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## Editorial

*In this, my first editorial, I feel compelled to reassure all of you who have written to me or called in support of the views expressed on page 6 of the Autumn 2010 issue (no. 298) about the future of The Gazette, that the JCC Committee has no plans to stop printing The Gazette, particularly at a time when our database of Old Citizens is still a long way from providing us with a complete record of OCs' up-to-date electronic contact details.*

*We have email addresses for only about half of you who receive The Gazette which means that the printed magazine is probably our sole means of communication with about 1,300 of you, so it would be imprudent to cease publication.*

*Aside from the practical issues, I am a fan of the printed page myself. A communicator at heart and by profession, I recognise the importance of embracing all means of communication, especially by an organisation such as the JCC which spans very many generations.*

*This is not to say that The Gazette was beyond a bit of a 'revamp'. Given that 2009 CLS leavers onwards automatically receive the magazine as Full Members, it is crucial that we produce a publication that has some appeal for all generations. So, a balance had to be struck – in terms of both content and presentation – and we hope that this issue goes some way towards achieving that goal. Do write or email your views to me at the address shown opposite.*

*K. G. Sage*



## Cliff Hampton takes over as JCC President

At the JCC AGM on 24 November 2010, Cliff Hampton (CLS 1954 - 64) (above left) was elected President, taking over from Richard Jones (above right). Here he gives a brief profile of himself and his plans for the JCC.

"From the age of 11 the City of London has been an important part of my life. I started at CLS in 1956 and was in the Economics sixth form, Head Boy in 1963/64 and later went on to Durham University to read social studies.

I was very keen on sport and played cricket, rugby and fives for various school and university teams. Eton Fives was my main sport and I was public school boy's champion (with Philip Hall) in 1963 and later won the Eton Fives amateur championship twice with Stuart Courtney.

My business career began with Spicer and Pegler, Chartered Accountants, and many of my clients were prominent City of London businesses in banking, shipping, stock broking and insurance. For three years I was the International Executive Director at the firm, travelling to over 25 different countries and in 1986 became the Managing Partner in New York. In 1990 I joined an Investment Banking boutique called Phoenix Securities and after a sale of the business was a Managing Director at Donaldson Lufkin and Jenrette. For the last 10

years I was Chairman of Lexicon Partners and have chaired other companies in insurance, real estate and tourism.

I am greatly honoured to be your President for this year and see the priorities of the JCC as follows:

- Ensuring that the momentum built up over the past few years is continued in order to make the JCC more relevant to all and particularly the younger members.
- Improving our communication with OCs through the development of the website as well as *The Gazette*.
- Continuing the excellent relationship with the school, Headmaster and senior staff.
- Reviewing our committee structure to make sure decisions can be taken in an orderly and timely manner.
- Supporting the development of the different "professional group" meetings and events.
- Conveying the benefits and relevance of the JCC to boys before they leave school.
- Supporting and encouraging the various sports clubs.

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## Graham Aaronson QC addresses Asquith Society Dinner

The Asquith Society, comprising Old Citizens who are among the City's most prominent lawyers and judges, gathered in January 2011 at a well-attended Dinner. Named in honour of the School's most famous barrister – and later Prime Minister of the UK – H. H. Asquith, the Society's Annual Dinners have become an event not to be missed. Since its early days under the leadership of founder Old Citizen Martin Day, and later under OC Isaac Livne, the Society has been addressed by many distinguished OCs such as Lord Lester of Herne Hill QC and Anthony Julius. Following an invitation by OC City solicitor, Ronnie Fox, this year's Asquith Society met at the exclusive Royal Automobile Club on Pall Mall. Founded in 1897 with the objective of encouraging the development of motoring in the UK, the Royal Automobile Club is one of London's finest private members' clubs. The Society convened at the Club's awe-inspiring Committee Room and, following a drinks reception, a delicious three course meal was served.

Several distinguished former Asquith Society speakers were in attendance at the Dinner, including Sir Callum McCarthy (former Chairman of the Financial Services Authority) and Sir Francis Jacobs QC (former Advocate General at the European Court of Justice) who was accompanied by Lady Susan Jacobs. The event was organised



(L to R) Sir Francis Jacobs QC, Lady Jacobs, Roxana Boldeanu and Isaac Livne

by OC Isaac Livne, a businessman, who was accompanied by Roxana Boldeanu (Miss Romania in UK 2007).



Isaac Livne welcomes the Asquith Society

Following the Dinner, Cliff Hampton, former Chairman of Lexicon Partners and current President of the John Carpenter Club, addressed the Club passionately on the extraordinary progress that the JCC has achieved, and his plans for it to build on that success under his leadership. He stressed that the Asquith Society is the model by which a number of other JCC professional groups are currently being formed.

a truly remarkable speech, which touched on a number of anecdotes based on personal experiences from his celebrated career. Graham practises commercial taxation at Pump Court Tax Chambers, and has extensive experience in both advisory work and in litigation through to the Supreme Court and the European Court of Justice. Having graduated from Trinity Hall, Cambridge, he was called to the bar in 1966 and became a QC in 1982.

Currently, his client base includes virtually every multinational with operations in the UK. His previous roles include Policy Advisor on tax reform to the State of Israel, Chairman of the Tax Law Review Committee and Chairman of the Revenue Bar Association.



Cliff Hampton, former Chairman of Lexicon Partners and JCC President addresses the Asquith Society

Graham Aaronson QC, one of the most renowned and recognisable barristers in London, then delivered



Graham Aaronson QC addresses the Asquith Society

## Old Cits sponsor third bursary boy

by Alan Willis (CLS 1961 - 68)

Thanks to the generosity of a growing number of Old Citizens the JCC will soon be sponsoring three boys at the School. We currently have one boy in the second year and one in the fifth and have confirmed to the Headmaster that we have sufficient funds to sponsor a third one from September. He has asked us to support one of the boys already at the school, a talented sportsman currently in the fifth form who for financial reasons would otherwise not be able to continue into the sixth.

Our two existing boys are doing well. The Form Tutor for the boy in the second year says in his December 2010 Report that he 'has shown so far during his time at CLS that he is capable of very high quality work.' Of the fifth form boy his Head of Year said: 'I am delighted to read about another excellent term for [him]. I suggest he sets himself the target of having his name read out at the next Prize Day at least once. The mocks should be a good goalpost for [him] to measure his progress towards a perfect haul of only starred results. Good luck.' Praise indeed, and the sort of reports some of us could only dream about!

### Giving something back

The Asquith-City Bursary Scheme provides financial support for boys with the talent but without the means to attend our school. The scheme helps to make CLS a uniquely diverse and special school and contributing to a Bursary is one of the most valuable ways we OCs can give something back -

especially if you were in receipt of a Scholarship or Bursary yourself.

Contributing is straightforward. You can give regularly, e.g. monthly or annually, or you can give a lump sum. For every pound you give we now get an additional 25 pence from the Gift Aid tax credit and the Headmaster then finds matching funds to take your £1 up to £2.50.



To provide the necessary £6,500 a year requires just 44 OCs to agree to pay as little as £10 a month for seven years.

Members who would prefer to make a lump sum contribution could give a multiple of £840 (seven years at £10 a month), and those who prefer annual payments could give multiples of £120 (twelve months at £10). Of course any other amount will also be most appreciated.

### It's easy to contribute

To make it even easier, we have recently added a 'Virgin money giving' button to the website through which you can make an immediate donation using your credit or debit card.

Alternatively, once you have provided for your family and friends, perhaps you would consider a gift in your will to support future generations. A legacy to a charity is very tax-efficient as such sums fall outside your estate for Inheritance Tax purposes.

Please help us gather sufficient funds to support a fourth boy. Full details can be found on the insert to this issue of *The Gazette* and on the JCC website in the 'Asquith-City Bursary Scheme' section.

## JCC launches new website

On 15 February the Club launched an updated website, [www.jcc.org.uk](http://www.jcc.org.uk), with a new design and an improved link into our online Members' Area, which is exclusive to JCC Members and Associate Members. As well as enabling you to update your contact and other details directly on to our alumni database, this Area allows you to search for former classmates on our database by name, occupation or the year they entered or left CLS. You can also look at our archive of photos in the Rogues Gallery and videos of Old Cits talking about their school days.

## Welcome to new members

The JCC would like to extend a warm welcome to the following new Full Members, who have either joined for the first time or renewed their subscription recently:

- Martin Peel (CLS 1981-87)
- Mark Goldbart (CLS 1976-83)
- Gordon Dearing (CLS 1941 - 44)
- Calver Townsend (CLS 1955 - 62)
- Alan Hutchinson (CLS 1946 - 51)
- Martin Estinel (CLS 1950 - 56)
- Robert Harris (CLS 1983 - 91)
- Crispin Allard (CLS 1979 - 87)
- Alan Karsberg (CLS 1980 - 88)
- Jonathan Ross (CLS 1979 - 86)
- Andrew Berman (CLS 1984 - 86)
- Malcolm Penny (CLS 1953 - 60)
- David Calver (CLS 1956 - 64)
- John Maclachlan (CLS 1992 - 2000)

## Economics VI reunion photo

I have received a number of comments regarding the identity of former pupils in the photo on page 7 of Issue 298, the Autumn 2010 edition of *The Gazette*, as follows:

Anthony Cowen, nephew of Victor Mischon writes: number 30 cannot be Victor Mischon as his uncle went up the classical side and was born in August 1915 so would have been 34 years old when the photo was taken.

Simon Wycherley writes: number 23 is my late father John Wycherley.

Martin Estinel writes: number 19 has been identified as Martin Estinel and number 17 as M. Epstein. Number 19 is correct as that is me, but at the time my name was Martin Epstein (changed in 1961). Could it be possible that unbeknown to me, I was sitting just behind my namesake on that far-off day in the Mecca Hall?

## Creative OCs get together



A lively group of 20 or so Old Citizens working in the creative professions and in architecture came together on 3 March for an informal networking evening at the School. Introductions from JCC past Presidents Bruce Todd (creative) and Brian Waters (architect) were followed by a tour of the school led by two senior prefects.



## Reunion at Oxford University

On 12 November 2010, about 20 of the 40 or so Old Citizens currently studying at Oxford descended on the Senior Common Room of Jesus College for drinks, nibbles and general chit-chat. There were many reunions of people who had lapsed out of contact with each other, and some genuine surprise at seeing one or two unexpected faces!

The event was especially useful for those who had just joined the University to see how many other ex-City boys are knocking about the place. It was also a great opportunity to ask for advice regarding module choices and clubs and societies.

Though such an event generally occurs once a year (if at all), the feedback was overwhelmingly in favour of meeting on a termly basis, and preferably organising more than just the one event: formal dining at various Old Citizens' colleges, for example. We are all extremely grateful for the hard work of Shahpur Patell (Home B ursar at Jesus College, who organised our exclusive surroundings) and Karen Sage, without whom the event would not have been possible. We are also very grateful to the John Carpenter Club for subsidising the event.

I hope this is the first of many Oxford Old Citizen gatherings this academic year, and am currently in the process of organising a joint event with the Cambridge Old Citizens. Watch this space.

*Alex Reut Hobbs (CLS 2001-08)*

## Want to know more about what's going on at CLS?

The news pages of *The Gazette* bring you some of the bigger stories from City of London School, but space prohibits us carrying all news that might be of interest to you.

The School produces two excellent publications called 'City Lights' which is published every term and 'The Chronicle' which is published once a year. The latest issue of 'City Lights' is available to Old Citizens on request. This publication, along with 'The Citizen', CLS's weekly newspaper, can also be viewed online on the School's website, [www.clsb.org.uk/publications](http://www.clsb.org.uk/publications).

If you would like a copy of the latest 'City Lights' contact the Alumni Relations Officer at tel: 020 7489 4766, email: [aro@jcc.org.uk](mailto:aro@jcc.org.uk).

# City fencing duo selected for GB squad

City of London School now boasts three fencing youth internationals, an unprecedented record, even for a club that has produced over the years several schoolboy national champions, and not so long ago the fifth best U17 epeeist in the world.

The two latest boys to qualify for the Great Britain fencing squad are Jack Horrix (pictured right) and Fahim Adam (right below).

## Jack Horrix

Jack trains at a club in Camden dedicated to sabre, a very fast weapon that differs considerably in style and technique from the disciplines of foil and épée. Achieving and maintaining his position at the top end of youth fencing means that he has to participate in a regular round of domestic competitions, and Jack has achieved excellent results on this gruelling circuit. Only recently, to take just one example, he competed in a major cadet tournament in Manchester, and came 5th against very tough opposition — and this result is not untypical. But easily his most distinguished performance in domestic sabre was his first place in the national age-group finals in May 2010, which gained for him the very impressive title of U16 British Champion. As well as his regular appearances on the competition circuit, Jack has represented the school with great distinction. He fenced in the annual quadrangular match in the Spring Term, fighting against boys many years his senior, and defeating them with a clearly superior technique, agility and sense of timing.



Success in school matches, though, is merely the background to his most significant achievement, which is selection to fence for Great Britain as a cadet sabreur. This is a privilege granted to only a few fencers — the very best and most highly-ranked in the country.



Selection for the Great Britain squad therefore places Jack squarely in the top echelon of young fencers.

## Fahim Adam

Fahim is a genuine, home-grown CLS talent. Although he currently trains at a top London epee club, he took his first steps on the fencing piste right here at school.

As a regular member of the epee squad, he has helped his team to beat old adversaries, such

as Highgate, and to improve CLS's performance in the annual quadrangular match against St Paul's, KCS Wimbledon and Epsom College. He has also made it possible for CLS to win the Leon Paul Team Epee tournament, and to gain a high position in the British Team Championships. This is exactly what a dedicated Captain of Fencing is called on to do.

At the same time, Fahim has competed with great distinction on an individual basis. He has achieved notable results over the years in the Public Schools Championships, and recently he qualified for the national finals of the British Youth Championships, where he represented the London region. But in order to gain the all-important ranking points on which qualification for the national squad depends, Fahim has entered even more challenging competitions, one example being the U20 British Selection events, at which the elite of the nation's fencers gather to fight it out.

Fahim now trains at Haverstock, a top London epee club. He trains with the likes of Jon Willis, currently Great Britain's number one men's epeeist, and recent winner of a prestigious senior world cup competition in Germany.

And so Fahim's crowning achievement — selection for the Great Britain squad — is the product of really determined hard work. Only the top dozen fencers in the U20 age group get invited to represent their country abroad.

Well done to both boys, who were awarded the John Carpenter tie in recognition of their international honours.



## World class piano for City

Wednesday 26 January proved to be a very exciting day at CLS. This was the day the School took delivery of a brand new Steinway 'model D' Grand Piano. This is the overwhelming choice of piano for concert artists and educational institutions throughout the world. It is synonymous with high quality, perfect sound and unsurpassed touch responsiveness. This instrument replaces the piano that was in the Great Hall, which was purchased 25 years ago when the new school was built. Director of Music, Paul Harrison (pictured), said: "We are so privileged that, through careful financial planning over the past five years, the school is able to secure an instrument of this quality for our most talented and promising pianists."

## Old Cits involved in careers workshops and placements

Many thanks to all those Old Citizens who have been playing a valuable role as careers advisors and offering work experience to City pupils and undergraduates over the past few months.

During October and November 2010, the School held three careers workshops for fifth and sixth form pupils interested in finding out more about the engineering, legal and finance professions. Six or more Old Cits attended each of these workshops, which comprised introductions by the panel of professionals, followed by questions and answers and then more informal discussions. Another workshop, aimed at would-be public relations and marketing professionals, is taking place at the end of March, at which Ronel Lehmann (CLS 1978 - 82) will be providing his expert advice.

Our placement programme is also gathering momentum, with Old Cits providing work experience placements for (at time of writing) 11 junior sixth form pupils in the finance, engineering, legal and medical sectors. We have also managed to secure work placements for three undergraduate former City boys with other Old Cits in the legal and finance professions.

Providing these opportunities for young Old Cits and current City pupils is hugely appreciated by the boys, their parents and the School's careers department, so many thanks once again to all those who have participated so far.

We are always in need of longer placements for undergraduate Old Cits, particularly in the finance sector, so if you can assist, please get in touch with our Alumni Relations Officer, Karen Sage.

## First CLS music trip to South Africa is a success

On 20 October 2010, 17 City boys, alongside teachers Michael Holiday and Paul Harrison, departed for South Africa with one goal in mind, to bring music to the schools of Johannesburg. With the Close Harmony Group, Big Band and a few solo acts including Tim Crawford on his violin, there was quite an array of City talent on show.



The boys performed five concerts in different schools and helped teach music to students as part of their outreach programme.

Tom Davidson, a trumpet player and part of the group that went to South Africa, describes how they were received at their fourth concert performed in the Masibambane College:

"The audience was captivated. They danced, clapped, performed Mexican waves and even chanted at some points to the song.

However, the showstopper of this concert was none other than Charlie McNelly, whose solo at the end of 'Heavenly' convinced the children that he was none other than Justin Beiber!

"The celebrity status we had achieved in the South African townships helped further animate what had been a very successful visit."

Bryan Bass died peacefully of cancer just before Christmas, at home in Putney, aged 76. His boyhood was not made easy by the turmoil of the war years, and his life at various schools was not always happy – of one he recalled that “anything that was not forbidden was compulsory...” From Wells Cathedral School he gained a place at Christ Church, Oxford, to read Music. Though he soon switched his academic study to English he remained deeply involved with music, singing in the Christ Church Cathedral choir and several others, and conducting his own male voice choir. This passion for music remained, and throughout his life he was involved with choirs, either as singer or conductor, with a particular love and deep knowledge of Renaissance and English Church Music. At his funeral in All Saints Church, Fulham on 11th January there was expertly sung music by Bach, Lotti and Byrd - how Bryan would have enjoyed that.

After Oxford Bryan taught English in a number of schools, culminating in twelve years as Head of English and then Head of the Modern Side at Manchester Grammar School. From there he moved to Hull, where he was Headmaster of Hymer's College for seven years before coming to CLS in 1990. His appointment at the age of 55 was a bit of a surprise (not least to him), but after the excitements of Martin Hammond's six years, including the upheaval of moving the school, a period of calm consolidation was good for the school. This is not to say that Bryan Bass was inactive. The list of changes made in his five years as Head is surprisingly substantial. The last remnants of streaming in the middle school were removed, and the grade card system introduced to keep parents more regularly informed of their son's progress. The curriculum was re-thought, both to take account of the new National Curriculum and to introduce Design Technology (in the newly completed building that Martin Hammond had fought so hard for) and Japanese. Sixth form timetabling was made much more flexible, with substantial options replacing the increasingly unpopular General Studies arrangements and anticipating AS levels.

Bryan had in earlier days played rugby and cricket at a high level, so it could not have been easy for him to grasp two difficult sporting nettles, but he did not shirk hard decisions. It had been apparent for some years that it was impossible for the school to achieve success in both rugby and soccer, and that City boys were literally voting with their feet. So rugby was abandoned above the Second year,

## Bryan Bass

CLS Headmaster 1990-95

JCC President 1994-95

Died 23 December 2010



by Terry Heard (CLS 1953 - 59)

and soccer soon began to flourish. Similar heart searching lay behind the decision to stop rowing. The Beaufoy Rowing Club, dating from 1859, was the school's oldest sporting institution, but falling demand, rising costs and the difficulty of providing qualified staff meant that it had to close.

Though the school had moved to splendid new premises in 1986, it had not kept pace with the computing revolution, and lacked adequate IT provision both for education and for administration. Bryan saw that this was a major problem, and after much discussion went wholeheartedly for the large scale solution of networking and servicing the whole school. He persuaded the Governors to back this plan, and then fought doggedly to obtain the necessary funding of about £¼ million from the Corporation of London. How strange it is to recall that, less than twenty years ago, there was only one administrative computer in the whole school.

Another achievement which delighted

***Bryan's family have asked that donations in his memory should be shared between the Bursary Funds of The City of London School and Hymer's College. Contributions for CLS should be sent to Phillip Everett, Finance Officer, at the School, with cheques made payable to The City of London School Bursary Trust. Please mention Bryan's name so that an account can be kept. Such contributions will attract matched funding from the Corporation, thus doubling their value.***

Bryan was setting up the John Carpenter Bookshop, named after the school's founder to mark the 550th anniversary of his death. This was entirely Bryan's idea, based on something similar at Manchester Grammar School. Luckily there was an ideal place for it, near the main entrance, in an under-used and murky space intended for sixth form coats. The old boys' and parents' associations contributed both funding and design expertise, and boy volunteers enjoy running it under the supervision of a professional manager. It serves all the components of the CLS family: boys, staff and parents. And it makes a small profit! In every way this was a brilliant innovation.

Bryan's style was traditional, the school master rather than the CEO of CLS plc. He loved to wander round the school and drop into lessons unannounced – his secretary would describe this as “going walkabout,” and it conveniently put him out of range of summonses from Guildhall. But for his colleagues he always had time to spare. A visit to his study would often produce not just wise advice about the matter in hand but also a wide-ranging chat, including amusing recollections told against himself with no consideration of rank or position. He had a great sense of humour, which sadly is not shown in the impressively dour portrait which hangs in the Great Hall.

Bryan believed in the school as a family community in which boys, parents, old boys, staff and governors all played important parts. He gave positive support to links with the home through the Friends of CLS. His fostering of co-operation with the old boys was recognised by his election as President of the John Carpenter Club for 1994-95. Bryan was a man of complete integrity and deep humanity. This was evident in what he said at school assemblies, particularly those at the end of term which can be so tricky to handle. He had the knack of speaking directly and sincerely about what James Boyes called “the intangibles”; his natural moral authority could make nearly 900 boys, eager for the holidays, pause to think about their ideals and responsibilities. He was quick to forgive anyone who did not come up to his high standards, but he never shunned saying what he thought, even if occasionally his acting skill played a part in heightening the impact of his natural indignation.

To Celia, their children Helena, Mary and Julian, and their grandchildren the Club sends it sympathy.

## Old Cit Michael Smith talks about his charity mission to Ghana



It was just after Christmas in early 2010 that I was left reeling after a diagnosis that a genetic condition was leading to the possibility that I may suffer a permanent loss of my eyesight. Dreams were shattered at an instant and years of study leading up to medical school seemed to be lost.

In mid-February over a coffee with Mr Baglin of CLS the idea of travelling was raised. Miss Eastman of CLS had been to Ghana several times and had fallen in love with the country after a chance visit in 2006. As one of the proactive people in my rehabilitation process (running and teaching) and after spending a lot of time with her I heard about the friendly people, wildlife, hardships and culture Ghana had to offer. The idea of going there now seemed very much a reality.

I researched the country thoroughly and was put in touch with a small but well run, organised charity called The Ghana Learning Project (GLP). The charity had started up less than

two years ago to bring shipments of second-hand school books to stock library-less schools in Ghana. Constructing and organising the libraries on a typical charity trip to Ghana is accompanied by teaching the children how to use the books.

The flights were paid for by my parents and other costs such as travel injections, anti-malarial medication, travel insurance and accommodation were covered by a Lord Mayor's Trust Scholarship (see picture below of me with my mother



and Col Ansell at Mansion House, receiving my Scholarship).

A shipment of six thousand books was sent to Ghana some months before to coincide with the team's arrival. This required each member of the team to chip-in for shipping costs, and with a fellow team member, Alice Clay, we held a fundraiser at CLS which raised over fifteen hundred pounds.

The 25th of June came around in a blink and before we knew it we were touching down in Accra after a six hour flight from London. Work started on the first Monday and over the next month it became obvious that a well stocked and well used library correlated to better academic achievement in exams and reading ability. We expected a more subtle difference in English ability around the country; however the gulf in ability is remarkable from an advanced competence vocabulary to not being able to spell out the simplest of words.

*(cont. on page 11)*

(Michael Smith cont ...)

In five weeks The Charity successfully distributed over six thousand books to nearly ten schools. School libraries had come to life and as a result hundreds of school children, who before had limited reading ability and few books, now have a new way of learning and hopefully future opportunities.

Those five weeks have changed the way I think and will hopefully make me more resilient and ready for any challenge.

***This is an extract. For a copy of the full article, contact the Alumni Relations Officer (see back page for contact details).***

Michael Smith (CLS 2007 - 2009) is currently studying geography at King's College, London University.

Having been introduced to Blind Football at the end of last year, he joined the Middlesex and Home Counties Blind FC and recently had his first ever county match. And what a debut! His stunning goal just before half time, enabled his team to beat Leicester 1-0 and secure fantastic reviews from those watching.

This is how the local match report by Middlesex County FA described his performance : "A watchable first half was brought to life shortly before half-time when Michael Smith picked the ball up just inside the Leicester half and advanced forward before hitting an early shot from just outside the area across the goalkeeper into the far corner; a fine way to announce yourself on your debut!"

And it doesn't stop there. Michael was 'spotted' at the match by scouts, and has now been invited to join the England squad this Saturday. Where to next Michael - The Paralympics? Fantastic stuff!

## The 1960 Society - half a century downstream

The 1960 Society is a group of Old Cits who left School as prefects in that year. At first we met annually, then erratically, now every five years or so. On 23 September 2010 we were welcomed to the 'new' CLS building by Ed Stroud, Head of School, and some of his colleagues. Later the Headmaster, David Levin, gave us a brief overview of City today, its achievements and aspirations. In the ensuing discussion, we learned how things have changed since our distant days on the other side of Blackfriars Bridge.

by Malcolm Penny (CLS 1953-60) walked up the steps.



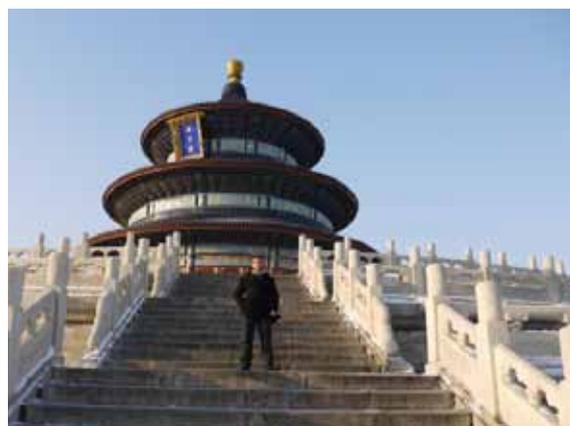
The 1960 Society comprises: Michael Apted, Hollywood film director; Brian Ash, QC, London barrister, and former television presenter; Paul Blackham, Director of Northampton Social Services; Derek Blackman, Professor of Psychology, Cardiff University; Michael Brearley, OBE, psychoanalyst and former captain of England cricket; Paul Bridge, Manager, Banking

Department, Bank for International Settlements, Basle, Switzerland; John Gray (deceased) industrial chemist, Director S E Asia, BP; Peter Levene, chairman of Lloyd's of London, former Lord Mayor, now Lord Levene of Portsoken; Alan Limbury, mediator and arbitrator, qualified as a barrister in London, practising as a solicitor in Sydney, Australia; Malcolm Penny, naturalist, wildlife television producer and script-writer; Colin Robinson, television producer, head of BBC Open University Production centre. We are all grateful, and proud, to be Old Citizens.

As Paul Blackham put it : "Particularly impressive was the way the school has adapted to the 21st century whilst retaining the same core values as when we were there. The sense of equality between the students from all faiths and backgrounds and the obvious rapport between staff and students was very apparent and very welcome."

And so we progressed along the Embankment and under the bridge to the old School. There were the great doors, just as we had left them. All our yesterdays came flooding back as we

***This is an extract. For a copy of the full article and more photos, contact the Alumni Relations Officer (see back page for contact details).***



**Alexander Upcraft** (CLS 1998 - 2005) (pictured left at the Temple of Heaven), recently completed a nine month course in Mandarin at the Tsinghua University in Beijing, China.

Alexander already has a degree in French and German from University College, London University.

## English Academy is launched

by Martin Estinel (CLS 1950-56)

After a 40-year career as a translator and some-time conference interpreter, and in view of the degradation of the English language and the teaching of it in Britain, I began to wonder why we English-speakers have no academy as do the French, Spanish or Italians (to mention just three of many) to safeguard our language.

In 2006, I discovered and joined the Queen's English Society, whose purpose is precisely the protection of the language, and exposed to them my ideas for an English Academy. After two years of persistent lobbying, I managed to convince them to host such an academy as an on-line venture on their website. I spent the next two years working on such a site and, in June 2009, an article appeared in *The Times* on the subject.

One of the main criticisms levelled at the Academy was precisely that it was hosted by the Queen's English Society, which has unfairly been the subject of scorn over many years. This reaction was redoubled on the announcement of the Academy. Consequently, the Academy has severed official ties with the Queen's English Society and has been reborn as the Academy of Contemporary English (<http://www.academy-contemporary-english.org.uk/>), thus stressing its modern approach to the language, breaking with any suggestion of snobbery or elitism. Another major criticism made was that the Academy was trying to "police" or "regulate" the language and it has become clear that unlike our Latin neighbours, the British do not take to that idea. We listened and learned and now we have adapted our purpose and present

ourselves as a "reference for good English usage".

The Academy is now being run entirely voluntarily by an Academy Board that was officially constituted on 25 September 2010.

The totally revised and updated site went on line on 1 December 2010 and with it comes an entirely new interactive feature that should contribute actively to helping people improve their ability to handle the language.

This test project was evolved some months ago but now, in the light of the recent announcements by the Coalition Secretary for Education, its relevance seems all the greater for, if the new literacy requirements have the desired results, we can hope to see new generations of literate pupils – and teachers – emerge from our schools and universities.

Where though does that leave those who had to suffer the shortcomings of the past 13 years? They will find themselves being edged off the labour market by their more eloquent/better/literate-educated colleagues. To remain competitive, they will have to "brush up" their English.

*This initiative may be of interest to many Old Cits who, as employers, are having problems with the poor literary standards of their employees. If they wish to encourage their staff to use these tests to improve their literacy level I would invite them to contact me, as Chairman of the Academy Board, either by phone on 0041 91 980 49 31 or by e-mail at either [academy@academy-contemporary-english.org](mailto:academy@academy-contemporary-english.org), [uk](mailto:uk) or my personal e-mail address – [mestinel@bluewin.ch](mailto:mestinel@bluewin.ch).*

## OCs in Israel

'Doing well by doing good' is an ideal many think about pursuing ... but OC **Michael Freedman** (CLS 1991-98) actually is working



toward the goal. After a decade in the City of London, Michael has opened a branch of his Asquith Venture firm in Tel Aviv. Thanks to the entrepreneurial

culture that has emerged in the Highway 2 Corridor between Tel Aviv and Haifa, Israel has come to be known as the "start-up nation". To help these innovative incubators evolve into sustainable enterprises, Asquith Venture is working to create a new sector in Israel's corporate finance markets.

Another Old Citizen, who is well established in Israel is **Geoffrey Preger** (CLS 1946-53), who has witnessed much of modern Israel's history ... and, as a movie-maker there for 30 years, has contributed to building the country's cultural archive of images and experiences. Recently, at his home in the coastal town of Caesarea Maritima, Geoffrey once again demonstrated the engaging repartee for which he has been known since his days at City.



In particular, Geoffrey described his efforts to film the 1973 Yom Kippur War and how he had to deal with both censors and snipers in order to get his footage to international broadcast media. Geoffrey also recalled his long-time friendship with OC Michael Fox, who, at the age of 70, began writing essays for the English language edition of *Ha'aretz* ... and he noted that these columns now have been turned into a book entitled, "Mountains and Molehills". Geoffrey would welcome the opportunity to hear from other OCs either living in or visiting Israel.

## John Gross 1935 - 2011

Although the details of the adult achievements of John Gross (CLS 1948 - 52) were described in great detail in every respectable newspaper following his death on 10 January 2011, little was written about his school days - probably because there are few people still alive who remember them.

John came to the School in 1948 and was placed in Classical 3A. He was a very quiet boy. He never raised his hand to answer a question, only replying when asked directly by the master, and that diffidently, as if embarrassed to show that he knew the answer; he did not play any sports; and in gym he faded into the shadows, as it were, hoping not to display his lack of physical proficiency. In short, he was not really noticed at all in the context of his form. He only started to be noticed when the end of term exam results were announced at Christmas and he came top in everything. Thereafter he commanded a great deal of respect from his class mates.

He came to the notice of the whole

school in the following term. It used to be the practice near the end of the Spring Term for the whole school to take part in a written general knowledge test, with questions supplied by the masters, ranging over a gamut of topics. There were two prizes on offer: one for the junior school, and the other for the senior school. One morning the Headmaster Mr Dale announced in assembly that Gross of Classical 3A had achieved the highest mark of any boy in the school.

He continued to win virtually all the class prizes for the next two years. In C4A I remember looking at a prize he had chosen for something or other and seeing that it was Bertrand Russell's *A History of Western Philosophy*. A cracking read for a 14-year-old. Most of us had only recently stopped reading the *Hotspur* and *The Wizard*.

In Classical 5A he must have done quite well in his 'O' levels, as he went straight from the fifth form to the History Sixth whilst we ordinary mortals went into our chosen Junior Sixths. After four months there he



obtained a Major Scholarship to Wadham College, Oxford, and left at the end of the Spring term, shortly after winning the general knowledge quiz prize for the fourth year running and without ever taking his 'A' levels.

So, in all, he was at the School for only three years and two terms. But he made an indelible impression on me. He is the only contemporary whose achievements I remember in such detail, probably because no other boy came anywhere near him in academic achievement in my time. In his memoir *A Double Thread* he says "I flourished at the City of London School." That's one way of putting it.

**Raymond Gardner (CLS 1947-55)**

## Stanley Ward, CLS Head of Classics 1957 - 61

Old Citizen Warwick Hillman (CLS 1954 - 61) writes: O.C. classicists will be saddened by the news that Stanley Ward, who was Head of Classics at CLS for the all too short period of 4 years between September 1957 and December 1961, died after a short illness last May 2010.

Stanley Ward came from a naval family in Plymouth, so it was almost fitting that his brilliant Cambridge career should be interrupted by war service in the Royal Navy, where he served both as an Ordinary Seaman and then an Officer on Atlantic Convoys, before eventually witnessing the surrender of the Italian fleet in Malta.

He came to CLS from Dulwich College, and was soon playing a full part in the extra-curricular activities as an Officer in the CCF Naval Section, a housemaster of Mortimer, a member of the School Choir and a regular referee at Grove Park.

Stanley Ward was a superb teacher and a delightful man of great integrity and learning, and all his former charges owe him an inestimable debt. We offer our condolences to his wife Mary and his son Chris for their great loss.

*Read this article in full at [www.jcc.org.uk/News/Earlier Obituaries](http://www.jcc.org.uk/News/Earlier%20Obituaries) or request a copy from the Alumni Relations Officer (see back page for contact).*

## In memoriam

Other Old Citizens who sadly passed away in the last few months, include:

- Kim Morell OBE, CLS 1933 - 39
- Bruce Pearce, CLS 1949 - 53
- Roger de Vere, CLS 1933 - 39
- Alan Wheeldon, CLS 1937 - 40

Obituaries for some of these OCs can be read online at [www.jcc.org.uk/News](http://www.jcc.org.uk/News) or you may request a copy from the Alumni Relations Officer, [aro@jcc.org.uk](mailto:aro@jcc.org.uk), tel: 0207 489 4766.

## C.E.B.'s 'Passage to Contentment'

*Cyril Bond, who died in 1980 aged 72 was known to many generations of Citizens and Old Citizens. He entered Old Grammar in 1921, and when he left in 1927 he was a Corporation Scholar, prefect, Captain of Mortimer, sergeant in the O.T.C., and holder of the prestigious Doncaster Scholarship for the study of Modern Languages at Magdalen College, Oxford. After Oxford he taught at Emanuel School, and was then appointed to the CLS. staff in 1936 to teach German with some French. During the war he served with distinction in the Royal Fusiliers. He returned to CLS in 1946 and retired in 1973. He was a long serving member of the JCC General Committee (President 1970-71), and for many years Secretary and then Chairman of the Masters' Common Room. In his retirement Cyril planned and began to write his autobiography; this was left incomplete in manuscript when he died, but his son Michael (CLS 1947-56) has transcribed it, and has kindly given permission for extracts to be published here. This first selection recalls Cyril's first four years at CLS; further instalments will follow. This account has had to be heavily abridged for reasons of space, but Terry Heard will be happy to send the full version (as a Word document) to anyone interested – please contact him at [archive@clsb.org.uk](mailto:archive@clsb.org.uk).*

From the day I walked up the front steps in late September 1921, to be greeted by the august figure of John Tollett the Head Porter (who for a brief moment I thought must be at least the Lord Mayor himself, so resplendent was he in his blue frock coat, gilt buttons and silk top hat), until I left six years later I was to be constantly in touch with men of outstanding character and quite exceptional teaching ability. Discipline was good, but never oppressive. I was aware that there were some miscreants in the school and that on occasions Dr.Chilton [Headmaster 1905-29] wielded the cane in no uncertain manner, but as far as I was concerned neither I nor any one of my many classmates during those years ran into any sort of serious trouble.

The relationship between masters and boys was excellent, though of course by present day [i.e. 1980] custom would seem unusually austere. No master would have dreamed of addressing a boy by his Christian name, and though masters had inevitably their nicknames boys were scrupulous in addressing them and referring to them in public by their titles. Dress was formal though not uniform — uniform was not introduced until Mr.Dale's time [i.e. from 1929]. The majority of the staff appeared in class in academic gown and mortar board, and it came as a surprise to find that the Headmaster had in fact hair on his head, for he was accustomed to remove his mortar board only on the rarest of occasions.

Teaching was mainly conducted on the Form Master principle, and in the Lower and Middle School Form Masters instructed in all subjects including Mathematics, though we were separately 'setted' for this subject. Promotion was termly and not annually, certainly for the upper half of each



class. Looking back I am quite amazed that those to whom my education was entrusted could make such a lasting impression within so short a period as twelve weeks — but the fact cannot be gainsaid.

I was quite convinced that engineering was eventually to be my subject and I therefore persuaded my father to allow me to transfer to the Modern Side, after my initial term in Old Grammar, rather than to continue up the Classical Side. My second term at the school found me in Arthur Orton's Modern New First and under his guidance I started to learn German.

The move from Old Grammar had meant my giving up Latin, a fact which was later on well-nigh to destroy any possibility of my getting to Oxford. But in that term, as in all other Easter terms throughout my time at the school, our English lessons were devoted entirely to the concentrated study of one Shakespeare play, culminating in three

fiercely contested competitions in each form in the school for one of the Beaufoys prizes — for recitation, for an essay, or for a thoroughgoing examination on the text. That term the set play was 'Twelfth Night'. By chance Balliol Holloway was then presenting 'Twelfth Night' at the Old Vic, and on Wednesday afternoon Mr.Farnell arranged for the whole school to go to a performance — one that has remained most vividly in my mind ever since. I learned the set passages for recitation with determination to try for the prize, and eventually emerged after a well conducted but arduous competition as runner-up. As time went on the special Beaufoys Prize Day held on the first Friday in June each year became for me the Day of the Year, not only because of the selection of the guest speaker, but also because of the passages chosen for dramatic presentation on the platform before the assembled dignitaries and parents.

A double promotion in Mathematics introduced me to F.W.H.Draper's set. He was at the time commanding the O.T.C. [Officer Training Corps] contingent and prominent in the organization and running of the school sports and cross-country races. His teaching was brisk and vital and I learned a great deal from him in that all too short Summer term. If anybody failed to do satisfactory work, talked in class or was late in producing homework, the standard punishment was to write out the whole of a French poem, 'Le petit Savoyard' —printed at the end of our standard French grammar. I remember Sammy Messer, a great chatterbox, picking up an incredible number of 'Savoyard' impositions, for every expostulation of his was greeted by Draper retorting "Three 'Savoyards,' four, five," etc., until the sheer enormity of the punishment silenced the hitherto ebullient Sammy.

# OC Eton Fives team rejoins National League

by Tony Sawell (CLS 1949-58)

The Old Citizens Eton Fives Club is experiencing something of a revival and has rejoined the National League after only playing friendlies for a decade. The heady days when Gordon Stringer arranged a massive 90 fixtures a season have not quite returned yet, but things are on the up, the club storming to the top of the third division.

The club also won the London Festival held at Eton and the Westway Sports Centre in November. Current CLS schoolboy Max Twivy and Cambridge half-blue Nick Gill showed great spirit to come back from 2-1 down against a pair from Shrewsbury and Lancing College. Club Captain John Reynolds reached the semi-final of the main tournament with a new partner - former Sussex cricketer George Campbell.

John Reynolds (CLS 1972 - 79) comments: "At present we are doing what we can to support fives activity at CLS through the efforts of Stephen Mullin working with the Director of Sport, Neil Cornwell.

"The school has a wide range of sports on offer, and some of the lesser activities have to rely on help from school staff. This is not easy if there is no-one with a passion for the game. Practical assistance is desirable to ensure the sport does not fall out of favour with no courts on the premises.

"Our club is in good hands with the drive of younger players coming through to help the established older players."

## Football

The OC Football Club has also got off to a good start, returning to its old home of the Arthurian League. We last graced (loosely) the league 20 or so years ago before having to drop out, but prior to that we were members for many years until World War II ceased play.



*The OCEFC team for the Eton Fives Association trophy: Sam Packer, Nick Gill, Mark George Jacobs, Roman Heindorff, Jonny Powell. Front: Stephen Mullin, Max Twivy.*

Robert Harris (CLS 1983 - 91), OC Director of Football, reports: "We are challenging for promotion in our first season with the lowest division in the Arthurian League.

"We have been able to use Grove Park for our home fixtures, and this is an excellent opportunity which helps continuity with the school.

"Currently we have a squad of 40 or so players, ranging in age from 18 to 38. Recruiting is active, because we are aiming to run a second 11 as quickly as numbers allow it. This will enable us to become a strong and healthy club and get established in the League."

*Full reports of Arthurian League matches are on the JCC website. Contact the ARO for printed copies.*

## Cricket

The cricket season starts on Saturday 23 April at Old Owens ground at Potters Bar. Richard Hillman (CLS 1986 - 93) comments: "Last year Alex Bennett's side had some ups and downs in an enjoyable season with moderate results. Michael Knight was

the big star of the show, topping both the batting and bowling averages, and even taking the most catches! It was not a modest season for him. We struggled for numbers on too many occasions, and need more regular players.

"Another bright spot was the progress of Gaj Srikanthan's batting; when brother Karthi was able to play we had a reasonable core of batting. We missed Junky Shannon's bowling for much of the season because of work commitments, but he should be available more this year which would add strength to the attack."

## Golf

Golf continues to be popular, and players are thriving and looking forward to the Halford Hewitt in April. Although we cannot aspire to winning the cup, at least in the near future, we have been knocked out by the eventual winners in the past, albeit in an early round.

*Full reports of all sporting activity over the coming few months will be included in the Summer Issue of The Gazette.*



# Events

## **14 April 2011 - JCC Entrepreneurs Dinner**

*1 Lombard Street EC3V 9AA*

The cost is £35. Dinner limited to 40 people.

Contact [clsentrepreneursclub@googlemail.com](mailto:clsentrepreneursclub@googlemail.com).

## **18 May 2011 - medical professionals gathering**

*6.30pm, City of London School*

If you would like to attend this FREE event, please contact Alumni Relations Officer, at [aro@jcc.org.uk](mailto:aro@jcc.org.uk), tel: 020 7489 4766.

## **26 May 2011 - CLS leavers 2004-2008 reunion**

*6.30pm, City of London School*

This is a FREE event. Contact Alumni Relations Officer, [aro@jcc.org.uk](mailto:aro@jcc.org.uk), tel: 020 7489 4766.

## **9 June 2011- cocktail reception for OCs who started at CLS in 1984 - 89**

This event is to inform Old Citizens about planned activities for the 25th anniversary of CLS's opening at its current site. Contact Alumni Relations Officer, at [aro@jcc.org.uk](mailto:aro@jcc.org.uk), tel: 020 7489 4766.

## **21 - 23 June 2011 - CLS Lower School Drama Production, 7.00pm (Tues,Thurs) 4.30pm (Wed)**

## **28 June 2011 - CLS Lower School Concert 6.00pm, Great Hall, City of London School**

## **5 July 2011 - CLS Summer jazz evening**

*For ticket information about School events, please contact the Alumni Relations Officer, at [aro@jcc.org.uk](mailto:aro@jcc.org.uk), tel: 020 7489 4766.*

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### **City of London School term dates**

Spring term 2011  
Tues 11 Jan - Fri 1 Apr  
(half-term 17-18 Feb)

Summer term 2011  
Wed 27 Apr - Fri 8 Jul  
(half-term 30 May - 3 Jun)

Autumn term 2011  
Tues 6 Sept - Fri 16 Dec  
(half-term 24- 28 Oct)



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