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Wednesday 12 November

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Tuesday 18 November

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Wednesday 26 November

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BACK COVER The victorious UK Real Tennis squad captained by Sam Leigh (46-54) (see p.16)

Future photographs

Members are encouraged to send photographs, which the Editor will print if space permits. They may be sent as 'chemical' prints or as uncropped, high resolution digital images.

Editorial

Paul Wickham's report on p.4, which he is able to give following a great deal of preparatory work by his sub-committee, reflects the General Committee's strong feeling that now is the time to bring closer together the activities of the Club and the School, for their mutual benefit.

As for sport, while the august Mr Asquith said in proposing "The City of London Schools" at the Committee Dinner in 1907: "...in those days we were saved from that idolatrous devotion to athletic pursuits which I still believe to be one of the greatest blots on the education system", the present Editor sees the Club's sporting activities as being, de facto, the chief basis of contact between OCs. He is therefore not alarmed that about a third of this issue contains reports from our constituent sports clubs. But if you are of the same opinion as Asquith, then you will have no reason to read beyond p.14, except to turn to pp.22-23 for appreciations of some Old Citizens whose lives have ended. And if you wish the balance of our reporting to change, then you have only to send us your contributions. A modern version of the example shown on p.11 would be most welcome.



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Reorganising the Club

The expression The Way Forward came out of nowhere some time ago as we began to feel our way towards a Club which spoke more of the 21st than the 19th Century



Paul Wickham

A small sub-committee of the General Committee, chaired by Paul Wickham, has been working to clarify some vague ideas that came originally from the General Committee.

These include: the need to enlarge the scope of the information that we have for all OCs; the need to make such information securely available with searching facilities via the web (rather than through an occasionally printed, alphabetically ordered membership list on paper); and the need to establish the funding arrangements that would enable all members of the School to become Life members of the JCC.

Liaison with the School

We enjoy a very good relationship with the Head Master, who welcomes our efforts to bring together School and JCC activities, while preserving their separate characteristics. The first step has been to make the City of London School website the single window onto our two 'worlds'. Those of you who have access to the web will see that the CLS website has as one of its components the JCC set of pages. These are still in development, but you should now be able to see them growing week by week.

There are also developments within the School, and when the Head Master, the Governors and the Corporation have concluded their own deliberations, that aspect of the joint development will also be reported here.

Communication

The only method that we presently have of communicating with the whole membership is 'snail-mail', which is complicated and costly. A website that provides a facility to inform members *en masse* is now vital. First, we have obtained the computing software necessary to run a modern database. Second, we have engaged the services of three 2008 leavers who are already gathering more information about OCs. Their work will enable us to add useful data to the new database, so be prepared for a phone call.

Of course, we shall take care that members who choose not to communicate with the world through

the web or the internet are not 'disenfranchised', so our use of paper is not yet finished.

Events

Our current sporting events work pretty well at present, because the different constituent clubs tend not to overlap very much. But our social occasions are a different matter, and we are beginning to experience clashes of date due to lack of coordination. So we recognise that a deliberate effort is needed to ensure that all social events are planned in relation to each other and with an eye on events at the School.

Action

Most of the changes that are envisaged can be made without requiring members' approval through a General Meeting. But if we find that changes to the Rules are required, then the Committee will make the proposals in the usual way in order to seek agreement from all the members.

The ultimate purpose

Our aim is to 'unify' the City of London family, in much the same way as has been done in other public schools and universities. The students on the one hand, and the alumni (or old boys and girls) on the other are clearly distinct subgroups of the wider family of 'Citizens'; but to keep them as separate entities is not only old-fashioned – it is, in the view of your Committee, unhelpful to the development of the full potential of the School and to the value of the Club, and this situation must be rectified. ■



PHOTO: A helpful passer-by

The 1917 Society

On the 90th Anniversary of its foundation, at a Dinner on 11 September at the School, the Society will again honour JMA Hannan, killed at the Somme in 1918



Martin Israel

The first tea-party

One Sunday afternoon late in 1918, AE Douglas-Smith (affectionately known as Diggle by his friends) invited Henderson, Irwin, Bartholomew, Redman, Coulson & Hawker to take tea at his home in Clapham. By the end of their meeting, they had resolved to form themselves into a Society in memory of their schoolfriend JMA Hannan, who had left the School in 1917 and had been killed in action in July 1918.

Max Hannan's death had come as a great shock to them and their motive in forming the Society was to ensure the continuance of the founder members' friendly links amongst themselves, and to bring what benefit they could to the School through that agency.

The Society's original Minute Book is still in use after 90 years! The minutes of the first meeting are short, simply listing those present, recording the Society's foundation and the appointment of the redoubtable Alec Coulson as its first Secretary.

The importance of mothers

The members began by meeting frequently, and always at a tea party during the first two years. The second meeting was on 17 November 1918, six days after the Armistice. The day chosen was a Sunday, as it was for many of the early meetings, and although the proceedings began with afternoon tea, there was always enough conversation to keep members going until the times of the last trains home.

It is plain that the progress of the Society owes much to the mothers of the early members for the hospitality which they so readily gave!

Evolution

At the seventh meeting, in March 1919, Diggle read an obituary notice of Max Hannan which he had prepared, and it was decided that this should be entered into the Minute Book. This is still read at our meetings, encouraging each member to recall the original reason for the creation of the Society.

As the 1917 Society evolved, it relied upon the initiative and control of boys still in the School, and upon a growing membership of Old Boys. These were the leaders of each generation, all having a high standard of interest in both the welfare of the School and how to serve its best interests.

By 1920, the Society was getting into its stride and business was transacted in a more formal manner. Meetings were no longer held in members' houses, the membership having become too large. Many were held in the School Library and a new format was introduced (followed for over 50 years) of holding termly meetings, when the proceedings commenced with tea and were followed by formal reports upon the state of the School from a team of the leading boys. As Alec Coulson wrote in 1968:

It was natural that the high pitch of enthusiasm of the early days should mellow into a deep and abiding interest in our School on the part of the succeeding members. Many of the schemes which developed from those early talks have reached fruition. The School's extensive new playing fields at Grove Park came in the early twenties. The School uniform is now standard and of a 'sombre hue', and the Prefects have their Room.

The modern era

We have now moved on 40 years, and we still hold annual meetings and dinners, attended by leading boys from School who give reports to the Society on School life in the 21st Century. And reminded by the obituary written by Diggle, we remember the life of Max Hannan, so tragically cut short by war:

After his tank had been hit by a shell he had gallantly got his crew together, and formed a machine gun post with his guns, when he and two of his men were instantaneously killed by a shell. No words can convey to those who did not know him what he was. Most of us at School do not need telling, for it seems that he was with us yesterday... He wrote home shortly before his death: "I don't think anyone has a right to mind being killed any more than one has to getting out at cricket." These are not the words of a reckless youth, but of a sportsman and a gentleman, with hopes and aspirations beyond this world...

The 90th Anniversary

At the School, on Thursday 11 September, there will be a 90th anniversary meeting and dinner for the 100 or so Old Citizens who are members of the 1917 society. Those who wish to attend should contact the society's secretary* for more details. The intention is to have the same menu as for the Golden Jubilee Dinner (right), but we think that the *Pouilly Fuisse* will need to be from a more recent year! ■

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So, where are we now?

RIGHT Finding lunch:

A semi-detached Brian Millo & Alan Willis follow the three JCC data collectors, Arthur Ma, Robert Lee and Andrew Atwell, who clearly have a Citizen's eye for a bargain

Three reunions

1. An adventure in Ireland – 48 years on

It was 9:10pm, and the June sun was only just setting. The evening was beautifully warm and sunny, and the view across the Shannon from Clare to Kerry was exquisitely peaceful. The only movement visible to the naked eye was the car ferry from Killimer to Tarbert, which had reached about the mid-point of its short journey across the brilliantly blue, glassy water; a journey linking two points about 85 miles apart by road.

My wife Carol and I (Brian Millo, 53-61), were coming to the end of a short break from planning this issue of the Gazette, combining general sightseeing and family research. This final visit of the trip had been rather special: a day with John McGeorge (50-60) in Doonbeg, County Clare.

Doonbeg is a small village on the west coast of Ireland, within a stone's throw of the Atlantic, in which John swims very early in the morning, nearly every day. We walked along the cliffs above the shore, where the visibility was good enough to see across the Aran Islands in Galway Bay all the way to the Connemara Mountains, and out into the Atlantic, where we could only imagine the next landfall: we decided that it was probably somewhere to the north of Newfoundland.

Along the way, we met many of John's friends, all of whom were ready to stop what they were doing and engage us in conversation about nothing in particular. This was Ireland, of course.

Since John and Brian last met in the Maths Sixth, 48 years had passed, during which interval John had read Mathematical Physics at UCL, served in the Royal Navy, taught mathematics and been a part-time farmer, breeding prize cattle. John is now an approved tourist guide in Ireland, specialising in taking groups of German visitors around many of Ireland's historic sites. John puts his fluent command of German down to the teaching of Cyril Bond, who had occasion to write to John "So all my effort with you was not entirely in vain!"

After a very full day during which we enjoyed the clear air and admired the wonderful scenery, we dined on a prime cut of fresh beef, and then said farewell to John, departing well in time for the last ferry across the Shannon to our B&B at Glin, very near the ferryport. As we sat watching the ferry, we began to realise that we were looking at the last one of the day. "Ah! A longish drive back to our B&B, then," we thought. But although we had plenty of fuel for the journey via the ferry, we had nowhere near enough for the route via Ennis and Limerick. Thanks to the helpfulness of the Irish locals, we made it back, arriving at about 11pm, only just after dark. Such is the effect of being 10.5°W.

This was John's first visit from an OC, and he says that he would welcome others. The address is easy to remember: John McGeorge, Doonbeg, Co. Clare, or johnedmcgeorge@yahoo.co.uk.

But if you do visit, you should remember that the last ferry across the Shannon leaves Killimer at 9pm sharp, and make sure that you have plenty of fuel, just in case!



Brian & John in the garden at Doonbeg. The Cliffs of Moher can just be seen to the left, across the water

2. Big turnout for Medics, Dentists and Vets

Nearly sixty OCs (and some wives, so how about some more next time?) who have trained as doctors and dentists attended a highly successful reunion at the School on Wednesday 16 April 2008, which was organised jointly between the Old Citizens and the Careers Department at CLS.

There was a wide age-range of people attending this very informal and convivial event. It was a pleasure to see some of our older consultants: Maurice Gross (1951), Martin Stanton (1950), Chris Lynch (1961) and Peter Mace (1970), and some of the ex biology teachers: Richard Pearce (1959) and Peter King. Also present was Stephen Cotton (ex Chemistry Department) and a good number of current science teachers.

Everybody was able to catch up with old friends, and we hope to have a meeting like this at least annually, building a database that can be used by Old Citizen Medics, Dentists and Vets for professional networking and socialising. Anyone who is interested in helping with such activities should contact Clive Pearce, Head of Careers at CLS (cp@clsb.org.uk), or Daniel Morganstein (d.morganstein@imperial.ac.uk).

If there are any medics, dentists or vets out there who were unable to attend this time but would like to be put on the contact list for information about future events please email us – we will be pleased to hear from you. (We have already heard from another twenty or so who could not make it this time.) All the photos of the event can be viewed at:

www.clsb.org/medics-reunion-2008

We thank Barry Darling and the catering staff at CLS for all their effort in making the event such a success. And we do look forward to seeing you next time.

RIGHT At Waves on the Beach, Frankston, Victoria, in April 2008: (clockwise from left) Stella & Tony(42-48) Hyde, John Treverton(44-48), Muriel Miller(CLSG 38-43), Jeremy Joseph(54-64), Dom Joseph, Sandy Miller, Betty Treverton, Nicky, Andrew(78-80), Molly and Emily Mackie



3. Australian OC families lunch in the sun



Miscellaneous News

Stringer switches to rackets

At the 2008 National Racketball Championships which were held at Edgbaston Priory Club, Birmingham in May, **Gordon Stringer** (49-57), playing in Worcestershire colours, was runner-up in the over-70 age group.

Gordon, previously a multiple Adams Cup Fives Champion, is pictured (*below, left*) with the Racketball winner, John Hart of Warwickshire. Both are receiving their trophies from Zena Wooldridge, Chair of England Squash.



Retiring dentist

Martin Dyer (58-65) has retired from clinical practice, having sold his dental surgery in 2003. He still works as an associate and adviser in various capacities, and he plays cricket regularly for his local travelling side – which also includes another Old Citizen.

Dangers of life at Marlborough

Reflecting on the sad news of the death of Barry Pryer, **John Moore** (37-40) was reminded that “Like Barry, I also joined CIIIA under JEB Marsh, together with Ian Coombs. [Later, at Marlborough,] there was a ‘flu’ epidemic, and I was one of the many to be confined in the temporary sanatorium which had been set up in the College gymnasium. Eventually I was sent home by my Form Master, Rev CJ Ellingham, to recover, and it was at home that I fell victim to meningitis.”

John’s parents then decided that he should not return to Marlborough, and he was sent in the following September to Bloxham School, from where he gained his School Certificate, leaving in 1941 and volunteering for the Royal Navy soon after.

Ronel Lehmann is still collecting money...

Arthur Carter, sometime mathematics master at the School, brought to your editor’s attention the Summer issue of *En Avant*, the magazine of the Royal Ballet School, which carries the accompanying picture on its back cover.

Appearing left of centre with Martin Fosten, the school’s Academic and Pastoral Principal, both encircled by a group of ballet pupils, is **Ronel Lehmann** (78-82).

The occasion was the presentation of a cheque for nearly £400, which the pupils

of the school had raised for the benefit of *Demelza*, a charity of which Ronel is chairman. *Demelza* provides hospice care for children, and is in the process of raising money to build a second hospice at Eltham, in South London.

Arthur adds a comment: “I fondly remember Ronel when he was the successful Chairman of the CLS Charity Appeal in 1981. It is pleasing to see that he is still engaged in charity work.” We respond “Hear! hear!”



... but Ben is hot on his heels — The 3-Peaks Challenge 2008

The CLS school charity this year is **READ International**, an organisation that arranges for surplus school text books to be shipped to Tanzania and the rest of Africa, where they can be reused.

To support the campaign three members of staff including **OC Ben Costley-White** (94-02), five boys and two parents will be attempting to climb Ben Nevis, Scafell Pike and Mount Snowdon within twenty-four hours, raising money in the process.

For more information regarding the charity or challenge, and for details of sponsorship, please visit:

www.justgiving.com/cls3peaks

The CLS 3-Peaks Team thanks you in anticipation of your enthusiastic support.

City of London Team to scale Three Peaks in 24 hours

City of London School Charity Appeal - Three Peaks Challenge
Each year the boys at CLS choose a charity for which they raise funds during the academic year. Last year’s charity committee presented Medicin Sans Frontières with over £58,000. This year the boys have chosen READ International.

On 13th and 14th July 2008, five boys, three teachers and two parents will be attempting the “Three Peaks Challenge”, which involves climbing Ben Nevis, Scafell Pike and Mount Snowdon within 24 hours.

Through their support of READ International the boys of the school, and the Three Peaks Team, are directly linking the City with an effective plan for education and development in Africa.

READ International (Recycling Education Allowing Development)
READ International is a student driven initiative in which university based Book Projects recycle surplus textbooks from UK secondary schools to Tanzania. Its student volunteers also give UK school presentations to promote student volunteering and global citizenship.

Improving Education
Tanzania is one of the poorest nations in the world. In the UK, nearly £2,000 is spent on every school pupil each year. This is compared to just £70 in Tanzania. Of this £70 only 30p is available for textbooks.

To date, READ Book Projects have donated 148,000 textbooks, worth over £1,600,000, to 140 Tanzanian secondary schools and five regional libraries.

“READ International’s basic strategy is both very simple and very clever: exploiting the waste of successful economies to help meet the needs of developing economies and communities. READ has had real impact serving a clear need in a very effective way. A brilliant first year.”
Phil Hope MP, Minister for the Third Sector (UK)

“It costs an average of less than 50p for us to send one textbook to Tanzania. The value of these textbooks in Tanzania is £11 each. This analysis underestimates the value created, as we do not attempt to quantify the costs saved through recycling resources, or economic benefits of our projects to volunteers, schools, and Tanzanian pupils.”
READ International Business Plan - 2007-2010

How you can help:
Contact Ben Costley-White at City of London School to make a donation to the challenge team.
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Old Citizen brings new trams to Manchester

Manchester is getting new stock for its tram system, thanks to **Edward Evans** (77-84) who led the commercial negotiations on behalf of *Vossloh Kiepe*, provider of all the propulsion equipment on behalf of the winning manufacturing consortium. The new trams (code named M5000) are based on those currently operating successfully in the German city of Köln.

The new M5000s have a top design speed of 50 mph, and may be coupled together during busy periods, so



Mancunian Old Citizens had better watch their step(s)! The trams can carry up to two hundred passengers and will have space specially allocated for wheelchairs, pushchairs and prams.

The propulsion equipment is to be delivered this year, with full delivery and acceptance of all the remaining equipment scheduled for 2009.

MetroLink trams run through Manchester City Centre, through Salford Quays and into Eccles; and through the suburbs to Altrincham in the South and Bury in the North. There will be further trams if 76km of new lines are laid to Rochdale, Droylsden and Chorlton.

Manchester is now the third British transport network (after London Underground and Croydon tramway) to build on the innovative traction technology of the specialist firm from Düsseldorf.

Antique OC cricketer?

The stylish Paul Atterbury, of the *Antiques Road Show*, is often asked “Where do you get your blazers, Mr Atterbury?” He is not, to the best of our understanding, an Old Citizen, so we might ask the same question, as the blazer seen here bears a striking resemblance to that of our Cricket Club!



Dunphy remembers Savory

Suffering from a sore back, **Michael Dunphy** (*below*) has been in touch via the web. He has come across *The Good Back Guide*, written by **Barrie Savory** (49-58), who “apparently is the best in the country in this particular branch of osteopathy”.

In the course of our correspondence it has transpired that Mike has run 1500m in 3m 58.8s, his other career bests including 1:58.9 for 880yds and 25:12 for 5 miles.

Mike has mislaid, perhaps lost, all his school photos, reminding us that such things bring back happy memories as the years advance. But he still remembers many good races at CLS. In particular he recalls the 1959 Inter-House Cross Country, when he, **Dick Batt** (54-59) and another “had an epic battle, with all three of us hammering down Court Farm Road on the approach to Eltham College. Great memories!” Great memories, indeed. Mike!



Entertainment for the Autumn — Details for each of these events will appear in the next Gazette

Financial Sector reunion

Keith Baker (53-61) and Dr Clive Pearce (Careers Master at the School) are arranging a reunion on **Wednesday 12 November** for all those involved in ‘the Financial Sector’.

This term is intended to include: Accountants, Financial Advisers, Stockbrokers, Investment Analysts, Bankers, Insurers... To your Editor the list seems endless!

We hope that this event will be even better attended than the medical party reported in this issue on page 7, so be ready for the call.

5th Lawyers’ Dinner

Following last year’s spectacular success, **Isaac Livne** (02-04) has arranged the fifth OC lawyers’ Dinner for **Tuesday 18 November**, securing as speaker **Sir Callum McCarthy**, who has been Chairman of the Financial Services Authority since 2003.

Sir Callum had previously been Chief Executive of *Ofgas*, and then of *Ofgem*. Demonstrating his political versatility, he had also been PPS to both Roy Hattersley and Norman Tebbit (but not, we understand, to both at the same time!)

AGM & Club Supper

This year’s AGM will take place on **Wednesday 26 November 2008**. The meeting will, as usual, be held at the School, and will be followed by supper, which is once again expected to be a fairly informal gathering with good food and even better company.

At the AGM the Committee will say more about the changes envisaged for the Club. We hope for a good attendance at that meeting so that your views may be heard and discussed. The Agenda for the AGM will appear in the next issue of the *Gazette*.

Recollections of Horace

In our previous issue we paid tribute to Horace Brearley, who died last year. Many boys at CLS learned much of their Mathematics from Horace, and three of those boys (all from the 1950s) relate their warm recollections of him.

from Terry Heard (53-59)

The time: 1957/58.

The place: probably Room 1.

The occasion: Horace Brearley teaching members of the Mathematics Sixth Junior, probably mechanics.

Mechanics is quite a difficult subject to grasp at the start, but HB had a knack for making it all seem straightforward and natural. Having explained a topic, he set us working on problems (quite possibly from Vol I of the excellent *Elementary Mechanics* by DA Quadling (CLS 35-43) and ARD Ramsey, which was published in 1957 – can anyone remember whether we really were so up to date?) and then he circulated among the members of the class to deal with difficulties.

Sometimes a particular problem stumped most of us, but someone managed to crack it. The solver would then be invited to present his solution to the class. I can't remember what the problem was on this occasion, but I was the one on the rostrum with the chalk in my hand. And it went well – I felt confident and managed to produce an explanation that was understood. So for the first time the idea came to me that teaching was something I might be able to do and to enjoy.

What I did not foresee then, of course, was that ten years later Horace and I would be colleagues, and that five years after that I would be his Head of Department. This could have been awkward for both of us, but Horace, who by then had his own responsibilities as Director of Studies, gave me loyal support, while not hesitating to bring some of my more fanciful ideas gently to earth with a quiet injection of Yorkshire sense. He was a great man to whom I owe much.

from Brian Millo (53-61)

I have to confess that while I recall clearly the mathematics lessons from CGN, REG and GBG, my mind is, surprisingly, quite blank in connection with HB. Except for the very beginning...

The occasion occurred in Room 4, during the winter term of 1953 when I was a very new boy in N2A, along with MWT and TJH. The specified period was Latin, but our Latin master, George 'nabo' Taylor (who was also our Form Master) was absent. In walked a master rather taller than Mr Taylor, and with a smile introduced himself explaining that he was replacing Mr Taylor for this period. I felt that the smile was a good sign!

"I understand that this period is supposed to be Latin. Is that right?" he asked in a north-country accent — in those days I could just about recognise north-country, but couldn't narrow it down any further.

"Yes, sir," we chorused.

"Well," Horace Brearley responded, "I don't know any Latin, but I'll teach you some algebra instead."

And with that, Horace Brearley opened just a tiny bit, but enough for me, a window on a mathematics that I had not known about. Before that, mathematics had been just sums, but this stuff was fun. So why have I no recollection of any of the later mechanics lessons that I must have enjoyed with Horace? I can only imagine that for me he had that extraordinary knack of teaching in a way that presents the subject matter interestingly and without intruding the teacher's personality.

Horace was another of those great natural teachers among the great cohort of CLS masters in the 1950s.

from John McGeorge (50-60)

I had a great affection for Horace. He was a very warm character, both as teacher and friend. He did not tell us how to solve a mathematical problem: he would solve it with us; as one of us; as our friend.

Horace displayed a pastoral interest in us, very important during our turbulent teenage years, and to me personally he showed great kindness after my father died while I was at school. He wrote me a lovely letter some 25 years ago.

Two events in particular stand out in my mind. After spending a very enjoyable weekend at the Brearley home*, I was in the front passenger seat on the Monday morning as we drove to Ealing station *en route* to school when, to my astonishment, Horace asked: "Mac, would you like to steer?" And that was my very first driving experience. We arrived unscathed.

In our class was the very talented hooker for the 1st XV: Fred Kaul. Fred's enthusiasm for rugby knew no bounds, but his enthusiasm for algebra was, perhaps, a little less conspicuous. On one occasion Horace asked Fred how he had got on with his homework: "I'm sorry, sir, I forgot we had algebra today."

Horace's response, with a knowing smile was: "Fred, do you ever forget your rigger boots?" Fred's silence, with a reluctant grin, said it all.

[* John was visiting Horace's son, Michael. *Ed.*]

News has just reached the Editor of the death of **John MC Davidson**, sometime teacher of Russian at the School. He was born 16 November 1932 and he died 9 June 2008. An appreciation of his life will appear in the Autumn issue of the *Gazette*.

Nearly eighty years ago

If you reside with or near other Old Citizens, you are encouraged to read the example here of something that was commonplace two generations ago, and to write to us with similar news.

The Cambridge Letter

To the Editor.

Sir, It is somewhat of a habit among unfortunates in my position to exclaim defensively that they are working. I make no such false claim for myself, and therefore reply cheerfully to your third (or is it fourth?) request for a letter and news. But you drive me too hard; it is not possible to write either well or long in the short time you put at my disposal. Ah, well!

Rowlands, whose pet name at the Hall is not suitable for your ears, still frequents Fenner's, and Smith still frequents the Cat's tennis court and the Pem. Our fraternity is represented on the river by Ross, Carnegie, and Carrington.

Engaged in less reputable pursuits are Barber, who plays golf with a handicap estimated by himself at 75, and Barron, who plays the saxophone. Fortunately the latter lives afar off. Holmes spends his time in telling other people that in virtue of their neglect of work they are blots on the landscape. Bowen shows himself but rarely; he is believed to be forming a Shakespeare Society within the walls of Magdalene.

Last, but not least – for is he not the ruler of our destinies? – Butterworth, who emerges from seclusion to perform his vice-presidential duties, presumably studies theology in the intervals that occasionally occur in the pernicious and almost perpetual tea drinking at Ridley.

This term we held, as usual, our Annual Dinner, when we were fortunate in having an old friend as chairman in the person of Mr. C. G. M. Broom. We also had with us from the School Messrs. Oakley and Sach. The police of Cambridge were (unnecessarily) doubled for the occasion. Barber suffered from a guilty conscience; meeting a pair of policemen, he was heard to remark "Good-night, Robert" in the singular number.

Before thinking of a veil wherewith to hide my nakedness, may I remind the School again that we are ten, and that eight of us are expecting to go down this June? The train service to Cambridge should no longer prove an inducement to seek inferior homes of learning, for there are now two excellent and inexpensive services of motor coaches. They will return you to Cambridge most deliciously late on Thursday and Saturday nights. I shall be glad to dispose of any further objections if accompanied by a stamped addressed envelope, or on personal application — And now, Sir, the veil is...

It was the practice many years ago for Old Citizens who were living near to each other to write to the *Gazette* with news of their ex-school friends. In particular, we received news-letters from what were then the three most common university destinations for CLS boys: Oxford, Cambridge and London.

This habit has fallen away, but to read those letters now, even without knowing the identities of most, or perhaps any, of the people mentioned, is a delight. It is the present Editor's hope that the practice can be revived, as has been done once or twice with newsletters from overseas in more recent years.

An example from 79 years ago is reprinted here (*Old Citizen's Athletic Union Gazette* for May 1929, Vol.26 No.78) to give readers some idea of the content and style of the period, and to encourage anyone in a similar position to give those of us who remain isolated and at home the opportunity to read of others' exploits. Of course, style changes, and no-one would wish to lay the dead hand of 'the past' on modern writers. But given the willingness and imagination to write the modern equivalent of something whimsical, the view through such a window on the world of the 'next generation' (or, for those even older, the next generation but one) would be worth our seeing.

As will be seen from this letter from 1929, particulars of the subjects' labours or diversions are neither required nor desirable, as the aim is merely to remind and to entertain the reader.

As a final thought, it should be pointed out that there is no difficulty about the writer's concealing his identity from the general readership – so long as it is known to the Editor. In the present example the writer refrained even from giving a pseudonym! ■

Two brothers — and was there one more?

“One of the many pleasures of working in the archive,” writes *Terry Heard*,
 “is that you never know what the post will bring.
 In February a photocopy arrived...”



Terry Heard, Archivist



...The photocopy was made from handwritten pages, some of which appear above. It had been sent by **Ms Susan Archer** (PHOTO far left), and it gave an account by her great-grandfather Frederick Mills of his early life, including his time at CLS from 1844 to 1852. TJH has transcribed the whole document, of which the following is an extract¹:

“Born in Trinidad of English parents (my father Henry James Mills and my mother *née* Elizabeth Ann Rix), like most creole children I was sent at an early age to England to be educated. A short period was passed in a Dame’s School (in the early part of the last century this being the only medium for the education of quite young children), this school was at Thetford in Norfolk and was conducted by a lady of education, although adversity had brought her low in the world’s opinion. Thanks to her care I was grounded in the fundamental rudiments of the English language. This I found useful to me, when I was taken to London and entered on the roll of Scholars of the City of London School.
 That school was under the Headmastership of the Rev. Dr Montimer, one of the purest and most distinguished classics of his day. In his Tripos year at Oxford² he was bracketted as First with the then Earl of Derby and one

other. I entered the school as a very youthful juvenile, clad as was the custom of those days in a short frock costume and an exceedingly large white collar. I remember well taking my place as the new boy and consequently the last of the class and of the School, then numbering some 7 hundred³. I need not detail how I passed through the curriculum of the school — subject of course to all the vicissitudes of school life and the stirring incidents that marked those days — notably the terribly severe outbreak of cholera in London which decimated many a home; the Chartist’s Processions and Riots which culminated in the school being temporarily closed and the boys one day sent home in small detachments under the charge and care of a stalwart retired soldier. I ultimately left the school third in the 1st [recte 6th] Class, having passed through every class both in the English and Classical divisions.
 Here I would bear record to the wise foresight of my valued Head Master, who made it a “*sine qua non*” that every scholar should be well grounded in the rudiments of English education before he passed to the study of the

¹ For the most part, the written text has been faithfully reproduced, but for greater ease of reading some small adjustments and ‘best guesses’ (where pages are damaged) have been made here and there.

² The Tripos being peculiar to Cambridge, Frederick Mills probably meant “his final year at Oxford”.

³ Frederick over-estimates here, there having been 450 boys when he arrived, and 600 when he left.

▶ *Classics.* By these means the pupils of those days at the City of London School were carefully taught Geography, Writing, Arithmetic and Elocution and by the same prepared to grasp the more severe culture of the Dead Languages.
 It has been my lot since I left School to mix with all classes and amidst these with men of the deepest culture, not only in England, but also on the Continent. I have never found the educational discipline, imbibed at the “City of London” to fail me and have often thanked my worthy “Head” of those days for the care which he bestowed on each individual boy. In the years which followed my school life there were the usual ‘ups and downs’ — probably more of the latter for somehow Fortune hitherto has withheld her smiles.”

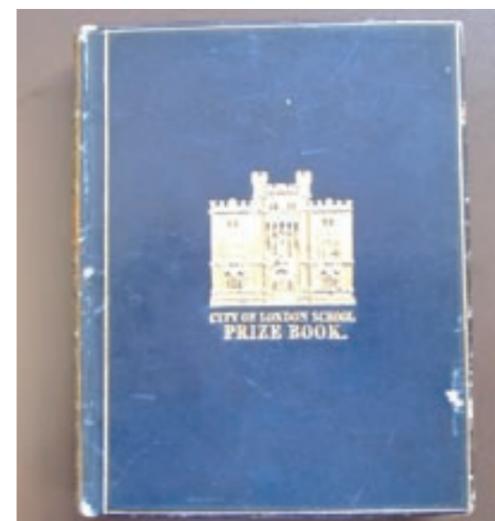
Naturally, TJH checked the records, and there he is:

Frederick Losh Mills,
 son of Henry James Mills of Port of Spain, Trinidad.
 Entered Autumn 1844, left Summer 1852.

He also had a brother at the school, about whom there is much more information:

William Woodward Mills,
 entered Autumn 1844, left Summer 1850.
 Holder of the Times Scholarship [at the School]

Wadham College Oxford B.A. 1854
 Assistant master North London Collegiate School 1854-55
 3rd Master Islington Grammar School 1855-68
 Priest 1858 [various curacies listed]
 Rector of Aylmerton from 1872
 Diocesan Inspector of Schools 1884
 Rural Dean of Repps [Norfolk] 1887-1914



In the large ledgers that we have (containing the School Account for each boy), we find for Frederick and William “Son of Mrs Elizabeth Mills, Windsor Terrace, City Road”, with the address crossed out and replaced by “Mr Sims, 83 Bishopsgate St Without”, who was presumably paying the bills on behalf of Mrs Mills.



Susan Archer

Next there came an offer in the post from an Old Citizen, the **Revd Geoffrey Breed (1935-42)**: would we be interested in some items he had found in bookshops some years before, including some early prize books? The answer of course was ‘yes’, particularly as the inscription in one of the books was “German Class/ July Examination 1846/ Prize/ to/ William Mills/ C.A. Feiling/ Master” [below].

So after 160 years the Mills brothers were clearly claiming our attention.

There are also two matching prize books, each handsomely bound in blue leather and embossed in gold on the front with the name of the School and the book’s title beneath an image of the front of the Milk Street building — something which has not been found elsewhere; they cost 7/6 plus 8/- for binding [perhaps totalling about £50 today? *Ed.*]

The books contain four works by de la Motte Fouqué, set in gothic type but printed in London in 1845; both are inscribed. So what did William do to deserve these? Luckily we still have the reports ▶



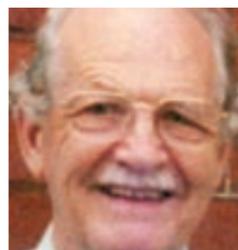
SUSAN ARCHER
 is the great-grand-daughter of Frederick Mills, one of two brothers who were at the School between 1844 and 1852

FAR RIGHT One of the two Prize Books given to the Archives by Rev Geoffrey Breed (35-42)

Golf

A reminder of next year's Centenary accompanies news from John Featherstone of the Halford Hewitt Cup and the Spring Meeting, plus remaining fixtures

► of the distinguished scholars who were engaged to examine the state of the School in 1846 (long before public examinations and league tables). The German examiner was Dr Bernays, Professor of German at King's College, London. He begins:



Geoffrey Breed

Gentlemen

I am glad to have it again in my power to report favourably on the state of the German class in your excellent school. The plan adopted by Mr Feiling is the only one which can never fail, viz: that of laying a solid foundation. ...

He continues at some length, approving of Mr Feiling's methods and of his organisation of the class into three divisions, and he ends:

To particularise a few names, I beg to mention

Of the first division: [five names]:

Of the second: Mills, Potter, Theobald (who began but a short time before Easter) & Vines:

Of the third: [four names].

Hoping I may always be able to report thus favourably whenever you may honour me with the office of an examiner in your school.

*I have the honour to remain, Gentlemen,
Your most obedient and humble servant
Adolphus Bernays Ph.Dr.*

Was this German prize a flash in the pan for William? And was Fred also in the running?

The answers are in the handwritten **Arrangements for the Annual Distribution of Prizes** which we have from 1840 to 1860, and which are more detailed than the printed programmes: in 1844, for example, Dr Bernays received £3-3-0 for his labours, and there was further expenditure of £13-4-0 on wine and £2-6-0 on buns and biscuits.

The Mills brothers have an impressive record. Fred "passed through the curriculum of the school" as a successful all-rounder, taking a prize every year:

- 1845 Writing Prize
- 1846 English
- 1847 Arithmetic
- 1848 General Proficiency
- 1849 Classical
- 1850 extra prize for Classical Proficiency
- 1851 Classical Proficiency
- 1852 Classical Proficiency

After his 1846 prize William continued to excel in German: in 1849 he was awarded Sir George Carroll's Medal for Proficiency in German, which was inscribed "Dem verdienst seine Krone Wilhelm Woodward Mills 1849", and in 1850 he took the top German prize and was awarded the Times Scholarship, worth £30 per year and tenable until taking a degree at Oxford or Cambridge.

Finally, in 1846 there is a mystery. Pasted into the prize notebook is a letter, the only one in all these books (see foot of column). It is to Dr Mortimer from Henry Manly, who was Writing Master for at least 35 years from 1837 (having walked from Somerset to apply for the post):

Sept. 17th 1846

My Dear Sir

John Mills of the 4th Class has the prize for Book-keeping awarded to him, which he did not receive at the distribution: through some mistake the book was not ordered. May I beg as a favour that he may have it given to him now. I should be very sorry to disappoint him as he worked very hard to get it, and his general good conduct is deserving of reward.

I am, dear Sir,

*Yours truly,
H. Manly*

The notebook records that Mills won this prize, his classmate JR Seeley taking the Classical and French prizes that year. But who was this John Mills? The only possible candidate is John Alfred Mills (no relation to Fred and William), but the School register and account ledger agree that he came to the school in January 1847, too late for this prize. So perhaps Fred and William had an elder brother who somehow slipped through the School's administrative net? We shall probably never know.

With all this assembled, Susan Archer came in to see the books and documents bringing with her the original manuscript, which she has now very kindly donated to the archive. ■



We have retained our usual meeting venues for 2008 and added some matches to our fixture list. These have been arranged for all OC Golfers, and everyone, of whatever golfing ability, is encouraged to come along and enjoy a day out with fellow Old Citizens.

We are privileged to be able to play on some of the finest golf courses in the south of England. Our meetings are good fun and you can be sure of a warm welcome. For more details about our fixtures, or if you wish to play in any of the matches, please contact the Hon Secretary, John Featherstone.

But first, an important reminder...

Centenary in 2009

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 them 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 OCGS.

2008 Reports & results

Halford Hewitt

The Society entered the **Halford Hewitt** which ran from 9 to 13 April. We were drawn to play St Paul's School in the first round at Royal St. Georges, Sandwich. Under the leadership of our Captain, Mark Stockton, we fielded an experienced team but unfortunately lost all our matches, two of them closely. Worthy of special mention were **Roger**

Preston who travelled back from Australia to play for the OC team, and the JCC President, **Bruce Todd**, who came along to lend his support.

As first-round losers we entered the **Plate Competition** at Prince's, losing to Sherborne by two matches to a half. In spite of the disappointment we enjoyed this unique event and look forward to our taking part again next year.

Spring Meeting

We enjoyed an excellent day at New Zealand Golf Club at the end of May, with 17 members and guests playing. The members competed for the **Pollard Cup**, which commemorates Arthur Pollard, Headmaster 1889-1905. The holder, and winner for the last two years, was Martin Lester, but a challenge had been sent out to wrest the trophy from Martin. **Greg Matthews** duly obliged, winning with a score of 39 Stableford points, our Captain, Mark Stockton being 2nd with 35 points. Greg's guest, Anders Baker, won the guest prize, also with 35 points.

After a substantial lunch, for which wine was generously supplied by our Captain, we played a more leisurely competition in the afternoon.

Future meetings & matches

July

The **Summer Meeting** will be held at Swinley Forest GC, Ascot, on Friday 11 July.

August

The Society has entered a team for the **Peter Feldman Trophy**. We will need a team of 6 players, the format being a foursomes Stableford handicap competition at Highgate Golf Club, on 8 August against other (mostly London-based) schools.

September

The **Autumn Meeting and Captain's Day** will be held at The Berkshire, on Friday 19 September.

October

Doug Stoker has kindly booked the match against the **Old Paulines** at his club, Sundridge Park GC, for 10 October at 9:30am followed by dinner. Last year's event was most enjoyable. ■



John Featherstone



GEOFFREY BREED
(35-42)

is a Baptist minister, church historian and author. He left the School from the Economics VI



THE OC GOLFING ASSOCIATION is enthusiastically looking forward to celebrating its centenary year in 2009.

Real Tennis

No, it's not a 'constituent club' of the JCC, but Masters Champions deserve proper prominence...



Sam Leigh (46-54)

From Sam Leigh, 14 April 2008

I am writing this report in the beautiful library of the *Racquet & Tennis Club* in Park Avenue, New York, reviewing in my mind the past two hectic weeks of team and individual events which make up the bi-annual Real Tennis Masters Championships. These are held on a rotational basis in London, Melbourne and New York where there are clubs with the two courts necessary for playing these championships.

The courts in New York are based in the Racquet & Tennis Club, which covers a whole block between 52nd and 53rd Streets facing on to Park Avenue. The building which houses the club was completed in 1918, and still has the aura of luxurious living of days long gone by, in which present day members are still able to indulge [two photos, *bottom right*].

The UK teams playing for the **Cockram Trophy** (over 50s), the **Bostwick Cup** (over 60s) and the inaugural **Danby Trophy** (over 70s) set off with high hopes after 3 months of practice and professional coaching. Having been beaten in the Cockram and Bostwick events in Melbourne, we wanted revenge.

After two days of practice, the UK Danby team, captained by this correspondent, had its first match against the Australians – a match which we won comfortably without dropping a set. The USA played the Australians on the next day and they, too, won easily. So the match to decide the first holders of the Danby Cup was UK v USA to be played on the third day of competition.

The Danby format was three double pairs. Your writer, partnered by Colin Dean, had a huge task against our opponents, legendary Pete Bostwick, a former World Champion [pictured with racquets, *top right*] and John Mclean, another icon of the Real Tennis scene in the United States.

In the first rubber, we lost the first set 4/6, won the second 6/4 and then won the final set 6/5 after having led 5/3. What a relief! To have any hope of winning the Cup this first match had to be won. And so it proved. The next rubber was the third doubles pairing which the Brits duly won, and despite losing the remaining rubber, we triumphed overall in the match by 2 rubbers to 1.

Our Danby win was complemented by wins for the UK teams in both the Cockram Trophy and the

Bostwick Cup. A clean sweep! But will we be able to do as well in London in 2010?*

The Tournament was hosted by a wonderful team of Racquet Club members with an abundance of cocktail parties, dinners and other social events making our stay in NYC a truly memorable occasion. ■

[*We expect no less. Congratulations! *Editor*]



PHOTOS: Sam Leigh

Fives

*A presidential first in **John Reynolds'** report on the Adams Cup and Kinnaird Cup competitions.*

The Adams Cup

We believe that this 2008 contest for the *Adams Cup* has been the first occasion in the club's history when a President of the JCC has competed in the event. The cup was first presented in 1928 by the widow of JE Adams, MS, FRCS (1888-95, *see cover*) in his memory, and it has been held as the Old Citizens' very own season highlight ever since.



Bruce Todd promised to play in his regalia, but in the event he wore his badge of office just for the pre-tournament photograph. It was a delight to welcome back **Jo Spencer** and **Mark Stockton** who have been abroad and away from the Fives scene for many years. And it was also a great pleasure to see **Saeed Hattea** (a world-class fast bowler in his time), who dropped by to say hello after an absence of a couple of decades.

Sixteen of us competed for the trophy – one of the most magnificent in Eton Fives – and it was won by **Max Luck-Hille** and **John Reynolds**. This pair, by coincidence drawn together for the second time in a row, had won the *Wood Plate* when it was held as the season opener back in the autumn.

As the Plate was originally intended as a consolation for first-round losers in the Adams Cup itself, and has only recently been given its own contest, this is certainly the first time a pair has ever held both.

The Kinnaird Cup

Earlier in the season, the club had three representatives in the amateur championship, the *Kinnaird Cup*, won by club members on 13 occasions in the past. This year **Spencer Chapman** (who had spent the season starring for league team North Oxford), **Nick Gill** (who had played for the Old Cholmeleians) and **John Reynolds** (a ringer for Old Westminsters) entered with various partners, but all failed to get beyond the second round.

However, the club was also represented in the festival held on the Kinnaird Cup weekend by **Max Luck-Hille** and **Alex Nice**, father-and-son combination **David** and **Rob Cooper**, and **Nick Gill** with his Cholmeleian partner James O'Callaghan who won the *Pepperpot* competition, thus ensuring the club didn't go the season without winning a trophy.

The club will meet again for the *Wood Plate* in the autumn. Until then we will be holding fours from time to time. If anybody fancies a game (probably at Highgate, Mill Hill or Notting Hill) he or she should contact either John Reynolds at johnpatrickreynolds@yahoo.co.uk or Nick Gill at njgill@googlemail.com ■



John Reynolds

TOP FAR LEFT David White, all smiles after an excellent competition

TOP LEFT Max Luck-Hille in possession of the trophy once again

CENTRE LEFT Before the competition

Standing: Saeed Hattea, Steve Kelly, Gordon Stringer, Bruce Todd (JCC President, wearing his badge of office), Jo Spencer, Mark Stockton, John Reynolds, David Cooper

Kneeling: Max Luck-Hille, Jonny Powell, Omar Hattea, Bobby Friedman, Nick Gill, Roman Heindorff, Rob Cooper, Dan Floyd, James Burke

BOTTOM LEFT A very alert looking Bruce Todd waits to pounce as Rob Cooper plays the ball



REAL TENNIS

is the game from which the modern game of Tennis is descended, and Real Tennis itself is said to have evolved, probably in the 16th century, from an earlier game like Fives

Cricket

The 2008 season is well underway, but here *Tony Sawell* concludes the report for 2007



Tony Sawell

The 2008 season got off to a cold but fairly dry start, and after losing our first match we enjoyed better success with other early games. After the AGM we retained most of the same officers of the Club, and we had our usual pre-season Annual Dinner at the Hop Cellars at London Bridge.

Lack of space in the last Gazette prevented us from publishing the concluding match reports and averages for the season, but they follow here. We expect this year's news to appear in the next issue of the Gazette, by which time there will be plenty to chronicle.

New players are always welcome, and interested OCs should get in touch with Allan Saldanha (020 8300 7114). All are welcome, regardless of standard, and we endeavour to ensure that everybody gets a game. Allan can offer help with lifts, etc, where necessary.

Final match reports for 2007

versus **Mayfield: September 7th** – WON

Mayfield: 107

Old Citizens: 108 for 9

A close low scoring game on a damp ground where we scraped home by one wicket thanks to 48 from Fahad Syed. James and Junky took three wickets apiece, and Nick Benardout bowled again for us. Mayfield batted for forty-eight overs. James backed up his bowling with two run outs, and Jacob Holden conceded only thirteen runs from nine overs. Fortunately, we got the runs in less than twenty-nine overs, because rain started as soon as the match finished.

versus **Aldenhams - September 15th** – DRAWN

Aldenhams: 162

Old Citizens: 133 for 9

Aldenhams lost their first three wickets for two runs, so we had an encouraging start on a rare sunny day. However, they are a strong batting side and a couple of them made sure of a decent total.

It was good to see Richard 'Birdseed' Millett back after a long spell off with injury, while Mitesh Patel, back playing after illness, made his mark by taking 5 for 33. Rohan Francis was another welcome addition. Our batsmen got themselves in but we needed a couple to go on for a big score to win.

Fahad got 34, Birdseed 29 and Rohan and Richard got out in the late teens. Earlier, James struck with one of his long range run outs.

versus **Maori Oxshott - September 16th** – LOST

Maori Oxshott: 191 for 4 (40.overs)

Old Citizens: 183 for 9

We won the toss and put our opponents in, bowling quite well to restrict their strong batting line-up to a reasonable total. Saeed took one particularly sharp catch in the slips. Our reply was not quite up with the run rate required but we finished only nine runs short in the end.

versus **Mountnessing - September 22nd** – WON

Mountnessing: 217 for 5 (40 overs)

Old Citizens: 220 for 6

A good match restricted to a maximum of 40 overs with plenty of runs scored on a sunny day. Rohan was our most successful bowler with 2 for 28 off his seven overs. Allan batted well to guide us to victory, scoring 70 to reach a difficult target, with batting support from Bruce, Rohan, Jacob, Richard H, brother Richard, and Alex.

versus **Botany Bay - September 29th** – WON

Old Citizens: 137 - 7 (40 overs)

Botany Bay: 136 for 7

Bruce (47) and Jacob (48) provided the backbone of the total, but we did not think we had scored enough, even though the batting conditions were not ideal, with murky light. The Bay seemed to be heading for a comfortable win, Michael Knight, Junky, and Suleiman Farrukhi had taken a wicket each but they appeared to be in a safe position and scoring at the required run rate.

Alex bowled the thirty-ninth over, and the batsman hit the final ball of the over for six, leaving just two runs to win from Birdseed's last over with plenty of wickets in hand. Up to that point he had bowled two overs, both maidens, for one wicket. The first delivery was a dot ball and the second bowled the batsman. Two to get from four balls. The third delivery was not scored from, and the fourth and fifth were also dot balls. Two to get from the final ball, and Birdseed hits the wicket. A great way to finish the season. ■

Batting

Name	Inns	NO	HS	Runs	Avge
Bruce TODD	9	2	47	252	36.00
Fahad SYED	4	0	48	133	33.25
Allan SALDANHA	18	2	79	485	30.31
Jacob HOLDEN	3	0	48	69	23.00
Richard HILLMAN	15	3	47	181	15.08
Rohan FRANCIS	3	0	18	35	11.67
Richard MILLETT	3	0	29	34	11.33
Richard SALDANHA	8	0	27	87	10.88
Michael KNIGHT	8	1	29	76	10.86
James GLEADOW	9	4	27*	46	9.20
Alex BENNETT	15	4	27	92	8.36
Saeed HATTEEA	4	0	14	31	7.75
Bill BARNES	7	1	15*	27	4.50
Ifti ISLAM	5	1	6	11	2.75
Chirag PATEL	3	0	4	8	2.67
Tony SAWELL	8	5	3*	6	2.00
John HARRIS	6	0	5	10	1.67

(Qualification: 3 completed innings)

Also Batted (Qualification 10 runs)

Ryan STROUD	1	1	65*	65
Jack MALNICK	1	1	64*	64
Andy MITCHELL	3	1	25	54
Howard ISRAEL	3	1	16	40
Len STOKES	1	0	24	24
Arsalan ZAMIR	2	1	17*	17
Mitesh PATEL	1	0	12	12
Suhail SHAIKH	2	0	11	11

Others

Mike Shannon
Farrukh Shaida
Bill Saunders
Krish Ramaprasad
Wikus Luus

Jack Kelly
Yousef Ramsan
Mark Signy
Jo Spencer
Nick Benardout
Suleiman Farrukhi.

Fielding

Allan SALDANHA	6	Bill BARNES	2
James GLEADOW	6	Ifti ISLAM	1
Alex BENNETT	5	Fahad SYED	1
Richard SALDANHA	4	Bruce TODD	1
Tony SAWELL	4	Mark SIGNY	1
Chirag PATEL	4	Saeed HATTEEA	1
Mitesh PATEL	3	Jo SPENCER	1
Farrukh SHAIKA	2	Rohan FRANCIS	1
		Wikus LUUS	1

Bowling

Name	O	M	R	W	Avge
Suhail SHAIKH	6.5	2	25	4	6.25
Mitesh PATEL	6.2	0	33	5	6.60
Mike SHANNON	113.1	19	310	26	11.92
Richard MILLETT	25	6	83	6	13.83
Michael KNIGHT	81.2	16	238	14	17.00
James GLEADOW	95.2	22	322	15	21.47
Richard SALDANHA	44.3	1	163	7	23.24
Tony SAWELL	75.1	7	292	12	24.33
Alex BENNETT	153	18	583	23	25.35

(Qualification: 3 wickets)

Also Bowled (Qualification 1 wicket)

Len STOKES	9	1	48	2
Rohan FRANCIS	17	2	60	2
Nick BENARDOUT	4	0	14	1
Suleiman FARRUKHI	7	1	19	1
Fahad SYED	2	0	23	1
Wikus LUUS	14	2	37	1
Jacob HOLDEN	21	4	64	1
Bill SAUNDERS	4	0	67	1

Others

Allan Saldanha
Richard Hillman

Mark Signy
Jack Malnick
Bill Barnes

Wicket Keeping

Name	M	St	C	Total
Richard HILLMAN	18	2	10	12
Jo SPENCER	2	0	3	3

Additional Notes

1. Mike SHANNON was top wicket taker again. He has now taken 968 for the OCs, and is fast approaching the magic 1000! James GLEADOW passed 150 (152).
2. Richard MILLETT bowled 3 overs 3 maidens and took 4 wickets, all without conceding a run, to bowl us to victory against Botany Bay in the final match of the season.
3. James GLEADOW made a habit of running out opponents with direct hits from the boundary onto the stumps.
4. Saeed HATTEEA took an excellent slip catch at Maori Oxshott. Richard HILLMAN has now taken 72 wickets behind the stumps (52 catches and 20 stumpings).
5. Allan SALDANHA has now
 - (a) taken 50 catches in the field,
 - (b) passed the 2000 runs mark for the club (2163) and
 - (c) increased his highest score from 70* to 79.



THESE REPORTS conclude the Cricket Club's season for 2007-2008

The Next Generation...



Bruce Todd, President

The School has recently produced some first class sportsmen, including steeplechaser Tommy Bryant, who was featured in Gazette No.292. We are pleased to report now on another three who have recently won distinction, all in different sports.

*We begin with **Toby Smyth**, the School's First XI goalkeeper, who is an England Independent Schools International. **The President, Bruce Todd**, presented Toby with a JCC International tie before asking a few questions:*

International Goalkeeper: Toby Smyth

Toby, why did you choose to be a goalkeeper?

I've always wanted to play in goal as long as I can remember. I would watch football on TV with my friends, and they would all want to play in the outfield and score goals for England, but I was different.

There's something special about making saves: it's completely different from the glory of scoring goals; you're almost the unsung hero.

Where did you start playing soccer?

When I was six I started to play for Wanstead Youth with my school friends, and stayed with them until I was 13. I then moved on to Ridgeway Rovers (once David Beckham's club) for a season. Then I moved to Snaresbrook, which is a semi-professional side in the Eastern Alliance, and that is where I play now. We won our league this year, but just lost in the Cup Final by 2 goals to 1.

How much time does soccer take up?

It does take up a lot of time. In all, I train five times a week, and I play for an adult team on Saturday and my own team on Sundays, plus the School matches as well. But I find soccer helps to break up the time I spend on school work and revision. It's something I really look forward to.

Has the School been supportive?

Yes they do help a lot – both in the coaching and being understanding about the time I've had to take off for tours and coaching. They've also assisted me financially which has been very helpful.

How were you spotted for international honours?

I was first spotted playing for the School against Chigwell. After that there were weeks of trials at Eton, and matches against teams like Newcastle and Blackburn. And then, luckily, I was selected to play for the national England Independent Schools team in the game against the North.

What's the worst thing about being a goalkeeper?

It's got to be when you make a mistake which leads to a goal. You feel a pain inside you that's terrible – your heart sinks and you feel you've let everybody down. It's very embarrassing. Luckily it's been a while since that's happened to me, but now I've said it, I'll probably make a mistake in my next match!

What's the best time you've had so far?

It was when we played against Poland at their national stadium, which holds 80,000 people – although there were only a few hundred there to watch us! It was brilliant. Bobby Moore had once played there, and Beckham played there the year before. The score was one all – their goal was a penalty. I went the wrong way!

Who is your goalkeeping hero?

Ben Foster of Manchester United. I've trained with him a few times - his technique is brilliant and he's a really nice guy. I hope he'll be England number one soon – he certainly should be.

Have you had any injuries?

I broke a bone in my wrist a few years ago, which kept me out for half a season, which was awful. And I broke my nose playing against Leyton Orient, which was painful, but I saved the shot!

Is there any competition for your place in the School side?

Yes there's a really good goalkeeper called Chris Pieri who is a friend of mine in my year who luckily I've kept out of the side so far. And a little OG boy came up to me after Assembly once who's very keen and asked me for some help on his technique, so I'm hoping that there'll be some youngsters coming through in the future.

Has it been difficult to balance your studies and sporting commitments?

At times it has been. I've had to be very disciplined about time management – but I've had very good advice about that from the School and my coaches ▶

▶ at the FA. And that's a skill that I'm sure will stand me in good stead in the future, whatever I do.

What do you do during the summer months?

I do play some cricket, but I keep up my goalkeeping and fitness training. There are FA courses and I also do footwork training at home. But I can be a bit lazy, I admit!

What happens next?

Well, I'm taking AS-levels this year, then A-levels next year, and I'm planning to go to university. It is possible that I'll be scouted by a professional team, and then I'll have to make a decision about what to do. But my Mum is very keen for me to complete my education, so that I will have something to fall back on if I don't play full time.

Goalkeepers have a reputation for eccentricity; do you think they're all mad?

Obviously, I don't think so, but I suppose it can look like it when we dive around at the feet of the opposition. But I've been doing it all my life so it's just natural to me. Probably some of my teammates do think I'm a bit crazy!

Thank you, Toby. All of us in the John Carpenter Club wish you success in both your sporting and your academic ambitions. ■

Demon bowler: Kyle Pittman, aged 13

One aspect of the Cricket Club's future might have been secured if the recent feat of **Kyle Pittman**, Year-8 pupil at the School is any indicator. Just before the Twenty20 blitz began this year, CLS was playing Haberdashers' Aske's Knights Academy.

Kyle's first over against Habs returned a mere two wickets, but his second over was better, with four – but no hat-trick! Then, in his third over, the demon bowler began with a dot ball, and proceeded to take the remaining four wickets.

"I just bowled them full and straight," said Kyle afterwards, and the scorecard supports that assessment: 10 for 1, of which 7 were bowled, 2 caught and one stumped; done and dusted in 17 deliveries. Well done, Kyle!

And we ought just mention that he had also scored 44 of the CLS total of 144... ■

World Class Epéist: Jonathan May

There has been no Fencing match this year between the School and the OCs. We hope to restart again in the Spring 2009 (or perhaps even this Autumn if we can find a space somewhere among all those Dinners!), but in the meantime there is a significant achievement to report.

Last year, your Editor was delighted to be able to present at the School a JCC International Tie to **Jonathan May**, who had won International honours in Epée. This year Jonathan went to Milan for the World Championships, as a representative Epéist of Great Britain.

His full report of all his matches is very detailed, and probably too technical for the audience of this *Gazette*, but anyone can appreciate the struggle he had during the last stages.

Jonathan had got through to the Quarter-Final and was fencing against an Egyptian, Ayman Alaa El Din Fayz, finishing 4-2 up in the first phase. In the second phase, Jonathan was overhauled by his Egyptian opponent, who then established a lead of 14-9. It was beginning to look bleak for Jonathan, who takes up the story in this way: "Desperate not to give up after coming so far, I pulled the score back to 14-13. Then a double hit [scored as a point against each fencer simultaneously] brought the score to 15-14, a loss for me."

Jonathan's opponent in fact went on to win the tournament, while Jonathan finished 5th overall. That's fifth in the World Under-17 Epée Championship. "Although I missed a medal," says Jonathan, "and possibly the title by only one hit, I couldn't be happier with this result!"

Well done, Jonathan. We know that ties are out of fashion, but we hope you will occasionally find opportunities to wear that JCC tie with pride. ■



LEFT Jonathan May (left-handed) scores a hit on his opponent in the World U-17 Epée Championship

Sir Frederick Cecil Mason KCVO, CMG, MA (28-31)**President 1979-80***Died 18 January 2008*

SIR FREDERICK MASON, OR JUST FREDDIE AS HE was generally known, distinguished himself as a diplomat, being appointed Ambassador to Chile from 1966 to 1970 and then to the United Nations at Geneva from 1971 to 1973.

Freddie Mason earned his embassies the hard way: by years of apprenticeship in consular posts and then in commercial departments, and it was these postings that laid the solid basis for his later life.

Born in 1913 in West Ham, where his father was a primary school teacher and his mother the daughter of a local merchant, Frederick Cecil Mason began his education at West Ham secondary school from where he went to the City of London, his grandfather helping to pay the fees. While at the School he was awarded a bursary to spend six months studying French and German on the Continent, and a year later he won an Open Scholarship to St Catharine's College, Cambridge, worth £60 a year. This sum covered only part of his costs, but help came from his grandfather's legacy, and he graduated with a First Class degree in Modern Languages.

After university, Freddie joined the General Consular Service, which posted him successively to Antwerp, Paris and the Belgian Congo. At Léopoldville (now Kinshasa) there were two institutions which catered for the social life of Europeans: the Belgian *Cercle* and the British golf club. As honorary secretary of the latter, Freddie quickly met most people of consequence.

For long periods he was in charge of this post, covering a vast territory. In 1939 he was promoted to consul and transferred to Elizabethville, Katanga. Hectic months ensued, as scores of German nationals fled into the Congo from Northern Rhodesia.

Returning to London in April 1940, Freddie Mason was ordered to embark with a party of 300 Royal Marines and occupy the Faroe Islands. This was to forestall a potential German invasion, following the taking of Denmark and much of Norway. As consul at Tórshavn, he had the task of persuading the Danish governor to accept British occupation. This involved such matters as changing the Faroese currency, adopting a new flag and reorientating the economy on British lines. Before the Royal



Marines were replaced by the Lovat Scouts, a score of them had married local girls. Freddie Mason did so too, marrying Karen Rorholm, the daughter of a Danish timber merchant.

In 1943 he was posted to Colón, Panama, as consul. There he found 20,000 British West Indian subjects with manifold problems. On one occasion he had to quell a mutiny on a Canadian freighter by having the violent crew arrested. By this time wartime reforms had amalgamated most of the overseas services, and as a result, Freddie Mason became a member of the Foreign Service and served as First Secretary of the embassy at Santiago and then Oslo.

In 1953, after a spell in the Foreign Office as assistant labour adviser, work took him to Bonn, Athens and Tehran. In the mid-50s he wrote in succession three Economic Surveys: first, of the Federal Republic, then of Greece and finally, with George Hiller, of Iran. These were published by HMSO, and became valuable guides for business.

Freddie Mason's appointment to Tehran as economic counsellor from 1957 to 1960 covered a period when Iran was developing rapidly. Many decisions were being made by the Seven-Year Plan Organisation under the leadership of Abol Hasan Ebtehan. Freddie gained in confidence,

and British exports thrived. In 1960 he was appointed CMG, and he returned to the Foreign Office for four years as head of the economic relations department. This was a busy crossroads in Whitehall for economic analysis and policy formation. In the mid 60s he was promoted to Assistant Under Secretary and served stints in the Ministry of Overseas Development and then in the Commonwealth Relations Office.

Freddie's successful four-year tenure as Ambassador to Chile culminated in a memorable state visit by the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh in 1970.

Freddie Mason was knighted in 1968, also receiving the *Grand Cross of the Chilean Order of Merit*. His final appointment as Ambassador was from 1971-73 as the United Kingdom Permanent Representative to the office of the UN at Geneva.

In retirement Sir Freddie was active as the UK member of the International Narcotics Control Board in Geneva, as a director of New Court Natural Resources in London, as chairman of the Anglo-Chilean Society and in 1979 he was elected President of the John Carpenter Club.

At about that time, he and his wife moved to the Hampshire village of Ropley, where he became involved in conservation and local history. In 1980 he founded the East Hampshire branch of the Council for the Protection of Rural England and, a little later in 1985, the Ropley Society, for which he wrote a brief local history, *Ropley, Past and Present*.

The Danish and Faroese governments arranged to celebrate in 1990 a special British week to mark the five years from 1940 to 1945 which the Faroes had spent under the Union Flag. Britain responded by sending to Tórshavn *HMS Brilliant*, complete with a Royal Marines band, the Ambassador in Copenhagen and the Mason family. At the celebrations, Sir Frederick gave a keynote interview to the BBC which described the uniquely friendly wartime occupation.

Sir Frederick Mason died on 18 January 2008 at the age of 94. He is survived by his wife, Karen and their two sons and a daughter, to all of whom the Club sends its sincere condolences. ■

[Adapted from an obituary in *The Times*]

The Club is grateful to Lewis Bell's two sons, Nigel and Chris, both of whom attended the School, for sending us this knowing appreciation of their father's enthusiasm for all things sporting.

LEWIS BELL, WHO DIED ON 18 NOVEMBER, joined the School in 1943, during its final year at Marlborough before it returned to the Embankment in 1944. He was the brother of Lionel Bell, who had come to CLS in 1942. Both brothers left the School in 1949, and Lewis spent time in the army before joining his parents in the family business of tobacco and confectionery.

Lewis' main activity at school was around the sports clubs – rugby, cricket and boxing keeping him away from academic work. And after his school days, sport remained his dominating interest.

As an Old Citizen, Lewis played a very active part in the OC sporting and social life. Retirement from rugby followed

several shoulder injuries, but it left him more time to concentrate upon developing his golfing skills. As chair of the Grove Park Bar committee he found a way of developing a keen interest in the drinking habits of groups of people, and this was to be the foundation for later life. Soon he also took up a similar position at local social club.

When the family business was sold it was inevitable that he would move into the hospitality world. To this end Lewis moved first to Devon and then finally to the *Coach and Horses* in Chepstow.

Here Lewis was certainly at home. The lord of his manor, conversation was never dull and often controversial, but the locals soon realised that he was never wrong – well it was his pub! A lot of Welsh people see Chepstow as a boil on their landscape, but Lewis was happy to have his English spot on that boil. He started the Chepstow beer festival, which year by year was

popular enough to see the closure of the road outside for the crowds to sample the array of beers that were loved and cared for to CAMRA recognition. And true to form, Lewis put out a pub rugby team which he managed to perfection.

Conversation never strayed far from rugby, and recent years were profitable for him in the banter stakes. I suppose he would have watched with distant relief in 2008.

Proud of his grandsons' achievements and happy to leave them knowing that the rugby tradition would continue with the older two grandchildren achieving county and international recognition and the youngest being the best under-6 tagger. 'He taught them everything they know,' and he knew that his work was done.

When the curtain finally pulled around his life the journey continued in his favourite England shirt, to the sound of *Swing low, Sweet chariot*. ■

Rev John Christopher Tadman (45-50)*Died 29 December 2007*

JOHN TADMAN ATTENDED THE SCHOOL from 1945 until 1950. Brought up in Beckenham, Kent, he was one of a number of City of London boys who daily travelled up together by train from Beckenham Junction to Blackfriars.

From the School, John went to the London College of Divinity. His first curacy was at St John's, Blackheath. But his service in the Ministry was affected by ill health, as he was twice diagnosed with tuberculosis, and then with cancer in the leg. Nevertheless, he served as the vicar of Fordcombe, Rector of Penshurst and then vicar of Felsted.

After serving as Chaplain of Warley Hospital, Brentwood, John retired in 1999 to Cheltenham in Gloucestershire, but even in retirement he was appointed joint priest-in-charge of several churches in the county, until the return of illness brought his ministry to a close.

John was always a keen supporter of the John Carpenter Club, and he particularly

enjoyed the Annual Dinners at the Mansion House. He was also a stalwart of the Old Citizens' Prayer Fellowship, and of OC Liverymen, being a member of the Guild of Scholars.

Under the encouragement of Bill Grain and Kenneth Mostyn, John not only participated in the activities of OC Liverymen, but also became a Freeman of the City of London, taking the Livery of the Worshipful Company of Scriveners, of which Bill Grain had been Master during the war in 1941-42. After his retirement to Cheltenham, we understandably did not see so much of John in the City.

At his funeral service, John was unsurprisingly described as a man of God, being good, gentle and kind, a man who had given his life to service.

John Tadman is survived by his wife Rosemary and their daughter Rosamund, to both of whom the Club extends its sincere condolences. ■

[Notice provided by Robert Millett (39-48)]

Roland Elliott Coats (30-35)*Died 1 January 2008*

ROLAND COATS WAS THE ELDEST OF THREE brothers to attend the school. Entering form C2b (Bunny Ross) in 1930 he left from Sc6 in 1934 to join the family business of glass craftsmen just outside the City boundary. At school he took a keen interest in rugger, and for over seven years was a regular participant in "Sach's Camp".

In 1938 he joined the Middlesex Yeomanry as a Territorial, spending the war years in the Middle East and Germany, and being commissioned at the end of the war in the Royal Corps of Signals. A regular player for the Saracens Rugby Club, he skippered the 'A' team.

Roland was dedicated to Rotary International becoming President of both Shoreditch and Enfield clubs. He also volunteered elsewhere, being President of the local division of the St John Ambulance Brigade for many years. In 1961 he became a Freeman of the City of London.

Roland died peacefully on the first day of 2008 at the age of 88. ■



The victorious British Team after the Real Tennis Masters Championships in New York in April 2008. Sam Leigh (46-54), Captain, is in the centre.

[See report on p.16]