jacobs addresses some OC lawyers at the Guildhall Club, flanked by Mr and Mrs Martin Day (on his right) and Isaac Livne, who organised this most enjoyable event.
News In Brief

Proceeding on from the initial BA degree, there was for Douglas East (36-39) an MA(Oxon), MPhil(London) and then an MPhil. Douglas has now added a PhD to his collection of degrees. He left the School in 1939, which brought him directly into the war, when he served in the Navy. At the end of the war Douglas went up to Oxford and took his first degree before beginning his ‘working’ life. He taught in various schools for 20 years and then decided to share his effort in a variety of activities: conservation studies (in the Public Record Office), archival conservation and bookbinding.

Having retired in 1984, Douglas was ‘dragged back the following afternoon’ to teach bookbinding at Westminster School, and is now in his 24th academic year there! He still sings with the Westminster Choir in the Abbey for morning services: ‘Always a pleasure.’

Douglas says that he has enjoyed the 56 years at school level, and it has clearly kept his brain active. If you would like to see what has recently kept Douglas busy in his ‘spare time’, you will find the three-volume thesis lodged in the library at the University of Essex under the title: The Great Westminster Missal of Abbot Nicolas Lelyngton (1384). Its Structure, Form & Purpose.

For the past 15 years they have all been living in Hong Kong, where Robert works as a self-employed English teacher. He recollects with affection many of the Masters at the School: Geoffrey Clarke, his first teacher; Major Pat Whithmore “whose immortal words to me on the occasion of one tearful Oral French test will forever be in my mind: Stevenson, you may not know much French, but you’ve got a wonderful smile”; Derek Fowler (Art, and a great influence); Kenneth Senior (Chem); Mark Mackie (Maths) and many fellow students: Townsend, SK Williams, Brett, Lawson, Moore, Pillow, the Havart twins…

Robert writes: “There is not enough thought or time given to thanking those people – friends, colleagues and past teachers – who have had an influence on one’s life, so it is with the deepest gratitude that I extend a greeting to all those who recall my name now.”

It’s the Real thing

In July last year, Sam Leigh (46-53) won the National Real Tennis Singles championship in the over-70s age group, and will be representing the UK Team in the World Championships at the Racquet Club, Park Avenue, New York in April.

They’re all heart

Drs Mark Signy (65-71) and Akhil Kapur (74-82) recently listed both of the two available elections to the National Council of the British Cardiac Intervention Society, which oversees coronary angioplasty in the UK. Akhil practises at the London Chest and Bart’s Hospitals, while Mark practises at Worthing and Brighton Hospitals.

There are at least another two OCs who practise as consultant cardiologists in the UK: Drs Arif Ahsan (68-75) in Nottingham, and Mark Petersen (72-79) in Gloucester.

Contemporaries might remember Mark Signy’s wife Helen (then Helen Stuart) who, while at school by Sydenham High, was elected as an acting prefect at CLS after a vigorous, though quite illegal, election campaign by Mark himself and Dave Mack (64-72), then Head of School. Both boys had a lot of explaining to do subsequently to the Headmaster, Jimmy Bayes, although several masters had been among Helen’s votes!

Hydrogeologist in Australia

Professor Jeremy Joseph (54-64) has been living and working in Thailand for the last four years. In January this year he moved to Melbourne, Australia, to take up the post of Senior Principal with URS, a leading environmental engineering and consulting firm, in its Australian office. Jeremy will be dealing with waste management and water resource issues in the region.

He would welcome contact with OCs in Australia, but at the time of writing had no final address. Meanwhile, members are invited to contact Jeremy either by phone: +66 89 520 8170 or by email at jflymph@hyp-environment.com

Tolhurst remembered

Andrew Mackie (78-80) was at the School for only a brief time, and was not in any of Aidan Tolhurst’s classes, but he remembers him as truly inspirational his few encounters with Aidan via the CCF Naval section.

He ‘remembered me and another boy,’ writes Andrew, who now lives in Australia, “to take on O-Level Sea Navigation. ‘Who will teach us?’ we asked. ‘Teach yourselves,’ came the reply. ‘Here’s a book – you’ll do fine.’ And we did!”

A couple of us asked one day if we could start a sailing club. ‘Sure!’ he said, without hesitation, and for many happy days in the summer he drove a minibus full of us out to a reservoir somewhere to mess around in little boats. The School even entered its first Mirror dinghy team into a large race on the south coast – we led for a glorious minute, then came last because I misjudged the tide. We commiserated around the post-race barbecue as Aidan created and dolloped out his ‘Tolburyger.’

He was so easy going, approachable and kind. In thirty five years his cumulative contribution to the happiness of CLS boys must have been enormous. And I’ll bet that he was a good teacher, too. Thank you Mr Tolhurst!”

Andrew may be reached by email at: armacke@students.latrobe.edu.au

Charity — Then & Now; A Centenary collection

We have become used to hearing of the quite remarkable sums raised by the boys ‘for charitable objects’. Most recently, under the leadership of Harsh Mehta, nearly £58,000 was raised by boys in the School for Médecins Sans Frontières.

Tony Hopkins (44-52) has written to remind us how it used to be done: “As I walk up and down the Mission Road here in Diss in Norfolk,” he writes, “I am reminded of the School Mission at CLS in the 1940s. Each classroom had on a board the total that it had collected. If you were about to sneeze or blow your nose and quickly pulled out a handkerchief from your trouser pocket, inevitably a coin would land on the floor. An immediate chorus of ‘Mission’ would be heard across the room.

The Mission had come into being about a hundred years ago, when the Headmaster, the Revd Dr Arthur Chilton, asked the Bishop of London for a suitable cause, and he said,’Help build a Church at St Barnabas, Mitcham, in South London.’ So it was done, as a plaque at the Church commemorates.”

Information gleaned from the web tells us that the Church Hall, now Grade II listed, was built exactly 100 years ago in 1908, while the Church itself came six years later, in 1914.

The November AGM and Club Supper

The business of the Annual General Meeting was conducted in the usual efficient manner in front of a smaller than usual group of members, absence probably being due to other OC activities that were taking place within days of each other in the Autumn Term.

Immediately right is Chris Smith pictured as he describes to Chris Tizard his five-year secondment to the Corporation to develop PE skills in Primary Schools in the five Olympic Boroughs.

A Greeting from Hong Kong

Now resident in Hong Kong, Robert Stevenson (66-72) has charted for us the main aspects of his life since leaving school.

He began by studying Interior Design and working for Fitch & Co, before becoming a design advisor for C&J Clarke. Then in 1992 came an opportunity, which Robert grasped, to go to China to teach English and the history of Western Architecture for three years in Shandong Province, where he and his wife adopted a blind girl from a city orphanage. The family is pictured below.

Medics’ Dinner

You are warmly invited to the first ever school reunion for Medics, Dentists and Vets which will take place at the School on Wednesday 16 April from 7pm, with buffet. This will be an informal opportunity to network and to meet old friends, colleagues from across the years and school teachers.

Whether or not you can attend, please reply to:

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so that we can construct a mailing list for future occasions.

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The photographs are from the AGM and at the Supper that followed. Immediately right is Chris Smith pictured as he describes to Chris Tizard his five-year secondment to the Corporation to develop PE skills in Primary Schools in the five Olympic Boroughs.
An obvious question – what is your favourite memory from your time at CLS?

Well, I think that everyday life at school is so involving that both the highs and the lows can pass by very quickly, and you often don’t recall them.

But what I enjoyed most about my time at school was sport (Mr Todd was the captain of the CLS 1st XV rugby team) and acting (he played Olivia in Shakespeare’s Twelfth Night in the School Play). And as I progressed up the School, my passion for language and English literature meant that I also ended up enjoying the work.

Did you ever get into any trouble of note in your school days?

To be honest, I was a bit of a troublemaker in my very first term. I was caned by a school master, who shall remain nameless [chuckles], and also by the senior prefect, both times just for being cheeky! They were not the best, but in a way, getting caned gave you a certain ‘popularity’ with your school friends, so it wasn’t in bad.

Did you have a particularly favourite subject? If so which one and why?

Well, in my time we had to decide very early on whether we were scientists or not. I was hopeless at science, so the path of languages, History and English was pretty much chosen for me. But I was certainly inspired in my developing interest in English by three brilliant teachers, Chris Dixon, Peter Coulson (after whom the Coulson Studio is named) and Chris Terry. They were very different but equally passionate about the subject, and about instilling an enthusiasm for it in any of their pupils who showed a bit of interest and initiative.

During your days at City, did you participate in many sporting activities?

Of course. Sports were a very important aspect of my student days. During my time at the School, the main winter sport was rugby, which I enjoyed very much, and I played for the School in each age group. I also played for the 1st XI cricket team and lived as well. I would say that success in sport was just as important for my personal development as my success in the academic subjects – which was pretty patchy anyway.

Whilst at CLS, what did you want to become and achieve?

When I was at the School, I think I was rather complacent about getting a job. I didn’t have a clue about what I wanted to do, and in any case I don’t think I was a lot easier then to leave school and find a profession than it is now. I confess that many of my peers and I didn’t really stop to think about our life after university. But my passion for words eventually led me towards journalism and communications.

Oh, and of course not forgetting some pushing from my Dad, who was also a journalist.

What about your A Levels, and which university did you continue at after your time finished at City?

I took three subjects for my A Levels: English, History and Latin. In my time, if you were thought of as Oxbridge material, you returned to the Sixth Form after A levels and did a seventh term in order to study for the Oxbridge entrance exams. I took the exam and got a place at Cambridge to read English.

That left several months before university started in the following autumn, and I was then offered a scholarship by the English Speaking Union to study at the Phillips Exeter Academy in America for two terms. This was a very different environment from the City - a boarding school in the middle of the New Hampshire countryside – but I managed to survive, even though drinking alcohol was an expulsion offence! Actually Exeter is a fantastic school, with excellent academic and sporting facilities (like two indoor ice-hockey rinks). I had a great time and it was a very influential experience. I then travelled around the United States for two months before returning to Cambridge.

Did you ever see yourself staying in contact with the School for so long?

Well, it never occurred to me really, certainly not at the time I left the School – I couldn’t wait to get away. But after I left university I started playing sport for the Old Citizens teams, and I enjoyed meeting old friends and making new ones. Much later, I started to realise how much the quality of education at the School had helped me, and I really wanted to find a way of giving something back to the School.

We, and probably a lot of other people in this school, don’t have a clue what the John Carpenter Club is all about – can you tell us?

Good question! The John Carpenter Club is the organisation for all old boys of the School. First, it’s essentially a social club – and a sports club of course – for past students. We have dinners, play sport, and get the opportunity to meet many fellow Old Citizens of all ages from all walks of life. But it also plays another very important role, which is to help support the School, especially in fund-raising and extramural activities. And I’d like to think too that we can sometimes provide nuggets of our accumulated wisdom to help boys at City prepare for the dreaded world of work when they leave!

OK. Finally, if you could give a word of advice to the boys at City, what would you say?

There are enormous resources at the School, and all around you in the City and in central London. I do think it’s really important not to be complacent and to take full advantage of them [sounds familiar]!

Find something you really like and that you’re enthusiastic about. Try all sorts of things. Once you’ve found something you’re really passionate about, go for it.

Remember: Effort, Commitment, Enthusiasm!

Subject of interview:
Mr Bruce Todd, President of the John Carpenter Club 2007-08

Education:
CLS (61-68) followed by Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge (69-72)

Career:
BBC TV journalist (Newsnight and The Movie Programme)
Corporate Communications Consultant

Mehmet Moustafa of 4C and Jared Rood of 4B asked the questions.
Horace Brearley (CLS Staff: 1950-1978)
Died 14 August 2007

On 14 October 2007 a large group of family and friends, including eight representatives of the JCC, gathered to commemorate the life of Horace Brearley. The following appreciation of Horace has been adapted from the address delivered by Horace’s son, Michael.

Horace Brearley was born in 1931 in Heckmondwike, the eighth child of James, an engine fitter who travelled all over the north of England mendling and fitting the mill engines, and Lydia Ann, the daughter of a publican. Horace always said that it was only because he was the youngest, and the older ones were earning, that he was able to stay on at school and go on, with a scholarship, to read mathematics at Leeds, where he got a First and did a year of post-graduate work in mathematics before deciding that he would prefer teaching.

He was physically strong and fit, and was very competitive. I could beat him at squash only when I was 30 and he was 59. When he already had Alzheimer’s and was in his mid-80s, he and I walked in the Black mountains in Wales, a climb of 1,200 feet. We sat down for a beer afterwards. It was a hot day, and I asked Horace if he was tired. He thought for a moment, and then answered, ‘I don’t think so, he said. ‘Should I be?’

Horace was a fine sportsman: cricketer, footballer, hockey, water-polo and swimming were just the games he was best at. He played cricket for Yorkshire Seconds for three years, at a time when Yorkshire was good, and organized the timetable, this last being the only school activity that caused him anxiety, so they sang to each other, and Horace happily joined the choir. The head told him that he would have to audition. ‘All right,’ said Horace, ‘I’ll sing to you if you sing to me.’ So they sang to each other, and Horace happily joined the choir.

Horace came to CLS in 1951, and stayed for 30 years. I know something at first hand about Horace’s teaching of mathematics, as I was twice in his class. He never had any trouble with discipline. He would teach the whole class for perhaps ten minutes, and then give examples for us to work on. There would be a buzz of conversation while people got on with their work, and Horace would move around helping those in difficulty.

Horace loved mathematics, having a basic wonder at how marvellously the world was constructed, and at how creative concepts like the square root of minus one, could help solve equations applicable in the real world. He also liked ‘trick’ maths problems: “if a hen and a half lay an egg and a half in a day and a half, how many eggs do six hens lay in a week?”

He was a terrific teacher, and was really good with many who found mathematics difficult. Over the years, ex-pupils have come up to me to share their delight at Biomedical. Fourteen hundred went down the Timetable, this last being the only school activity that caused him anxiety, so they sang to each other, and Horace happily joined the choir.

Stephen Jeremy Provost was a brightly burning candle, bringing light and joy to all who knew him. But although he is no longer present in person, that candle has not been extinguished, for it will burn for ever in the hearts of all who loved him.

The Editor has also received the following recollections of Stephen from his friend, Wing Commander Christopher Bew (60-70):

“I always held Steve in high regard. He was convivial, cheerful to a fault, clever and a great friend from whom I never heard an angry word. We were in the Signals Section of the CCE, and I recall a camp at which we were to set up a net using old WW2 VHF radios, to report on what we saw during the various exercises. We built a makeshift HQ on top of a small knoll with a great view under a large fir tree. We weren’t very successful with the radios, but the weather was agreeable, and we spent several days on simple communications exercises and enjoying ourselves away from the rigours suffered by the other cadets.

We often met at the pub for a drink and to discuss the future, and girls. I can still picture him drinking a pint out at Burnham Beeches or on the Thames, before delivering me in his father’s 1.5 litre Riley to some convenient station. He was a great chum, taken before his time.”

Stephen Jeremy Provost, born 18 June 1952, is survived by his wife, Naomi, and by Philip and Jenny, his two children from an earlier marriage, to all of whom the Club sends its condolences.
Iain McDonald Garland was born in Essex on 29 August 1946 and died in Derriford Hospital, Plymouth on 21 November 2007, after a major stroke. His funeral at Woodleigh Parish Church was attended by more than 200 people, including 12 Old Citizens and their partners, where family and friends laughed and cried as they shared stories of Iain. Iain joined the City of London School in 1956, becoming booker for the Rugby 1st XV Captain of Swimming and a sub- Prefect. Leaving in 1966 he continued his sport, playing Rugby for the Old Citizens and being an active member of the Old Citizens Swimming and Water Polo Club. During 1972, having been a director of his father’s garage in Chigwell, Iain decided upon a change of direction and moved to Devon, setting to work converting a group of barns into the thriving activity centre it is today. His passion for an active life continued with local Hash House running, rowing, skiing (on snow and water), diving and sailing his own yacht. But he also channelled much of his energy into the Courtlands Centre, where he transformed the derelict site into a residential sports haven whose facilities could be enjoyed by schools, universities and anyone who loved exercise.

Iain was known for his love of music, being a keen guitarist regularly performing folk ditties with friends at the bar in the Courtlands Centre. His membership of the Kingsbridge Kingmen was honoured at his funeral, when a moving tribute to his life was performed by a quartet at the beginning and end of the Service. His humorous, intelligent nature shone throughout his life, especially at his 60th birthday party at a local hotel, where he celebrated with more than 100 friends and relatives, each of whom he mentioned in his own personal song that night. Iain was diagnosed with oesophageal cancer in 2004 and given just a year to live, but he fought a courageous battle and never let the cancer beat him. He kept active and stayed positive with his passion for life, surrounded by his extended family and many good friends. Iain McDonald Garland, a loving father, grandfather, brother and friend would be sadly missed but not forgotten. He is survived by Jane, his four children Toby, Sophie, George and Chloe, two grand-children Alastair and Phoebe, daughter-in- law Louise Leonardi and Jenny and his brother-in-law Patrick, to all of whom the Club sends its condolences.

Peter Marshall Fraser, MC (33-37)
Died 15 October 2007

Peter Fraser was a Hellenistic historian with an immense range of erudition whose love of the Greek language, ancient landscapes was inspired by his experiences in the war, when he first acquired a mastery of spoken Greek in Alexandria, and then served with distinction on Special Operations in Greece in 1943-45.

Peter Marshall Fraser was born on 6 April 1918 and joined the School in January 1933. Winning a Classical Scholarship to Braenose College, Oxford, he took Classical Moderations, but the war intervened, and he spent an adventurous and very dangerous two years in Greece, leading a raid on a German airfield which in 1944 won him the Military Cross.

In Oxford after the war, Fraser wrote a thesis on Hellenistic Rhodes, was appointed Lecturer and then Reader in Hellenistic History until his retirement in 1985, and was elected Fellow of All Souls, where he was highly valued. His publications were very numerous, and highly valued. His publications were his masterly Cities of Alexander the Great, exploring how we can know which cities really were founded by the Organisation.

During the same period he was appointed a Trustee of the City Parochial Foundation (1969), where he served for thirty years, acting for eleven of those years as their Chairman and Chairman of the Grants Committee, and during which time some £55 million was distributed to more than 3000 charities. In 1991 he was described as “a Chairman for Change”, his fellow trustees promoting the award of a fellowship to the University of California for the new Centre for Hellenic Studies in Athens.

We have received from Ian Coombs news of the death of Barry Pryer, who died in hospital in Perth, Western Australia. Barry suffered from emphysema and had been in hospital for about two months.

Barry James Keith Pryer was born in February 1925 and joined CILIA in September 1937, which was the occasion upon which he and Ian Coombs first met. The two then kept in touch as close friends for the seventy years following their entry to the School, and at Ian’s wedding in 1954 Barry was Best Man.

At school Barry made his mark on the cricket field as a spin bowler, and went on to win a Cricket Blue in 1944, at the end of his first year at St Catharine’s College, Cambridge, where he read Classics, gaining his degree in 1949.

Barry leaves a widow, Faye, to whom the Club sends its condolences for her loss. There were no children.

[Compiled from information supplied by Ian Coombs (37-40) and St Catharine’s College, Cambridge]

Sir Freddie Mason

We are saddened to report that as we go to press, new arrivals of the death of Sir Freddie Mason (28-31), Old Citizen and sometime President of the John Carpenter Club.

An appreciation of his life will appear in the next issue of the Gazette.
Sports Report

The Sports Committee reflects upon the year’s activities of the various clubs. Chris Southgate reports.

The Sixth Form Leavers’ Lunch was held in May, followed later in the month by a Sports Evening. Both of these events provided good opportunities for the boys and the JCC to meet. The Sports Evening was rounded off with a buffet and a few drinks on the Concours at the School. The Committee is grateful to the Headmaster and Corporation for our continued use of School facilities for Water Polo, Soccer, Badminton and other casual events.

The Eton Fives Club continues to flourish. This season the club has maintained its fixture list, and Home fixtures continue at present to be played at Westminster, Highgate and the new courts at Westway throughout the year. This year has again been a good one for OC players, with Nick Gill and Bobbie Friedman representing Cambridge and sixteen competing in the Adams Cup which was won by James Burke (at last) and Aidan King. Those interested in playing should contact John Reynolds (07980 844906).

The Cricket Club had an enjoyable 2007 season despite there having been far too much rain. But although the weather regularly intervened, a full season of fixtures was managed with more victories than losses. A further report for the 2007 season can be found in this issue on p.22. Match details are also posted on the Sports Pavilion of the JCC web-site, where all results, good or bad, are reported with amusing and informative commentary. The Annual Dinner this year saw a return to the Hop Cellars. The old venue again proved a success, where many familiar faces were to be seen.

The Swimming & Water Polo Club continues to participate in the Thameside League, and finished fourth in the First Division. Unfortunately they were knocked out in the second round of the Thameside Handicap Cup by a higher handicap team. The traditional triangular match against the School senior team and Otter was again won with a rematch in March between the School and OCs, in which the old boys, captained by Elliot Lever, won a very narrow victory. It has been decided that the OC Captain will be (whenever possible) the immediate past Captain of Fencing at the School. If things go to plan, there will have been, as you read this, a further match on 21 November, with another expected in March 2008.

Our thanks are again offered in particular to OC master-in-charge, Bill Ellis-Rees, for his enthusiastic support, and to all the School and OC fencers who turn up to a very enjoyable event.

The Sailing Club continues to encourage new membership under the guidance of Brian Day and Paul Tout, who this year enjoyed their participation in the annual City Livery Yacht Club Race. With school sailing interests gaining strength, it is hoped that a match will again be held against the School in the near future.

The Soccer Club is still operating. Secretary Robert Harris arranged an occasional game during the season, including the indoor tournament at the School. Members interested in future matches are asked to contact Robert at suithiskerb@hotmail.com for more details.

The Lawn Tennis Club remains eager to recruit younger players of reasonable quality to play in the occasional competition and social matches. Please contact Chris at: chris_southgate@btinternet.com

The Golf Society’s report for 2007 and its plans for 2008/09 are to be found on p.20 of this issue.

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The real star of the show, on a rare visit from overseas, was Robin Nagy, the master responsible for reviving fives at CLS at the turn of the millennium, pictured with some of the boys of that era whom he introduced to the game. (Left to right, the Wood Plate in front): Max Luck-Hille, Jonny Powell, Nick Gill, Alex Nice (front), Roman Heindorff (behind), Robin Nagy, Stephen Mullin and Dan Rose.

We shall hold the Adams Cup in late spring, to bring the season to a close. Anybody who would like to take part in the competition should contact John Reynolds: johnpatricksreynolds@yahoo.co.uk

Fives

Competition for the Wood Plate, and news of a visit to Provence. John Reynolds reports.

Roman Heindorff and John Reynolds earlier travelled to Provence to play for a side drawn from English clubs against a side from Switzerland.

They are pictured (right) at the back of the players who assembled for the occasion. The owner of the pair of newly built courts (including one with the buttress on the right side of the court), Dr Nigel Cox, is the one with the red gloves.

The club holds regular games for Old Citizens and friends. If you’d like to play in any of those, please contact Nick Gill: njtgill@googlemail.com

Pictured right are the winners of this season’s competition for the Wood Plate, held in the early Autumn as a season opener. Max Luck-Hille and club Captain John Reynolds, are seen receiving the silver trophy from former Captain, Geoff Bates. Max is the one with the hair.

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We publish the 2007 report that just missed the cut for our Autumn issue
— but first, John Featherstone gives notice of events for the 2008 season

Future meetings & matches

Spring meeting: New Zealand Thursday 22 May.
Summer meeting: Swinley Forest Friday 13 July.
Autumn meeting and Captain's Day: The Berkshire Friday 19 September.

We have again entered the Halford Hewitt, drawing St Pauls at Royal St. George, Sandwich on Thursday 10 April, with the civilised tee-off time of 11.50, the draw for which took place at the East India Club on Wednesday 9 January. We have high hopes this year with our more favourable draw, and as usual, players and supporters will all be most welcome. The dates for the competition will be 9 and 13 April.

The Cyril Gray competition, for the over 50s, will be held at Worplesdon Golf Club in June.

A July match against the School and Masters is being explored. Last year's event was a great success at Old Fold Manor. Further details will be circulated nearer the time.

A team of 6 has been entered for the Peter Feldman Trophy on 8 August at Highgate Golf Club. Doug Stoker kindly assisted by booking this match at his club. And we shall play the Old Paulines at Sundridge Park GC on 10 October at 9.30, followed by a meal. Last year's event was most enjoyable.

2007 Reports & results

Law Robertson Trophy
After a few years' absence from our fixture list a match was scheduled against the School and Masters for the Law Robertson Trophy. The match took place at Old Fold Manor on the 20 June, the introduction being made by Mark Breton who is a member at the club.

On the first tee the starter announced to us that the course was set up for the Open Qualifying, and in the event of a ball's landing in the rough it would be lost. This promise was implemented to our detriment! The OCCS team comprised our Captain, Martin Lester, together with Graham Savage, Barrie Savory, Alex Tapp, and John Featherstone. For the School, the Master in Charge of Sport, Matt Kerr, had cajoled three other teachers to play, and brought along Jamie K, Jamie S, Matt B, Chris P and Ed to represent the School.

The event was keenly contested. The scorers checked the cards, and the scoring system had to take account of the uneven numbers in the three teams. This proved to be far more complicated even than the Duckworth-Lewis method used in Cricket, but it resulted in the boys' winning the Cup by just a single point!

We had all enjoyed a good afternoon, and we hope to repeat at next year, when we will try to avoid the Open Qualifying setup, and win back the Cup.

Summer meeting
Our Summer meeting was held, as usual, at Swinley Forest GC near Ascot. The course was in good condition considering the recent heavy rain. The greens were true, but dappled and a bit slow. The day was very windy which affected scoring, apart from John Brennan who played very well. His early golfing experience playing the windy links of Royal Portrush has not been forgotten!

Spice Bowl
Winner: John Brennan - gross 79, off 13.
Runner up: Terry Bridle - gross 84, off 6.

Challenge cup
Winner: Martin Lewis.
Best guest: Barry Bardley 32 points.

4-ball 'betterball, Stableford'
Winners: Martin Lewis / Phil Leigh, 44 pts.
Runners up: Greg Matthews / John Brennan with 42 pts (tied with Stuart Courtney and Maurice Francis, but won with a better score on the back 9)

Captain's Day
Our final meeting of the year and Captain's day was held on 19 September at The Berkshire GC near Ascot. Martin Lester has been our Captain for the past two years, and his term of office concluded at this meeting, I would like to thank Martin for his generous support. I know the other members agree that he has carried out his duties in an exemplary fashion, including donating the prizes and seemingly endless bottles of port and wine for us all to enjoy with lunch. Well done Martin, and thank you. I am happy to announce that Mark Stockton has agreed to take over the role for the next two years.

The Society had returned to The Berkshire after an absence of many years, and it proved to be a popular choice despite the clash with the JCC Dinner. A couple of our golfers were duty bound to attend the dinner, but we still had 22 members and guests who enjoyed an excellent day at this superb venue.

Doug Stoker's guest, Barry Barclay, again achieved a lifetime first: a hole-in-one at the tricky 5th hole on the red course in the morning. Congratulations, Barry. This was duly celebrated, and is the second ace since Martin Lester managed this feat at New Zealand two years ago. This is quite exceptional for such a small society as ours playing comparatively few rounds of golf. (Perhaps one of our mathematicians would like to calculate the odds on a recurrence of this in the next two years.) The results for the day were as follows:

Captain's 'am' Prize:
Runner up: Martin Lewis.

Captain's 'pm' Prize:
Winners: Greg Matthews + Anders Baker, 39 pts
Runners up: Doug Stoker + Graham Savage, 38 pts

We share the results with the MCC Golfing Society and a number of cricketers were spotted, including Mike Gatting and Angus Fraser, but there was no sign of the new President, Mike Breetley.

Old Paulines
The final fixture of the season was the Match against the Old Paulines Golfing Society at Ealing Golf Club on 10 October. The first match had been played in 1933 when the result was 'all square'. I am pleased to be able to report that the Old Citizens team prevailed in the 2007 fixture by 3 matches to 1, although the result is less important than the enjoyment of the day.

We managed to field a full team of eight, and Geoffrey Nolan, their team manager, made our team most welcome with excellent bacon sandwiches and steaming hot coffee. The pairings were agreed. The course was reasonably friendly in that the fairways were wide with few bunkers protecting them. However, we had to cross the River Brent on eight occasions and the need to carry a golf ball scooper became increasingly apparent.

We all enjoyed an excellent lunch (with the occasional drink) and made many new friends. Greg Matthews shared with us some interesting information that he had gathered, regarding the last time this fixture had been played, just after WW2. I am sure that we shall try and continue with this fixture, particularly as the Old Paulines Golfing Society, like ourselves, will be celebrating their centenary next year. The individual Match results were (OC pairings second):

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This landmark is rapidly approaching, and bookings from members must be made fairly soon if we are to find a suitable venue and location in which to mark this special event.

Some useful and interesting suggestions have been received from members, and the consensus seems to be a two-day or three-day trip away in France. We now need some positive commitment in order to book tee-times and hotels. Members will be expected to make their own travel plans to get to which ever location is finally chosen.

The Old Paulines and Swinley Forest Golf Club also pass this landmark in 2009, so we might be able to arrange other events, but the trip to France would be our own main celebration to mark 100 years of the OCCS.
Results from the tail end of the 2007 season are reported here by Tony Sawell.

The year 2007 was generally another successful and enjoyable one for the Cricket club, with more wins than losses. The only disappointing aspect was that Allan had difficulty in the first half of the season with a shortage of available players, which made it a time-consuming job to raise sides. Steve Ringer was absent all season with a knee injury, and another regular, Richard Millett, received a shoulder injury early in the year which meant that he missed most of the season.

Later on we were pleased to have young players playing, such as Jacob Holden, Rohan Francis, Suleiman Farnuki and Mitsuh Patel. We owe thanks to Trevor Brooks for his efforts with the score book.

Alex Bennett was supported in his captniary by Richard Hillman, whose position as wicket-keeper enabled him to see play and offer some advice. Alex himself has adopted a short-run-up for his bowling which seemed to benefit as a result. Michael Shannon had to miss a bit of the season, but still managed to be the leading wicket-taker. Allan is to be congratulated for amassing 485 runs for his bowling which seemed to benefit as a result.

Inexplicably we did not bring Junky on to bowl until there was nearly a hundred on the board, far too late to save the match.

Goodmays: August 18th – LOST
Old Citizens: 144 for 6
Goodmays: 145 for 3
This was a 40 overs limit match. Goodmays bowled well on a dull day in poor light. Richard Hillman did well to accumulate 47 before being bowled, and Richard Saldanha and his brother Allan were the only other batsmen to get a start. Inexplicably we did not bring Junky on to bowl until there was nearly a hundred on the board, far too late to save the match.

Southgate: August 27th – LOST
Southgate: 214 for 4 dec.
Old Citizens: 125
Well beaten by our old friends and foes. Our opening bowlers, James in particular, bowled well on the Walker Ground. However, after being 56 for 2, everybody, especially the opposition, expected Junky Shannon to come on as first change bowler. Instead, we handed Southgate a big advantage by bringing on another bowler, then another, before Junky came on at number five. The score was about a hundred, with two batsmen well set, and our control of the game lost. Southgate were relieved at not having to face a bowler who has consistently worried them. A good batting effort from Allan and Bruce who put on eighty for the first wicket which was not sustained when Mike Knight and Saneet Hattara both failed, and we slid to defeat.

Bourne End: September 1st – WON
Bourne End: 129
Old Citizens: 132 for 1
Back to form for September with a deserved win at Bourne End. Our bowlers held control on a wicket where you need to work for runs. The home side put on 56 for the first wicket, although James bowled well without any wickets to show for it. Alex took 2 for 9 in a tight nine-over spell, and Junky took 3 for 12 and Tony 2 for 26. Overall our bowlers did well. Allan was part of another good opening stand, partnered by Jack Malnick who included some good drives in M25 and roads jammed all around it. Storrington batted on too long, so we were pleased to avoid defeat by batting out for a draw.

Tommy Bryant of the Junior Sixth was beaten into 2nd place by only one second in the 1500m steeple-chase while representing England in the Home Schools International Track & Field meeting in Newport, Wales, last July. Nevertheless, in this race Tommy achieved a PB (‘personal best’ mark, for the uninitiated) of 4m. 22.96sec.

Qualification for the event came from finishing in the first two at the English Schools meeting which had taken place a week earlier in the Alexander Stadium, Birmingham. The British Milers Club ranks Tommy as 1st U-17 in both the 1500m (4m 7.19s) and the 2000m steeple-chase.

Living in Totteridge and conveniently close to the great Shakesfiearn Barnet AC, where he is a member, Tommy does most of his training in North London, being coached at the club by Geoff Williams. He likes handling because he ‘seems to be uninhibited by the barriers’, which gives him that extra overall pace. But he also likes ‘flat’ running, at 400m, 800m and 1500m, and enjoys road racing and cross-country.

Tommy, now 16, came by accident to the sport of athletics when he was about 13, moving from Basketball and Soccer to the track. He is now a dedicated runner, and is considering Sport Science as a prospective degree. Loughborough: watch out! He is currently studying English, Drama, Biology and Mathematics at CL5, having achieved five As and four Bs at GCSE in summer 2007.

The next major event for Tommy to look forward to is the English Schools 2000m steeple-chase this year, for which he has already achieved the qualifying time of 6:07 — again, for the uninitiated, this is seriously quick.

Tommy was presented with his John Carpenter Club International tie at a School Assembly in the Autumn Term, and the JCC wishes him well for the future.
Roman Heindorff in action during the Wood Plate Tournament about to cut to Stephen Mullin.

(Report: p.19)