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Editorial

Our first Old Citizens' reception in celebration of the School's 25/175 year anniversary, last October, was a huge success, with more than 120 OCs attending (see page 8). If you missed it, don't worry, there are two more coming up in March and July, to which all OCs are most welcome. Terry Heard will once again be giving his talk about the history of the school and tours will be available, along with a slide show of photos from the relevant decades.

As well as producing probably more than its fair share of lawyers, doctors and financial professionals, City of London School has always had strong musical connections and sporting traditions, which are reflected in the careers chosen by some talented Old Citizens, whose stories appear in this issue (see pages 10 - 12).

Music also features strongly in the JCC and School's Spring and Summer programme of events this year, which includes a fundraising concert by Old Citizen Robert Cohen in February (page 7, 20) and two School concerts in February and March. Do try and come along to at least one or two of our events. Many are free to attend and they're a great opportunity to catch up with old friends.

Many thanks to those of you who have been able to offer short work experience placements for 5th and 6th Form boys. As always, these are greatly appreciated and we will be requiring more as the year progresses.

Finally, I wish you all a healthy and happy New Year and I hope to see at least some of you during the coming months.

K. S. Sage



David Walker (left - profile in Issue 301) is elected JCC President at the AGM on 23 November 2011. The outgoing President, Cliff Hampton (right) welcomes him to his new role.

Farewell to the OC Prayer Fellowship (1936 - 2011)

By Philip Camp (1944 - 52) and John Martin (1945 - 53)

Starting in the time of Dr Chilton there has continued to be a Christian Society in the School. In 1936 the Old Citizens' Prayer Fellowship was formed under the leadership of Hugh John to help the former members of the Christian Society to keep in touch and pray for one another. The OCPF members realized that they had a responsibility to pray for the spiritual life of the School as well. These two aims have been our *raison d'être* for 75 years.

Mr Oakley, senior classics master, had an amazing capacity for keeping in touch with former members of the Christian Society and bringing news of them to the regular meetings. These meetings were always preceded by an excellent tea in the masters' dining room in the Mecca. It was the privilege of the secretary of the Christian Union, as it came to be called, to attend these meetings to give news of the activities of the CU. I remember notable Old Citizens at these meetings. Rev Donald Lynch, Director of the Church Army, was among them. He became President of the JCC. Canon RWF Wootton was also a notable churchman in the Midlands, especially in relating

with the Asian community. He had distinguished himself at school by remaining in the classical sixth for five years! Bill Young is our oldest member (mid 90s). He played rugby for Scotland as well as serving as a missionary in Africa.

After Mr Oakley's long innings - 50 years as student and master - the leadership of the OCPF passed to members living in the London area who could attend meetings and keep in touch with members. This has not always been easy and John Gray and Roger Gooderidge did excellent work (1988-2003). It was during their time Mr Boardman (father of Mark and Luke) was welcomed at our meetings. This helped to point the way forward to the changes now taking place with OCPF joining hands with parents of boys concerned to pray for the spiritual life of the School (see story on page 5).

We are aware that there has been a strong Christian tradition in the School and we pray that we may be able to help in preserving it. We are always very pleased to welcome new members. We are glad to be able to record God's faithfulness over these many years.

JCC Events: Autumn dinners

1917 Society

By Malcolm D'Aubney
(CLS 1957 - 64)

If you take a look at the (newly re-bound) Minute Book of the 1917 Society (which contains the minutes of the Society from the date it was formed in 1918 to the current date) and read the ideals which prompted its foundation, I think you would be moved, impressed and shocked.

Max Hannan was an Old Citizen who had barely left School, when he was killed in the First World War. He clearly made his mark at the School, so much so that a number of his CLS contemporaries wanted to commemorate his memory in a fitting manner. They came up with the idea of a Society, which would embody his ideals, and ensure they were maintained by pupils *and staff* at the School. This would be achieved by regular meetings with senior boys and staff.

Over the years, this has been expressed by meetings of a number of OCs, who are Society members, with the present leaders of the School – normally senior prefects and, sometimes, members of staff. It should be stressed that the spirit of the meetings has always been constructive interest in contemporary life at the School, not a desire to interfere!

And, in a 21st Century context, the inheritance of those first members is alive and well. At the 93rd AGM of the Society held at the School on September 12th, we heard from three members of the School Officer Team, who form the five 'Wise Men' – in other words, elite Senior Prefects. And very impressive they were – not only did they give us a wide-angle snapshot of the present-day CLS, but they did so with an assurance and thoroughness that would put many an older and

more experienced speaker to shame. After they had given their presentation, they coped splendidly with a range of questions from a number of members, and then joined us for a convivial meal in the staff dining room.

We are very grateful to Martin Israel, who keeps the Society running towards its centenary, to Barry Darling for arranging and supervising the food and wine, and not least to our speakers, who kept us so well informed and whom we hope to see again next year as the Society's newest members.

Legal & Finance



The Asquith Society (OC lawyers) and the OC Financial Services Group convened at an historic and memorable joint dinner on 7 November at the awe-inspiring Worshipful Company of Bakers Hall.

Following the dinner, the Past Master of the Worshipful Company of Bakers, Alan Willis, addressed the group on the fascinating history of the Company. The group was then addressed by the honorable guest of the evening, Alison Carnwath, Chairman of Land Securities PLC, the UK's largest property company listed on the London Stock Exchange.

The event was organised by businessman Isaac Livne, investment banker Cliff Hampton and City solicitor Martin Day.

If you would like to be invited to

future events of the Asquith Society or of the OC Financial Services Group, please get in touch with Isaac Livne (for contact details, please email Karen Sage at aro@jcc.org.uk).

Full story in News at www.jcc.org.uk

Cruising & Sailing

By Brian Day
(CLS 1950 - 56)

Members of the OCCSA had a delightful dinner at the magnificent Wellington Room at the Royal Automobile Club. It was organised by the City Livery Yacht Club, of which Brian Day is a member.

The members included Robin Guilleret, Paul Hinds, Chris Benn, Jonathan Markovitz and Brian Day.

The dinner was excellent and those attending expressed the wish to meet again.

Brian Day and Paul Hinds subsequently met at the City Schools Freemen's Association's attendance at the Lord Mayor's Show, which was followed by lunch in the City.

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:

- R Senator (CLS 1938 - 44)
- C R Bryant (CLS 1944 - 48)
- Malcom Jones (CLS 1942 - 50)
- Paul Baxter (CLS 1978 - 83)
- Zachary Segal (CLS 1987 - 95)
- David Sonn (CLS 1974 - 80)

Letters ...

Leon Israel

It was with the deepest sadness that the brethren of the John Carpenter Lodge learned of the death of one of the stalwarts of the lodge, Leon Israel.

Anyone who has visited the lodge in the past 20 years will appreciate that the highest standard of ritual and work has directly resulted from the care and hard work Leon has dedicated as Director of Ceremonies and Preceptor (teacher) and will understand how he will be missed.

Four brethren of the lodge attended the funeral at Willesden cemetery in order to pay a last sad tribute to departed merit, particularly paying respects to Leon's youngest son Howard who has attended the lodge as his father's guest for many years.

Leon and Howard were last able to visit us in March 2009 and there is a picture of Leon in the splendour of his London Grand Rank regalia on the club website – we are sure that its very presence watches over us and ensures that standards do not drop.

A full eulogy and silent prayer in tribute of the life and work of Leon was the first order of business of the lodge at its meeting on 14 October.

Our thoughts and best wishes go out to Elizabeth, Martin, Howard and Gary.

Mark Jacobs (CLS 1972 - 1979)

Work Shadowing at Johnson Matthey

By Cumar and Logan Vasudeva
(CLS Senior 6th Formers)

Last summer, on the week beginning 22

August, my brother and I started our work-shadowing placement at the Johnson Matthey engine testing plant in Royston. During this placement, we shadowed the TC3 Engine Test Team, headed by Kenan Sager, an Old Citizen. The work undertaken at Johnson Matthey regards catalytic converters, and the team is responsible for running engines which test the durability and efficiency of the converters.

Throughout the week, we saw the work of an engine test engineer, and how it affects the design of the latest catalytic converters. They have many duties, ranging from maintaining engine test cells - cells in which engines sent straight from the manufacturer are fitted to a dynamometer and monitored, to running tests that can vary in length from 30 minutes to several hours. In addition, we saw the entire catalyst development

site, including the scanning electron microscope used

to analyse the catalysts in very small scale, the chemical labs where catalysts are created, and the vehicle test bays where vehicles themselves are run on a rolling road with the converter fitted to them in the final stage of the testing process. This was an eye

opening experience and a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to see how a world-leading company develops a new catalyst, from the design phase to the final testing phase to large scale manufacturing in factories.

Can you offer work experience for a CLS Sixth Former?

**If you can, please contact the Alumni Relations Officer
know: Tel: 0207 489 4766, Email: aro@jcc.org.uk**

The week was an incredibly enjoyable experience and gave us an opportunity to experience a field of engineering and see the inner workings of a business that otherwise would have been impossible to access. We have to thank the school for giving us this rare opportunity, and Ms Sage and Mr Sager for arranging this placement.

Launch of CLSPF Spring 2012

By Alistair Gledhill (2001 - 8) and James Wells (2001 - 8)

At the meeting of the OCPF in September it was agreed to wind up the prayer fellowship as it currently stands and to relaunch a new group which will be open to parents, staff and boys as well as Old Citizens. The new "City of London School Prayer Fellowship" has a first meeting scheduled for Tuesday 27 March 2012 at 7pm at St James's Church, Garlickhythe which will be hosted by Rev Guy Treweek, who is himself an Old Citizen. The purpose of the group will be to pray for the School, for its pupils, its teachers and its wider community – including old boys.

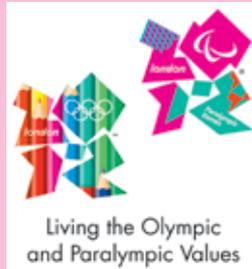
We left the School in 2008 and we are pleased to be able to play a part in helping to establish this new prayer group. If you would like to contact us please ask the Alumni Relations Officer for details of how to get in touch.

City joins the Get Set Network - much in store for London 2012

by C J Smith

City's sports teacher on secondment to the Olympic Boroughs

At the beginning of the academic year of the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games, the City of London School has joined the official London 2012 education programme. We are delighted that we have now been recognised by the London 2012 Organising Committee as a school that is demonstrating its commitment to the Olympic and Paralympic values, and have become a member of the Get Set network.



The Get Set network is a special community of schools and colleges which are demonstrating a commitment to the Olympic values (friendship, excellence and respect) and the Paralympic values (inspiration, determination, courage and equality).

We applied to join the Get Set network so that we can bring the once in a lifetime opportunity of staging the Olympic and Paralympic Games in London closer to our school population and associated communities.

In our application we stressed that the Olympic values of respect, excellence and friendship are the values and principles which define the kind of school that City of London School is. We are one of the most culturally and ethnically diverse independent schools in Great Britain and our make-up reflects the broad range of backgrounds to be found in modern London.

There are a number of exciting initiatives planned for the academic year of the London 2012 Olympic

and Paralympic Games and we intend to support as many as possible. Being accepted as a member of the Get Set network makes us eligible for a number of exciting rewards from London 2012, including free tickets to the Games!

We are now allowed to use the London 2012 logo on our publications and we are eligible for our share of the 175,000 tickets which have been set aside for British school children. City has also registered for teams of 16-18 year olds to become "Young Games Makers" – a scheme which allows boys to help out behind the scenes at the Olympics and thereby attend on four days.

We will have Olympic themed sports days this summer and the whole School will have an "Olympic Week" in late June which should see every academic department marking the occasion of the Games appropriately and engagingly.

City boy benefits from sailing bursary

In August I was lucky enough to receive a bursary from The Guild of Scholars to attend one of the Rona Sailing Project's weekly courses. I had never sailed before so was a little apprehensive at first, particularly as I didn't know anyone else on the yacht. However, I quickly realised that everyone was as nervous as I and we were 'all in the same boat'.

It was a great experience in more ways than one: I learned all about the physical aspects of sailing and they taught me everything necessary to achieve my competent crew status. This allows people to see what I am able to do if I want to sail again. I also learned about day to day life on a boat - cooking, cleaning and working as a team in order to get as much done as possible in

by Harry Bradord, CLS 5th Former



a limited amount of time.

Throughout the week we sailed to many different locations including Alderney, Weymouth, Poole, Portsmouth and the Isle of Wight. My personal favourite was Alderney because there was a festival going on and we got to sit and enjoy the fireworks! We were trying to sail to France but a force six gale in the English Channel prevented us getting there. Sailing through the gale was terrifying and turbulent – something akin to trying to steer an out-of-control roller coaster!

Overall it was an amazing experience, culminating with a last night BBQ directly under a very picturesque Spinnaker Tower. It was a great way to end it all and I can't wait for my next voyage out!

6th Former awarded JCC international sporting honours tie



On Monday 14 November Noah Reich (pictured above, middle, with Gary Griffin, Second Master, left, and David Levin, Headmaster, right) was awarded a John Carpenter Club International Honours Tie for his membership of the England Under 16 Independent Schools Football team.

Over Easter Noah Reich was selected to join the England Independent Schools U16 team on tour in Finland. The highlight of the tour was a fixture against the Finnish U16 team which was the first of their season to be played on grass and was followed by the

by Jonathan Santry,
CLS PE Department

national press. The team lost 1-0 through an impressive set-piece but the standard throughout was excellent. Noah was awarded man of the match in their final game on tour against a regional academy side.

Noah is a great example to all footballers at the school. Not only is he very committed to all training and matches at school but he has always played for a club outside of school to support this. His hard work led to him being selected as a regular in the 1st XI as a 5th Former. He is now a very key member of the team.

One Flew over the Cuckoo's Nest

by Zach Weisz, CLS 6th Former

This year's Senior CLS drama production was the play 'One Flew over the Cuckoo's Nest', which played to full houses from 28 November to 1 December.

Published in 1962, and adapted to the stage the following year, the title really became a household name after it hit movie theatres in 1975. Starring Jack Nicholson, the film won all five major Academy Awards that year.

Sixth Former, James Waddell, who played the same character as Nicholson, Randle McMurphy, said: "McMurphy in the play is very different from McMurphy in the film... so I wanted to play this element of humour, wit and cheekiness." This contrasts with the anger and clamour that Nicholson exhibits in the award-winning movie.

James added that "the audience can identify aspects of themselves within the characters, which is what makes the story so great."

"I think everyone is along the scale of insanity," he continued. "Everyone, deep down, has insecurities. I think each of the characters represents an aspect, for lesser or for greater, that is in everyone."

Old Citizen Robert Cohen to perform at CLS

One of the world's leading soloists, British cellist Robert Cohen, is performing a special concert at City of London School at 6.30pm on Monday 27 February 2012 in aid of the Parents' Bursary Scheme. The concert will be followed by a champagne reception and a chance to meet Robert himself.



Anne Blyth, Chair of the Parents' Bursary Committee, which organised the concert, said: "We are absolutely delighted that Robert, a parent himself, and former pupil, has

agreed to support our bursary scheme which raises money for boys with the talent but without the means to attend City of London School. The evening promises to be very special and we hope that parents, pupils, friends and family will come along to support this worthy cause."

If you would like to attend the concert (full price £25, children under 19 years £5), please download the booking form from www.jcc.org.uk or contact the Alumni Relations Officer.



Celebrating 25 years at Queen Victoria Street

This year marks the 25th anniversary of the official opening of the current City of London School by HRH The Princess Royal in 1987 and 175 years since the school opened at its original premises on Milk Street in 1837.



More than 100 Old Citizens, aged between 60 and 91, gathered on the

concourse at City of London School on 19 October 2011 to join in the School's 25 year anniversary celebrations.

The evening began with a talk about the School's history, given by Terry Heard in the Great Hall, followed by tours of the School, led by prefects, and a viewing of an exhibition of historical photos and videos of OCs talking about their school days.

Chris Southgate (1956 - 65) commented: "Although I am frequently on site, one often 'forgets' the history of CLS so it was a pleasure to be reminded by Terry with some fascinating pictorial support. The evening also brought quite a few 'out of the wood' and indeed I met two people that I had not seen since leaving CLS 45+ years ago!!"

Another Old Citizen, who had not been back to the School for over 50 years, said: "Terry Heard's history talk was fascinating and my eyes are still wide open after touring the wonderful facilities the school now has. I have not been back to a CLS event for some 55 years but I was struck by the friendly atmosphere, which has always been the blessing for those attending the School."



Nigel Pitt (1963 - 69) was particularly impressed with the prefect who showed his group round: "The tour of the school by Nicholas (Hulbert - Head of School) was first class, a very confident young man, he will go far!"

The evening also prompted other gatherings of former pupils. One Old Citizen said: "For me, and I guess all other attendees, it was a very special evening. I thoroughly enjoyed my time meeting up with folks, some I had not seen since leaving school in 1961, seeing the School and learning the history of the school buildings. This was a catalyst for five of the seven of us who were in the 1967 third year Maths 6th Senior to meet up together for the first time in 44 years."



This first event of the anniversary year, was followed on 8 December, by HRH The Princess Royal returning to the School. JCC President Sir David Walker and past Presidents Cliff Hampton and Richard Jones, were invited to attend the event.



The next anniversary reception for Old Citizens is being held on Wednesday 28 March 2012. This event is particularly aimed at OCs who left School in the 1970s and 1980s, although all former pupils are most welcome, including those who could not attend the 19 October reception.



Video footage was taken of Terry's talk, the tour and exhibition. This will be made available towards the end of the anniversary year, in July/August 2012.

175 years since opening at Milk Street

Below are extracts from the anniversary exhibition of the School's history, produced by Terry Heard.

In 1442 John Carpenter, former Town Clerk and M.P. for the City, left land and property to pay for the education of four boys attached to the chapel of the Guildhall, who were to board and to study at nearby schools.

By 1546 the Guildhall Chapel had been abolished under the Chantries Act. The Carpenter Bequest continued to support four boys, who were educated at other city schools. The Guildhall Chapel building was used as a library and then as a court room; it was demolished in 1822.

Milk Street

By 1823 the income of the Carpenter Bequest was £750 a year, but the expenditure on the boys was



Dr Chilton in a new 1927 classroom

only about £20. After much debate the Court of Common Council decided to set up a school, and the City of London School Act received King William IV's assent on 13th August 1834.

The site chosen was the disused Honey Lane Market in Milk Street, just north of Cheapside. The competition to design the building was won by J.B.Bunning, who later became City Architect and went on to design the Coal Exchange and Holloway Prison.

The school, which cost £11,320, opened on 2 February 1837. The building was designed for 400 boys, but 441 arrived on the first day.

Victoria Embankment

The Milk Street school was always too small and by 1875 Headmaster Edwin Abbott was pressing for a new building.



The Great Hall, Embankment

Seven possible sites were identified. The land chosen was partly reclaimed from the river when the Victoria Embankment was created, and partly formerly occupied by the Dorset Garden (later Duke's and then Queen's) Theatre – attributed to Wren but more probably by Hawksmoor - and then the Imperial Gas Works. The Act of Parliament necessary to move the school was passed in 1879. The foundation stone was laid in October 1880.



The organ, Embankment

The Victoria Embankment building was officially opened by the Prince and Princess of Wales on 12 December 1882.

As numbers continued to grow there was pressure on space in the Embankment building, particularly for science teaching. There was a modest extension northward in 1927, and a more substantial one, including a fine swimming pool, to mark the school's centenary in 1937.

The school was evacuated to Marlborough in 1939, returning in 1944.

North Bank

By 1965 it was clear that the Embankment building was near the end of its useful life. Attempts to find



Laying the foundation stone of the current site at Queen Victoria Street

a viable commercial development scheme were unsuccessful, and it was not until 1984 that the Corporation had sufficient funds (following the sale of Billingsgate Fish Market) to finance the building itself.

North Bank

The North Bank buildings were officially opened on 19 March 1987 by H.R.H. Princess Anne (later The Princess Royal).

Herman Zeffertt celebrates prize day 75 years late

As proud parents and relatives of City boys took their seats at the annual Lord Mayor's Prize Day last October, for one Old Citizen the occasion turned out to be particularly memorable.

In 1936, Herman Zeffertt (CLS 1932-1938), then aged 15, was awarded prizes for mathematics and Spanish, but was unable to attend the prize-giving ceremony to collect his books. "Prize Day used to be held on Friday nights," explained Herman, "and we were an observant Jewish family - my father was minister at the East London synagogue in Stepney - so it was impossible for us to go." Instead, Herman's prizes were sent to him, eventually taking pride of place at his home in Birmingham, where he lived after the war and practised as a dentist for many years.

Then, in 2006, Herman's grandson Simon became a City boy. Herman began to relate stories of his time at City, mentioning a number of times the fact that he had won prizes but had never been to Prize Day. In July 2010, Simon's mother Rosalind contacted the School archivist Terry



Herman and Simon at Guildhall, October 2011 (above) and Herman in 1935 (below)



Heard, who researched Herman's school records and informed her that Herman went into the Modern side of the school (there were then three sides: Classical, Modern and Science), played rugby for Mortimer house, and was even in the Officer

Training Corps cavalry section! Terry also kindly arranged for Herman to receive book plates for his prizes, signed by headmaster David Levin and complete with the inscriptions of the time ('Prize given by Mr Deputy C.F.J.Jennings for Spanish' and 'Third Form Mathematical prize').

That might have been the end of it, but for Simon himself winning a prize at the end of the last academic year, coincidentally also at the age of 15. "I realised this was Herman's chance to come to Prize Day at last," said Rosalind. "But we weren't sure whether he would feel up to the journey from Birmingham, as he is now 90 years old and had also sadly lost his wife of 62 years, Freda, only in May this year. We were delighted when he agreed straight away to come to London." The school agreed that Simon could collect Herman's prizes on the day and they were duly sent to City in advance.

So it was that on Monday 31 October, as a guest of honour, Herman was given a front row seat at the Guildhall. Wearing his original alumnus tie, he looked on as the Lord Mayor of London presented Simon not only with his prize of a German dictionary, but also with Herman's own awards - which were, incidentally, *A Century of Humour*, edited by PG Wodehouse, and *The Second Century of Humour*. 75 years on, Herman was finally able to celebrate Prize Day.

"I thought it would be special for my grandfather to come to the same prize giving ceremony that he would have gone to 75 years ago," said Simon. "I felt privileged to accept his prizes on his behalf. It was interesting to see what kinds of books he read as a teenager, and it also made me realise that he's got more prizes than me!" Herman reflected on his afternoon at the Guildhall: "I had a wonderful day in London. It was exactly as I had hoped it would be. I enjoyed every minute, and it brought back so many happy memories of my years at City."

Article contributed by
Rosalind Zeffertt

Conducting career for Timothy Carey

Timothy Carey, CLS music scholar and Temple chorister (1985 - 1991) was recently invited to be the assistant conductor on *The Queen of Spades* by Tchaikovsky for Opera North. He also assisted on *Salome* for Singapore Lyric Opera. Over the last couple of years he has conducted *La clemenza di Tito*, *Fantastic Mr Fox*, *The Marriage of Figaro* and *Don Pasquale* as staff music director of English Touring Opera.

After leaving CLS, he studied at the Royal College of Music in London and at the St Petersburg Conservatoire in Russia.



To keep up with this latest news and performances, please visit the web-site: www.timothycarey.net

James Dabbs becomes professional footballer

Just over three years ago now, in June 2008, James Dabbs left City at the end of 5th Form to follow his dream of becoming a professional footballer. He had been offered a scholarship with Barnet FC.

“It was the toughest and bravest decision of my life,” he said.

“Last August, just over three years since I left City, I signed my first professional football contract in Spain - aged 19. Shortly after I was making my professional debut in a pre-season friendly against Albacete Balompie FC in a game which was aired live on Spanish regional TV.

“It was a long and tough journey to get there, and not all plain sailing. My time at Barnet didn’t exactly go to plan, and I learned all about the harsh reality and the politics of football. I also made sure I was doing my A-levels on the side, and balancing both football and education was very difficult. However I was resilient and kept working and training.

“Just before I left City, Mr Cornwell put me on a fitness regime, three mornings a week before school. There I would turn up at 7am in the conditioning room, and Mr Cornwell would inevitably work me harder than I thought possible. This sowed a seed in my mind as I started to realise the levels of dedication and sacrifice it would take to become a professional athlete.

“Over the past few years I have built on this training, training my body to its limit both technically and physically. I could often be found at the Regents Park running track, in all weathers, at all hours, armed just with an iPod, a dream and a drive from within.

“In July 2010 I finished my A-levels, and decided to take a gap year, in which I could dedicate 100% of my focus and attention to football. I set myself a target of becoming pro within one year.

“That year I had a stint at non-league with Chesham United FC, a well respected semi-professional outfit. I did well there, and was spotted by a man named Steven Benitez who manages their reserve team. He decided to take me under his wing and personally coach me full time. By the end of last season I had started playing very well, and attracted interest from



a number of professional clubs, including Peterborough United, AFC Wimbledon and Barnet, who all came to watch me. It was as though all my years of training, combined with my natural ability, and my new coach Steve’s specific coaching were all coming together at just the right time.

“However despite pre-season offers with a number of clubs in England I decided to try my luck in Spain. I have always wanted to play football in Spain, having been obsessed with watching La Liga every week on TV since Real Madrid’s dream team of Zidane, Roberto Carlos, Ronaldo, Figo, Beckham etc. In July 2011 I went on trial with Albacete Balompie FC (a team equivalent to a QPR or Norwich), who were in La Liga a few seasons ago. I

was with them for a week, and was offered a contract with their B team (under 23s). However due to some unforeseen registration issues this deal didn’t go through, and I was sent to a nearby pro club, ‘Sporting Gineta’ or ‘La Gineta CF’ in a sort of loan move. They play in the Spanish 3rd Division (equivalent to league 2 in England, and just three leagues below the giants that are Real Madrid and Barcelona). It’s a fantastic move for me as I have signed my first pro contract, and also have a very strong possibility of returning to Albacete in January, or if not, next season.

“My debut for La Gineta as I have already mentioned was in a pre-season friendly against Albacete. This was a great experience for me, and showed me how far I still have to go as a footballer, and what I need to do to improve and mature. Albacete were very good, and even had players recently signed from Barcelona B! I was also very impressed and even a bit shocked at how well conditioned they were, and how lean and fit they all looked.

“I am just at the beginning of my journey, and I am also aware that the hard work has only just started. I hope to keep on progressing and improving, but this will only occur with hard work, dedication and humility. It’s a dream of mine to be playing in La Liga in a few years, against the likes of Messi and Ronaldo. That is an unlikely prospect, but that is only three leagues above where I am now. It was unlikely for me to sign a professional contract. It was impossible in three years to go from the City of London School first XI to playing against a big professional side such as Albacete.

“This may be as good as it gets for me, but I refuse to believe that, and will do all I can to make sure it’s not. After all what are we without dreams?”

Paul Hind - a life in pictures

Old Citizen Paul Hind (CLS 1960 - 66), has sent in four photos, which illustrate his career in the armed forces.



1961 - Recruit to the CCF



1964 - London Sailing Project



1982 - Captain HMS Olympus



1996 - Bahamas Command

Guy Treweek follows his calling



Old Citizen Guy Treweek (CLS 1975 - 83) has recently taken up the post of vicar at St. Andrew-by-the-Wardrobe, the School's local Anglican Church on Queen Victoria Street.

This follows a successful career in the City where he was Director of Capital Markets at European Bank prior to starting his ordination training in 2005.

He explained how the seeds were sown for his vocation in life, during his time at School:

"I was heavily involved in the Christian Union at School in the 6th Form," he said, "and I remember one of the history and politics masters, Geoffrey Rider was ordained. I also attended the Lymington summer camps run by the Varsity & Public Schools part of the Scripture Union, which were great fun.

"When I was seventeen I remember telling the chaplain there that I thought I might have a Call to ordination and he said 'You're far too young - forget about it for now and see if it comes back later,' which was good advice and exactly what I did."

Guy left City to study economics at London School of Economics, following a one-year scholarship at a boarding school in Canada - effectively a gap year, he says - and then spent 18 months as a research student at Keio University in Tokyo, which "opened a lot of doors for me."

On his return to the UK he worked on the trading desk of a large U.S. hedge fund, trading Japanese derivatives, and over the years followed a successful career path in the City.

"Although I loved my job in the City, my calling kept coming back and in 2005 I started a two-year theology course at Cambridge, as the first step towards being ordained."

Guy then trained at Yale in the USA and in Southall, west London before being ordained and being posted initially to Hammersmith for three years.

Becoming vicar of this parish and that of St. James, in September 2011 was a natural fit, he said, given his background at both the School and in the City. "It has been lovely to 'come home' and I hope there are ways the school can use the facilities we have in this church, and that I'll have the opportunity to reconnect with CLS in other ways too."

News in brief ...

A.D. Wright (CLS 1958 - 65) has been appointed Professor of Ecclesiastical History at the University of Leeds.

'**Ring Out, Ye Crystal Spheres**', a new choral work by **William Morris** (CLS 1984 - 91) was premiered on 20 November 2011 during the Kingston Festival of the Voice 2011. The work was performed by the chapel choir at the Chapel Royal, Hampton Court Palace, under the direction of Carl Jackson.

Daniel Freedman (CLS 1995 - 2000) has co-authored a New York Times bestselling book: "The Black Banners: The Inside Story of 9/11 and the War Against al Qaeda."

Mixed results for OC cricketers

The season ended in the usual way with a match against Botany Bay on the last Saturday in September in late summer sunshine. It concluded with a body lying face downwards in the outfield; what drama was this? When we went to investigate, it turned out to be nothing more than James Gleadow contemplating the 2011 season drawing to a close. The last match of the year always has a touch of sadness attached for some of us. September was not a good one for helping the playing record with results going against us, although Aldenham were the only side to beat us comprehensively.

Dan Grendowicz scored 56 against Mayfield, after James Gleadow bowled well to capture 4 for 23 in nine overs. In the final game Ash Dabhi batted very well indeed and was 82 not out at the close.

For the record the September scores were as follows:

September 3rd Mayfield 217 – 9 dec. Old Citizens 143.
September 10th Aldenham 200 – 7 dec. Old Citizens 138.
September 17th Mountnessing 189 - Old Citizens 174.
September 24th Botany Bay 212 - Old Citizens 158.

Tally for 2011:

Won 8 Drawn 2 Lost 13 (Canc.2)

At the end of 1996 we published the results going back to the 1960s. Here are the results in the 15 years since 1996:

Played 340 Won 129 Drawn 88 Lost 123

Combining both sets of figures we have around half a century of results.

Played 2462 Won 823 Tied 7 Drawn 852 Lost 780

(Averages on page 16)

Old Cits show their class in the pool



Recent leavers (2005-11) returned to City to take on the current Sixth Form team for a water-polo match. This is the third year this fixture has been played and the feedback from both groups has been very pleasing. It gives the current school team a chance to learn some tricks from their older and more experienced opponents and the leavers have a chance to catch up before heading off on their separate academic pathways.

Many of the recent leavers are playing top university water-polo and some are playing in Europe as part of their studies. Players were keen to get involved in this year's match with one player touching down at Heathrow and being in the pool two and a half hours later. In the first quarter the Sixth Form team took it to the Leavers and were ahead 2-1, however the second period was one to forget for the school team which left them trailing by a number of goals. The next three periods the teams traded goals. However, the school side rallied in the final period to close the gap and make the score line much closer.

Well done to the Sixth Form team who performed very well against their older and wiler opponents and thank you to the Recent Leavers who attended to give the school team a good early season test. Finally, thank you to Paul Bryan who came along and refereed the match.

*Brendan Silcock
CLS PE Department*

OC football on the rise

An excellent opening game by our OC footballers with the school produced a good contest and enabled us to look at some new players. We finished on the wrong end of a 3-2 result. In the Arthurian League we are mid-table (late November) but we are optimistic that one of the top two is just keeping a place warm for us at the end of the season.

We kicked off the league programme by entertaining Old Harrovians, where our back four excelled in a 1-0 win, our first league clean sheet in 23 attempts. In the second match we recovered from 0-1 down at half-time to inflict a 5-1 defeat on Old Malvernians. Old Foresters beat us 1-2, however, we were leading 1-0 but spurned many chances, and paid the price. McKenna was outstanding in midfield, scoring our goal and hitting the inside of the woodwork twice. A similar result followed at Chigwellians, a well organised side that gained confidence as we missed a hatful of chances.

In the first round of the Arthur Dunn Cup we had to travel to Northampton to visit Old Wellingburians. The grapevine told us they were strong, classy, and confident. They did not disappoint. Jake's heading and barn door defence had a testing time at centre back. No score at half-time with OCs on the back foot. We took the game to them in the second half, McCabe dominated midfield, and although we got the rough end of very dubious offside decisions, they could not stop us from winning 1-2 after being 1-0 down. A great win, and very long opposition faces!

There followed a 3-3 with Brentwoods (should have won), a good 1-1 draw against league leaders Berkhamstedians on their patch, and sweet revenge putting Chigwellians in their place with MacCabe scoring four in a 5-0 win, supported by a near capacity crowd of the groundsman and his dog.

Read more on www.jcc.org.uk

Cricket Statistics

BATTING AVERAGES 2011

Name	Inns	NO	HS	Runs	Aver.
Allan SALDANHA	5	1	66*	146	36.50
Michael KNIGHT	13	1	86	419	34.92
John ELMES	3	0	98	103	34.33
Karthi SRIKANTHAN	6	1	54*	121	24.20
Richard HILLMAN	17	6	37*	226	20.55
Shay SEN	7	1	65*	119	19.83
Dan GRENDIWICZ	9	0	56	162	18.00
Richard SALDANHA	10	2	40*	137	17.13
James GLEADOW	12	1	60*	181	16.45
Gaj SRIKANTHAN	15	0	48	228	15.20
Fahad SYED	4	0	26	60	15.00
Nadir GOHAR	6	1	36	73	14.60
Steve RINGER	17	1	41	221	13.81
Richard MILLETT	15	1	45	176	12.57
Alex BENNETT	8	3	33	45	9.00
Will SHELDON	4	1	10	20	6.67
Shahil SOMANI	8	2	12*	35	5.83
Dinesh PANCH	6	2	9*	19	4.75
John HARRIS	7	1	7	17	2.83
Uzair CHIRAGDIN	4	0	2	5	1.25

Also Batted (<3 completed innings)

Sam PACKER 3 - 2 - 76* - 117 Ash DABHI 2 - 1 - 82* - 106 Jacob HOLDEN 1 - 0 - 58 - 58
 Shyam PATEL 1 - 0 - 57 - 57 Suleiman FARUQI 2 - 0 - 23 - 27 Michael SHANNON 5 - 3 - 9* - 21
 Tony SAWELL 7-5-4*-10 Amit ANJUM 1-0 -7-7 Albert WEBBER 1-0-4-4 Bill BARNES 2-0 -0-0
 Mark SIGNY 1-0-0-0 Anish SOMASEKARAM 1 - 0 - 0 - 0 Nic BENARDOUT – did not bat

BOWLING AVERAGES

Name	Overs	Mdns	Runs	Wkts	Aver.
John ELMES	10	0	54	5	10.80
Richard MILLETT	118.4	11	463	38	12.18
James GLEADOW	115	29	376	23	16.35
Uzair CHIRAGDIN	66.4	9	263	15	17.53
Sam PACKER	16	2	91	5	18.20
Nadir GOHAR	31	2	166	9	18.44
Michael KNIGHT	84	14	301	16	18.81
Dinesh PANCH	26.3	1	180	9	20.00
John HARRIS	35.5	1	205	10	20.50
Richard SALDANHA	70.3	10	267	12	22.25
Tony SAWELL	20.4	4	89	4	22.25
Shahil SOMANI	68.4	4	353	11	32.09
Alex BENNETT	80	7	372	10	37.20

Also Bowled (<3 wickets)

Ash DABHI 16 - 1 - 91 - 2 Nic BENARDOUT 7 - 1 - 10 - 1 Albert WEBBER 3 - 0 - 19 - 1
 Fahad SYED 5 - 0 - 41 - 1 Anish SOMASEKARAM 11 - 1 - 51 - 1 Jacob HOLDEN 3 - 0 - 16 - 0
 Gaj SRIKANTHAN 2.3 - 0 - 17 - 0 Suleiman FARUKI 2 - 0 - 22 - 0 Mike SHANNON 3 - 0 - 26 - 0
 Mark SIGNY 3 - 0 - 28 - 0 Amit ANJUM 5 - 0 - 32 - 0 Shyam PATEL 8 - 0 - 55 - 0

FIELDING

Wicket-keeping

Richard HILLMAN
 Victims 17 (3 stumped, 14 caught)
 Steve RINGER
 Victims 2 (1 stumped, 1 caught)

Catches

Gleadow 7, K. Srikanthan 5, Knight 5, Grendowicz 5, Ringer 3,
 G.Srikanthan 3, Bennett 3, Millett 3, Syed 3, Somani 3, Gohar 2,
 Sheldon 1, Harris 1, Barnes 1, Holden 1, Panch 1, Dabhi 1,
 Shannon 1, Packer 1, Anjum 1, Chiragdin 1

Run Outs A. Saldanha 2, Somani 1, Gohar 1, Syed 1, Dabhi 1.

Fives team plays Jesters in France



Six members of the OC Fives Club started the new season in September by playing a three-pair match against the Jesters - the MCC of court games - in the south of France.

Veteran David Cooper (in his seventies but still playing a canny game of fives), his son Rob, Mark George Jacobs, school captain Sam Packer, OC club captain John Reynolds and John Robinson spent a weekend at the home of retired physician Nigel Cox, who has built two courts at his home there - one of which is the wrong way around, with the buttress on the right.

The club lost 2-1 but the Provencal weather, countryside, food and wine were consolations.

School Fives captain wins Midland Fives trophy

City of London School's Eton fives captain Sam Packer has won the Midlands Fives Championships Festival, partnering Old Citizen fives club captain John Reynolds. The pair won five rounds of the tournament, the junior tournament of the Midlands Fives Championships, held at Repton School in Derbyshire. They took the final against two



Old Olavians 13-12, 12-4.

This is the second season in a row that a CLS schoolboy/Old Citizen combination has won the plate competition in one of the five major tournaments in the Eton fives calendar. Last year, still current CLS pupil Max Twivy and former Cambridge half-Blue Nick Gill won the London Tournament festival.

Schoolboy Tom in final thriller



Club medic Stephen Mullin and jet-set banker John Gee-Grant won the Wood Plate this year, beating CLS schoolboy Tom Davidson and former Cambridge half-blue Bobby Friedman in a frenetic final 8-4. The determined Friedman and the increasingly confident and skilful Davidson took an early lead but were edged out by an ice-calm Gee-Grant and big-hitting Mullin.

We had a full draw of 16 players for this year's trophy, which these days opens our competitive season (the Adams Cup will close it in a few months).

There were three Wood Plate debutants: club guests Francis Pattison and Ralph Morgan (who were saddled with club captain John Reynolds and Eton Fives Association vice-president Gordon Stringer respectively) and finalist Tom Davidson.

Our most senior player this year was the 73-year-old Stringer, who drove down from Worcestershire to be with us. The difference in age between oldest and youngest competitors was 56 years (give or take), which must be some kind of record.

The prize for the furthest distance travelled went to Lawford Martin, who came down from Liverpool. Mark George Jacobs - who partnered his brother Les in a serendipitous quirk of the random draw - gets the prize for bringing along the most spectators (three).

The final was watched by a very welcome and perhaps-record crowd of about 20 - including John Gee-Grant's family of Carole and Eve and a visitor from South Korea, He Hong, who was part of the Pattison contingent - and then Louise Pattison provided a touch of glamour by presenting the trophy.

C.E.B. Part IV: The untrained teacher

This final abridged extract from Cyril Bond's memoirs tells of his three pre-war years teaching at CLS. Sadly he did not live to write about his further 27 years at the school, 1946-73.

The full version can be obtained from Terry Heard at archive@clsb.org.uk.

On Monday, 15 September 1930, I started my professional career as a schoolmaster at Emanuel School, Wandsworth Common. My task was to "introduce" German into the school curriculum as a main subject up to 'A' level. If I were to call myself "master in charge of German studies" it would be stretching a point, for there were no other teachers of German on the staff and I spent the greater part of my time teaching French in the middle school – but it was a beginning. I found the members of the staff frankly odd; they were at first sight oldish, untidy, lazy, and generally imbued with the idea that young enthusiasm would soon be quenched by the realities of life. They were all characters: I often caught sight of Rawnsley, with his back to the class, writing up on the board in his neat script his excellent notes. Perhaps two or three boys closest to the board would be making some attempt to follow or to take down these notes, but the remainder of the class would be in complete chaos – boys fighting, throwing books, darts, balls, anything: shouting, jumping on desks in the wildest imaginable confusion. Occasionally Rawnsley would turn from the board and cry "Now sit down, you boys, and pay attention," only to be greeted with louder jeers, boos and general mayhem. Dickens's 'Dotheboys Hall' was peaceful in comparison.

I have seen it happen on several other occasions, and it has nearly always been with men of excellent qualifications, with the very best temperaments and true desire to interest and impart knowledge to their pupils. Something has gone wrong, some indefinable feeling or spirit has got loose, perhaps initially from one intransigent boy, a piece of flagrant rudeness or insupportable cheek that has gone unchecked, and then gradually the hold has loosened until like a dam bursting the full flood

of insubordination and disorder has been let free. How does one impose discipline, maintain good relations and ensure mutual enjoyment of every lesson? Quite frankly I do not know. One must never seek to win approval or buy obedience by making promises that cannot be redeemed. I suppose my method has always been:- be severe at the beginning, for you can always let up once you know the Form, but you can rarely tighten up if you drive on a slack rein to start off.

A quick comment here on the general economic situation is not out of place. I think Income Tax was about 4s.6d in the pound and on my modest income I



CLS Masters in 1938. Cyril Bond is 5th from the left, back row

had to pay very little. Fares were cheap, cigarettes were still 1/- for 20, and half-a-crown was a coin of considerable purchasing power. My diary for the year reveals that a haircut cost 11d, a supper at the Polytechnic canteen 1/3, my monthly mess-bill for 5 lunches a week £1-3-6 (perhaps there was an additional tea included in that), and that the average cash spending for a month was between £5 and £6; this included bus fares and incidentals.

[By 1935] the time was approaching when I felt I had to seek preferment. I wrote to the Oxford Appointments Board and asked to be placed on their list again. Very soon I was to receive

notice of vacancies in a number of good boarding schools and in nearly every case where I submitted a formal application I was called for an interview with the Headmaster. But a very different future was to unfold from the one I might have expected, and once again on looking back I have to recognize some guiding hand which held me back from making an ill-considered move solely for the sake of a change and to get away from Emanuel where I now felt I had served my usefulness.

During the Winter I had visited the Common Room at CLS, and Wilkie had told me that in spite of Mr.Dale's

complete reorganisation of the School into A and B streams there was unlikely to be a vacancy for a German specialist until Hargreaves retired in 1938-39, so there was little hope for me there. From time to time I took Emanuel teams to Grove Park, so kept fairly much in touch with Sach, Henderson and Orton as well as the men in the OTC – Vokins, Nicky Field and now Workman whom I had met at Sandhurst. Then in the last week of April my sister drew my attention to the 'Deaths' column of the 'Telegraph': "Lawrence

George Sach, in his 35th year, in St.George's Hospital on 27th April – died of leukaemia." This was a sudden shock for all his friends – particularly for me.

It must have been fairly early in the next term that I met Bill Orton and enquired whether he thought I could reasonably put in an application for the vacant post. He gave me some encouragement in his quiet way to do so. I heard nothing, not even an acknowledgement of my application. On 22nd May I wrote this in my diary: "I am getting really anxious about the CLS job; I have not heard a word, and it is now nearly a week since the closing date. Am I never to get

C.E.B. Part IV - The untrained teacher ...

even an interview again?" I had more or less put the matter out of my mind when, on a Wednesday late in May, I happened to take a Cricket XI to Grove Park and at tea sat with Bill Orton and a very pleasant new member of staff, Jack Marsh, who had assisted Sach at the more recent camps. On the 27th I recorded as follows: "Having heard nothing about the job I was feeling pretty gloomy, but was amazed to find on reliable authority that I am hot favourite and that Dale wants me! When I reached home I found a letter inviting me to attend a Committee Meeting the next Wednesday! We have only to wait a week!!"

The system of appointments to the staff at CLS was a peculiar one. The Headmaster produced a short-list of six candidates, who were interviewed by a Sub-Committee in the morning of the monthly School Committee day. Three successful candidates were then presented to the full Committee after lunch. Dr Chilton used to say that it was dangerous for him to express a preference for any one candidate, as the Committee was very jealous of its right of appointment.

The first Wednesday of June dawned, and I set off in my best suit. It was the last time I ever wore a bowler hat! On arrival at School I was greeted by my old friend, William Houghton, the Head Porter, who ushered me into Mr.Dale's study where some of the other candidates were already assembled. He was pleasant but quite non-committal as he outlined the procedure that each one of us would be subjected to. My turn came. Captain Elliston was in the Chair. He invited me to read from one of the testimonials I had submitted. Then followed questions: nothing about my academic qualifications or teaching experience, but was I married, had I insured my life, for how much, did I own a house, was it on mortgage? Very strange! Anything could emerge from this sort of confrontation. After lunch three of us were subjected to an almost similar interrogation before the entire

Committee. Captain Elliston seemed at least interested and did ask me a few more questions this time round. Would I consider increasing my life insurance if I were offered the post? Yes, I thought I could do that. Out again, but not for very long this time. I think I had gone to have a chat in the Porters' Lodge when the bell summoning William rang and he came back, his face beaming, to whisper: "Congratulations; the Chairman wishes to see you again." I sat down in the centre of the opening of the horse-shoe table facing the Chairman. "The Committee has decided to offer you the post, Mr.Bond, as they think you are particularly suitable being an Old Citizen. At present I understand your salary is £320; will you accept £390?" This was beyond my wildest expectations. So, quite unexpectedly, I was to return after an absence of nine years to my own School, to take the place of the man who had been my inspiration as a boy and whose example I had tried to follow in my own teaching career. It was a daunting task.

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I was in fact taking a step down, for Tom Lawton had been appointed in the early part of Mr.Dale's Headmastership as assistant to Wilkinson and in charge of the German teaching, including all the Sixth Form and scholarship work. As Mr.Dale had hinted, it was going to be difficult to fit me in, but in the three years I spent before the outbreak of the War I really had no complaints, in spite of the fact that I had no Sixth Form and no Fifth Form 'O' Level work at all. The standard of the 'A' stream was markedly higher than anything I had known previously, and I reckoned that the Fourth was the equivalent of any average Fifth Form I taught in later years. It was a real change for me to teach English and I found great satisfaction, particularly in the Spring terms when we studied one Shakespeare play for the Beaufoy prizes. In this sphere I was greatly helped by C.J.Ellingham, whose guidance I always asked as I had done

in my own period in the Sixth Form. I think I was quite content to work myself in, to gain the confidence of the Headmaster and of Wilkinson and Lawton, and I do not think I failed to do this in any way. Lawton always treated me with the utmost consideration and would discuss problems of the Fifth and Sixth with me although I was not in any way directly involved.

Looking back I would think that the Modern Side at this period reached a level of attainment never to be equalled or surpassed in half a century. Between them Wilkie and Lawton were capturing all the best Modern Language scholarships at both Oxford and Cambridge, and in 1939 both the French and German Doncasters at Magdalen were gained by their pupils. The reputation won over the previous decade was attracting the very best pupils, and the mounting number of refugees from Germany and Poland was reflected by the influx of several boys of foreign origin, often coming to the School from the Whitechapel and Mile End areas, almost destitute except for their keen mental powers.

In the Common Room I found all the middle-aged and younger masters who had taught me still there, whilst the older men had been replaced on retirement by a band

of most excellent young men who were attracted by the School's and Dale's reputations and were quite prepared to stay for life. The Sciences were particularly well served with the arrival of Hugh Dyball, H.F.Broad and J.P.Stephenson, and in the Mathematics Department Gordon Nobbs had in the comparatively short period since his appointment as Second Master gathered an extremely strong team including Ray Green and Geoffrey Riddle. It was by any standard a very distinguished Common Room and to be a member of it was for me a sufficient compensation for the admitted loss of some position. I was still under 30 and there now seemed no immediate urgency from either the advancement or the financial angles to do other than enjoy the task, as it was, to the full. During those three years other considerations began to loom up and events quite separate from one's professional career were to dictate the shape of the future.

Doctor in a week

by Terry Heard



The school archive has recently acquired the Diary and Memoirs of John Allen Giles, published by the Somerset Record Society. This very substantial volume of over 600 dense pages covers most of his eventful life, including the four rather unhappy years he spent as the first Headmaster of CLS. One interesting nugget is as follows:

June 2 [1838], Friday.

[...] I had been requested by some of the School Committee of the Common Council to take a Doctor's degree as soon as I could, as they said the Headmaster of every great public school should have a superior degree. So I had written to Dr Bliss [Registrar of Oxford University], suggesting that it might be done out of hand, as I like should always be done if anything at all is to be done, and Dr Bliss being a bit of a wag, sent me this reply.

Oxford, June 1, 1838

My dear Sir,
We cannot quite make Doctors of Law by steam, but we will do all we can for you. The President of Corpus will propose your commutation on Monday next, and on Wednesday you may consider yourself B.C.L. You shall have a dispensation to do your exercises in one day, which may be on Thursday at any hour convenient to yourself so that you may come down that morning as early as you can leave London say 7 o'clock, and if the Vice Chancellor will, as I doubt not he will, give you a private day on Friday, you might return to town by 11 or at latest 12 o'clock on that day.
It will be impossible to do what you wish earlier, for your exercises must be done in Term, & the Term, as you know, commences only on Wednesday.
Pray write to me by return of Post, because if this arrangement does

not suit you, we shall not get the Chancellor's Letter to commute your M.A. for B.C.L., for that Letter once read, you will be a bachelor of Law which, unless you proceed to your superior degree, may not be convenient.

Your's, Dear Sir,
very faithfully
Philip Bliss

June 5, Tuesday.

I went to Oxford this day wishing to have a little spare time before the Degree was given me. The Birmingham train starting at 12 o'clock, brought me by one o'clock to Tring, and from thence I went by coach to Oxford & slept at the Mitre Inn.

June 6, Wednesday.

I called on Dr Bliss and spent half an hour reading the thirty nine Articles, this being a necessary process before any one can take a degree. [...] I then paid him the fees – a pretty sum in all £63..13..6. [The Headmaster's annual salary in 1838 was £680.]

June 7, Thursday.

Giles writes to his wife Anna:

Oxon. Scholae Philosphiae
Naturalis, Thursday M.g

My dear Anna
I should certainly not have deemed it necessary to favour you with a letter during so short an absence from home, but severe destiny compels me to do so in order to slay that old enemy of the human race, time. [He then describes the ceremony in Convocation the

previous day by which his degree was changed from M.A. to B.C.L., and the reading of the thirty nine Articles to Dr Bliss.] I was then informed by him that all Candidates for Doctoral dignities must sit in the Schools three days, an hour each day, exposed to the questions of any one who might choose to come and dispute with them and see whether they are fit or not for their degree. A grace is sometimes passed allowing the three hours to be undergone on one & the same day. This bountiful consideration on the part of the University has been extended to me, and I am accordingly awaiting my fate this morning from ½ past nine until ½ past 12. [...] Under this heavy infliction it is some consolation to find that, although any one may come & question me, there is an insuperable difficulty to be got over, which in fact saves me altogether from being questioned. The door is locked! Whether this is a merciful provision in my favour to keep out the inquisitive, or whether it is not more thoughtfully adopted in order to keep me from escaping, is a question I will not take upon me to answer. Thus you see I am in durance vile, and among other expedients have thought of writing to you as a mode of occupying my time. [He then describes the elaborate doctoral wardrobe – three different gowns, hood and cap – which he has ordered; only the scarlet gown is immediately available.] Now then to business. If you wish to show yourself a thoughtful spouse, you will instantly perceive that it is necessary to restore my cassock to some little degree of splendour for use until my new one is sent me. You will therefore, without fail, immediately on the receipt of this, mend the sleeves thereof & put new cuffs, preparatory to Saturday M.g. You may make use of my gown for materials, as I shall bring a new one with me. And now, having come to the end of my paper, I am going to try on the gown.
Give young Patch a kiss and believe me

Your affectionate husband
J.A.G.

June 8, Friday.

I went to the Convocation House, and had all the honours of a DCL conferred on me. [...] At one o'clock I started for London and as part of the road was by train, we passed over 32 miles in an hour and a quarter, but nevertheless did not get to London till 6 o'clock.

In memoriam

Old Citizens who sadly passed away recently, include:

- Mr KL Adams (1940 - 48)
- Mr AJ Potts (1934 - 39)
- Mr WFP Neill (- 1960)

Obituaries for some of these OCs can be viewed online at www.jcc.org.uk/News or from the Alumni Relations Officer, aro@jcc.org.uk, tel: 0207 489 4766.

Leon Israel 1920 - 2011

Leon was born on 20 March 1920. He was awarded a scholarship to the School, demonstrating a particular flare for mathematics, and represented the School on both the cricket and rugby field.

He won a place at London University, aspiring to become an actuary, an ambition thwarted by the outbreak of war. Before conscription was introduced, Leon had already enlisted for the army, exchanging fountain pen for service revolver and uniform.

After being demobbed, he joined the family ladies' clothing business, which he ran until his retirement.

He was a stalwart of the Old Citizens rugby and cricket clubs for many years. He was solely responsible for the arrangements for the Old Citizens rugby club's grand 50th anniversary supper at the Connaught Rooms in 1979.



He was a regular supporter of the School 1st XV and captained the Old Citizens 3rd XI against the School Colts XI, when it was captained by his son, Martin. His three sons, Martin, Gary and Howard, continued in his footsteps, all playing for the OC cricket club.

Leon was driven through life by his singular courage and resolve, demonstrated with dramatic effect in 1983 when he spotted two armed men robbing security guards and gave chase until they were apprehended by

police. The Old Bailey judge praised his extraordinary courage and Leon received a Binney award for bravery. With an ever-active mind, Leon developed an interest in Freemasonry in his mid-60s and twice became Master of the John Carpenter Lodge. Then, at the age of 69, Leon embarked upon a further challenge, resolving to put his energy towards volunteering for Jewish Care, where he and his wife Elizabeth began to arrange outings for the residents of the charity's residential homes, raising substantial funds for these outings by organising trips to theatres and other places of interest, a programme which continues successfully today.

Leon's unfailing drive was sadly brought to an abrupt end when he suffered a major stroke in March 2006. Even in his final weeks however, he was still encouraging Elizabeth and son, Howard to continue the valuable charitable work he had started.

John Halliday Gracey 1925 – 2011

John was born in Walthamstow in 1925. In 1931 his family moved to Woodford Green where he attended the local elementary school known as the Green School. In 1935 at the age of 10 he won a scholarship to the City of London School for boys. He was an exceptionally bright boy and could have studied either the sciences or the arts. In the end he chose Latin and Greek.

When the School was evacuated to Marlborough in 1939, John was fortunate to be billeted with the parents of William Golding, who later became the famous author. In 1942, at the age of 17, he won a scholarship to Brasenose College, Oxford, to read Classics. After two terms, however, at the age of 18, he was called up into the army. Of the many experiences he enjoyed with the army he often recounted how, while being trained to drive army trucks, he learnt to double de-clutch, something that is no longer required in modern vehicles today. While in the army he was recruited to the Intelligence Corps and after two years at Bletchley Park,

he continued his Intelligence Corps duties in Northern Italy and Austria. As a signatory to the Official Secrets Act he was sometimes reluctant to discuss this period of his life but he had recently become more forthcoming, particularly with his grandchildren, and we understand that he was listening to signal traffic from what became the communist bloc and also spent time decoding Japanese signal traffic. Earlier this year he received a note from the Prime Minister thanking him for his work at Bletchley Park.

After his war duties ended in 1947 he returned to Brasenose College where he met his future wife Margaret who was teaching in Oxford. He graduated with a First Class Honours Degree in Classics. After leaving Oxford he passed the examination for entry to the Administrative Grade of the Civil Service and joined the Inland Revenue as an Assistant Principal. He married Margaret in 1950 and his three sons were born in 1951, 1953 and 1955. He moved to Epping in 1953 where he lived with his

family until his death. During his years in the Civil Service he rose from Assistant Principal to Deputy Chairman and Director General of the Inland Revenue. On his retirement in 1985 he was appointed a Companion of the Order of the Bath - CB.

John enjoyed his retirement to the full and he and Margaret regularly went to the theatre, attended the opera and enjoyed a wide range of classical music.

John was a remarkable man who did not seek the limelight, but in his own quiet manner he earned the deep respect of all those who were lucky enough to come into contact with him. He will be sorely missed by his family, his friends and everyone who knew him.

Brian Gracey (CLS 1964 - 71)

John's full obituary can be read in the News section of the JCC website, www.jcc.org.uk or obtained from the Alumni Relations Officer.



Events

Tuesday 7 February 2012, 6.00pm
CLS Lower School Concert, Great Hall, CLS
 Old Citizens welcome.
 No tickets required.

Tuesday 14 February, 7.00pm
JCC Annual Dinner, CLS
 Guest speaker: Lord Janvrin, former Private Secretary to the Queen
 Places £85 (full members), £90 (associate members and guests).
 Call Alumni Relations Officer, tel: 0207 489 4766,
 aro@jcc.org.uk (address below) if you wish to attend and have not
 already booked. Guests are welcome.

Monday 27 February, 6.30pm
Celebrity cellist fundraising concert, Great Hall, CLS
 Robert Cohen, world-renowned cellist, Old Citizen and CLS parent is
 performing a fundraising concert for the Parents' Bursary Scheme.
 Tickets £25. Booking forms available at www.jcc.org.uk or from
 Alumni Relations Officer, tel: 0207 489 4766, aro@jcc.org.uk
 (address below)

Tuesday 13 - Thursday 15 March
 7.00pm Tues, Thurs; 4.30pm Wed
CLS Drama Production
 Tickets £5 from CLS reception nearer the date. Old Citizens are
 welcome to attend.

Tuesday 20 March, 6.30pm
Joint CLS/CLSG Concert, Great Hall, CLS
 Old Citizens welcome.
 No tickets required.

Wednesday 28 March, 7.00pm (NOTE NEW TIME)
CLS25 anniversary alumni reception
 (1970s & 1980s leavers and any other OCs who wish to attend)
 To attend contact Alumni Relations Officer, tel: 0207 489 4766,
 aro@jcc.org.uk. FREE event.

Thursday 14 June, 7.00pm
CLS Bursary Trust fundraising dinner, Tate Modern.
 The JCC is hosting a table at this event. Tickets £250. Contact
 the Alumni Relations Officer tel: 0207 489 4766, aro@jcc.org.uk
 (address below) if you would like to book a place.

Wednesday 4 July, 7.00pm (NOTE NEW TIME)
CLS25 anniversary alumni reception
 (1990s & 2000s leavers and any other OCs who wish to attend)
 To attend contact Alumni Relations Officer, tel: 0207 489 4766,
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JCC Officers

President: Sir David Walker KCVO OBE BSc (CLS 1967 - 74)
 Secretary: Martin Israel, FCA (CLS 1965 - 73)
 Treasurer: Richard Jones, BSc, FCA (CLS 1954 - 62)
 Almoner: Daniel Morganstein (CLS 1983 - 91)

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Chris Southgate DipArch (CLS 1956 - 1965)

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City of London School term dates

Spring term 2012
 Tues 10 Jan - Fri 30 Mar
 (half-term 16 -17 Feb)

Summer term 2012
 Tues 24 Apr - Fri 6 Jul
 (half-term 4 - 8 June)

Autumn term 2012
 Tues 4 Sept - Fri 14 Dec
 (half-term 22-26 Oct)



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