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## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Your Committee brings important resolutions to the AGM

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BOOK THESE DATES!

Financial Sector Reunion  
Wednesday 12 November

OC Lawyerrs' Dinner  
Tuesday 18 November

AGM & Club Supper  
Wednesday 26 November

(see panels on page 9)

Cover photograph

FRONT AND BACK COVERS The view downriver showing Westminster Bridge and the City beyond is one of the many high quality photographs supplied by Philip Woodcock (see *also* pages 12-13)

Future photographs

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

Editorial

*This issue goes to press with some very serious homework for you between the covers. For the Committee has not just been talking – it has been working hard on putting together a workable plan for our future, and is now ready to bring the plan before the members at the AGM.*

*You are strongly urged to read the Resolutions and Notes on pages 4 and 5, and to put them into context in the light of the President's message on page 6. The General Committee seeks your approval for its past work and your support for its future intentions, and we hope that there will be a good number of you present and voting at the meeting on 26 November.*

*To lighten this difficult prep you will find entertainment elsewhere in the issue. The School and the old boys are well represented in the dramatic arts: perhaps a case of not minding the width but feeling the quality! Some very good photographs of the City have been provided by an old boy, enabling members who now live far away to see some of the changes that have occurred over the years. And there is an entertaining reflection on Physical Education.*

*And if you're eligible for one of those dinners, then send the application before it's too late.*

*Now, back to that prep!*



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In retirement, Philip Woodcock has been travelling and revisiting old haunts in the City



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The 'avoider' and the enthusiasts: both types give accounts of themselves at school 50 years ago



# Annual General Meeting ... & The Way Forward

## Wednesday 26 November 2008

*This is your best opportunity to put your views to the Committee  
and to meet Committee members informally at supper afterwards*



Martin Israel  
Honorary Secretary

### Notice of AGM

The Annual General Meeting of the Club will be held in the Asquith Room at the School on **Wednesday 26th November 2008** at 6:15pm, preceded by tea from 5:15pm.

### Agenda

1. Apologies for absence.
2. Minutes of last meeting (28 November 2007).
3. Correspondence.
4. Finance: To receive the Club Accounts for the year ended 30 April 2008.
5. To receive the Report of the General Committee for the year 2007/2008. A copy of the Accounts and of the Report may be inspected at the Reception desk at the School in the week before the meeting. Copies will also be sent to any member before the meeting upon application to the Treasurer and Secretary respectively.
6. To elect the President for the year 2008/2009.  
Nomination: BAH Todd (CLS 1961-68)  
Proposed by BW Landers  
Seconded by MAB Israel
7. To elect Officers and Committee as set out below.
8. **To consider and vote upon Resolution-1** (*right*).
9. **To consider and vote upon Resolution-2** (*right*).
10. General Business.

### Election of Officers and General Committee

The following nominations have been received:

#### Officers:

Secretary:	MAB Israel (65/73-73)
Treasurer:	RJC Jones (54/62-62)
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S Mirjafari (91/99-99)	

**MAB Israel**  
**Hon. Secretary**  
**September 2008**

### Club Supper

Members are encouraged to attend the Club Supper which will take its usual form of a buffet following the AGM, thus giving members freedom to move about and meet other people. The standard price this year will be £32 (with concessions). Please see the notice on page 8 and the application form included with this issue.

### Annual General Meeting 2008 (see Notes on facing page)

#### RESOLUTION-1

**That the meeting approves the strategy set out in the Article by the President which appears on page 6 of this issue of the Old Citizens Gazette (No.294, Autumn 2008) entitled "The Future of the John Carpenter Club" and ratifies the actions taken so far by the General Committee. It further mandates the General Committee to continue the programme of reorganisation so described, including drafting changes to the Rules of the Club as exemplified by those contained in Agenda Item 9, such changes to be brought before a future General Meeting.**

#### RESOLUTION-2

**That the following changes be made to the Rules of the Club:**

1. Delete from Rule 12(C) the words:  
"provided that the subscription for ordinary members shall not be increased by more than two pounds in any one year"
2. Insert a new Rule 12(D) reading:  
"The General Committee may make arrangements with the School from time to time so as to provide that any pupil leaving the School from June 2009 onwards and who has been at the School for at least 3 years (or 2 years if first entry was into the Sixth Form) shall be entitled to Ordinary membership of the Club for life with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> September next following the date of such pupil leaving the School, without payment of the ordinary subscription."

### Your Opinion Counts

At the 2008 Annual General Meeting members will be invited to endorse the Committee's recent activities in its attempt to re-invigorate the Club, by their acceptance of the article by the President (which can be found overleaf). The Committee intends that there shall be fullest possible discussion of the issues at the meeting.

All members are asked to read carefully the President's article (p.6) which gives the background to the Resolutions that will be put before the Meeting, and they are encouraged to attend the General Meeting in person if they possibly can.

### Annual General Meeting 2008 Notes to Resolutions

#### NOTE TO RESOLUTION-1 (not forming part of the Resolution)

In putting forward this Resolution, the General Committee is seeking the comfort that its strategy is widely approved by the Club Membership as a whole.

The General Committee emphasises that its actions, in line with those by other similar pupil associations, are designed to ensure that the Club continues to meet its objectives as stated in its Rules, and to meet the needs of both current and future generations of Citizens.

#### NOTE TO RESOLUTION-2 (not forming part of the Resolution)

To implement the general strategy in full will require many changes to the Rules of the Club. It is important to note that no changes will be required to the core objects of the Club set out in Rule 2.

The reason for presenting a single change at the 2008 AGM is so that the Club can implement the new strategy for pupils leaving the School in June 2009. Once the new arrangements are in place the 10-year arrangement currently in place will be closed to future leavers. Once the new arrangement with the School has been fully agreed the General Committee will give detailed consideration to how this affects the other forms of subscription.

### RULE 12

12. (A) As from the 7th November 1980:
- (a) The life subscription for Ordinary Members (except for Life Members enrolled before the 7th November 1980) shall be replaced by a Period Subscription of 15 years. Such subscription shall be fixed and renewable at the amount from time to time determined by the General Committee and, if not renewed, the member shall be liable for the ordinary Annual Subscription for the time being.
  - (b) The Annual Subscription for each of the first five years after leaving School shall be for members elected after 7th November 1980 who are not elected pursuant to Rule 12B below, one half of the Ordinary Subscription for the time being.
  - (c) Members who have been in continuous membership of the Club for forty-five years shall not be liable for any further subscriptions.
  - (d) Any member who was a life member of the JCC on the 31st August 1946, shall rank as a Life Dining Member and shall not be liable for any subscriptions.
- (B) The General Committee may make arrangements with the School from time to time so as to provide that any pupil leaving the School after July 1991 and who has been in the School for at least three years (or two if he entered in the Sixth Form) shall be entitled to ordinary Membership of the Club for a period of 10 years from the 1st September next following the date of such pupil leaving the School without payment of the ordinary subscription.
- (C) The General Committee by a resolution passed by a two-third majority of those present and voting may determine the amount of subscription for any category of the membership (except playing membership) without the necessity of convening a General Meeting for that purpose, provided that the subscription for ordinary members shall not be increased by more than two pounds in any one year.



RULE CHANGES  
require a two-thirds  
majority of those  
present and voting  
at a  
General Meeting  
which itself  
requires  
20 members for  
a quorum  
[Rules 44 & 46(a)]

# The Future of the John Carpenter Club



Bruce Todd  
President

## The Principles

As reported at the last AGM and through interim updating articles in the *Gazette*, your Committee has been working, in conjunction with the Headmaster, to consider ways to re-shape the JCC to ensure it continues to fulfil its objective: "to preserve the traditions and further the interests and prosperity of the School and to promote friendly intercourse among Old Citizens". This review has been undertaken at the same time as the School has itself been seeking to build stronger links with its Old Boys, reflecting similar activity in other schools, colleges and universities, which, as many of you will know, have successfully sought to strengthen their 'alumni network' in recent years.

Given the important nature of the Committee's deliberations, I felt it was appropriate at this stage to provide members with a full progress report. This is especially the case since the Committee recognises that it will be necessary to seek members' approval to certain changes in our Rules in order for the plans to be implemented. Specifically, the Committee is seeking, by way of votes at the coming AGM, both an endorsement in principle of the changes proposed to the way the Club functions, and some specific changes to Rule 12 [see preceding page for its current formulation] that will enable considerations relating to the life membership scheme to be advanced in a timely fashion. We anticipate presenting proposals for further changes at the AGM 2009 in order to allow for full implementation.

## Financial considerations

First, let me emphasise that the Club is in a sound financial position and that this review has not been prompted by financial concerns. Rather more it has been undertaken in recognition of, and to address the fact that a reducing proportion of the current membership is engaged in a meaningful way with the Club.

The plan for the future which the Committee has been considering is defined by the principle that boys become 'Citizens' when they join the School and all are 'Old Citizens' when they leave. Furthermore, the Club should be relevant to both Citizens and Old Citizens, and all past pupils should be members of the Club for life. This last concept contrasts with current Club rules regarding membership and

subscriptions and, to be implemented, will require a revised approach to the funding of membership. Discussions are advanced with the School to convert the current 10-year membership scheme for leavers to a Life Membership at an appropriate level of funding.

Underpinning successful future administrative management of the Club will be three key elements: namely the database system, the website and paid administrative resource.

## The Database

The Club has purchased a database management software package with which it is intended to build a comprehensive - and confidential - file of information on both existing Club members and other Old Citizens. Work has already started on bringing together the data held by the Club and the School, as well as tracking down details of other Old Citizens. The Club is very grateful to three recent leavers who have worked on this project over the summer. There is much still to do to make the database a really effective foundation for both the Club and the School to use for communication, event organisation, and so on, but a good start has been made. A major feature of the software package is that it will be much easier in the future to make contact with specific groups of Old Citizens, such as by year group or profession.

## The Website

The School has now re-launched its own website [www.clsb.org.uk](http://www.clsb.org.uk) and the Club's site has become a part of this. Again there is still much work to be done to develop the full Club content but the new platform is in place. As with the database, the website is a critical part of the plans for improving communication and making the Club more accessible.

## Administration

The Committee has determined that delivery of these plans, and the running of the Club in the future, will best be achieved by the appointment, as in other Old Boys clubs, of an administrator. It is envisaged this will be a part-time paid post and be based, when office space can be created, at the School. The post holder will work alongside a ►

# Revival of the Club Dinner

*The President invites you to dine with him in February in the Cholmondeley Room at the House of Lords*

I am very pleased to announce that the next Annual Dinner of the John Carpenter Club will be held in **The Cholmondeley Room of the House of Lords on Monday 2nd February**

Our principal speaker will be

**The Rt Honourable Oliver Letwin MP**

Conservative Member for West Dorset, Chairman of the Party's Policy Review and Chairman of its Research Department.

Also attending will be our sponsor at Westminster

**Lord Levene of Portsoken.**

I very much hope that Old Citizens of several generations will find the prospect an appealing one and will sign up early. Interest is already strong and the first tickets have already been snapped up.



► part-time Development Officer whom the School is hoping to appoint. The shared objective of these two new posts will be to develop an effective and inclusive alumni organisation, meeting the needs of its members and supporting the aims and objectives of the School (see the original stated objective of the JCC set out above). Funding for the administrator's post will be allowed for in setting the level of the Life Membership fee (again, see above).

With these key elements of the change programme in place the Club and the School will be in a much improved position to work closely together to achieve the objectives that have been set, which are: (i) to keep Old Citizens better in touch

The banqueting team at the Palace of Westminster are unable as yet to give us a confirmed indication of menu and therefore of cost, but we are aiming for a target figure of about £70 per head.

In planning the Dinner, your Committee has examined the issues of location, format and intended frequency. We have concluded, and I hope that members will agree, that the Dinner should continue to be an annual event and that it should take place at about the same time each year. We very much hope that next February's Dinner will mark a return to the best of the past and that it will set a strong precedent for the future.

To reserve tickets or obtain further information:

Keith Baker: 020 7736 9520

[croft.baker@btinternet.com](mailto:croft.baker@btinternet.com)

I look forward to seeing you there. *Bruce Todd.*

with the School, the Club and each other through improved communications; (ii) to arrange events targeted at different leaver groups and professional groups (such as lawyers, medics, financial services, etc); (iii) to support Old Citizen and School sports; (iv) to arrange the Annual Dinner and AGM supper; (v) to engage Old Citizens as advisors or mentors to pupils and younger Old Citizens and (vi) to encourage Old Citizens to support the School's scholarship and other funding needs.

As was reported in the last *Gazette*, the aim is to 'unify' the City of London School family and to make the Club relevant, useful and responsive to both pupils and all Old Boys. ■



# Announcements

*Following the notice that was given in our previous issue, take up for the dinners this November is brisk*

## Financial Sector Reunion Wednesday 12 November

Any Old Citizen who is involved in what we term 'the Financial Sector' is invited to come to the School on Wednesday 12 November for an informal get-together.

Our rather unimaginative term (is there a better one?) could include Accountants, Financial Advisers, Investment Analysts, Stockbrokers, Bankers, Insurers,... and now, perhaps, Rescuers, Receivers and Bankruptcy Advisers!

Events in this format give the maximum opportunity for all-comers to mingle and to converse, while also providing them with some refreshment.

Please contact Dr Clive Pearce at the School: [cp@clsb.org.uk](mailto:cp@clsb.org.uk) to let him know that you would like to attend.

## 5th Lawyers' Dinner Tuesday 18 November

The opportunity to hear from **Sir Callum McCarthy**, Chairman of the Financial Services Authority since 2003, is provided at this year's OC Lawyer's Dinner.

Isaac Livne's organisation of these events since Martin Day handed over has been spectacularly successful, and this year's repeat venue of the Guildhall Club will help to continue the success.

So if you are a practising lawyer in either branch, or reading for the profession, or just intending to join, then please send your completed Application to Isaac as soon as possible.

## Club Supper Wednesday 26 November

Having been elected only an hour or so before the Supper, the new President will be present, and the Club supper is an opportunity for him to welcome old friends, members and guests.

You will see from the AGM Agenda that once again **Bruce Todd** is proposed as President. This very unusual step will, no doubt, be explained before the election and later at supper, but we can say here that it seems to the Committee that continuity is vitally needed at this critical point in the Club's progress.

The arrangement for dining permits the informal mingling which characterises the pre-dinner drinks to continue at table, enabling people to mix easily.

The supper will provide you with an opportunity to speak directly with Committee members and express your personal views on the proposed changes to the Club's structure, and although the vote will be completed, you may be assured that your views will be very welcome.

**Please apply for places at £32** by Monday 24th November using the application form included with this issue.

### Concessionary prices

Tickets are available at reduced rates for:  
Life dining Members: £22  
Leavers from 1991 or later: £16

### Arrangements

Reception: from 7:00pm on the Concourse  
(or sooner if the AGM finishes early)  
Supper: 7:30pm Dining Hall  
Dress: Lounge suits

# 1917 Society

*The Society's 90th Anniversary Dinner is recorded and commented upon by **Richard Pearce***

### The 40-year-old menu

As promised in the last issue of the *Gazette*, this year's annual dinner was a recreation of the Golden Jubilee Dinner, held in 1968. Impeccably organised by the Honorary Secretary, **Martin Israel**, the menu of 1968 (including turbot and turkey) was recreated to the great satisfaction of all, and as ever was smoothly supervised in the Asquith Room by Barry Darling, the Head Porter (in 1968 terminology, or Deputy Facilities Manager, to use the modern style).

### Distinguished company

This was a special dinner, celebrating the ninetieth anniversary of the founding of the Society, and there was a special roll-call.

As well as the Society's members (more than last year, but still well below the 1968 attendance) and the team of four senior boys whose report on the School we were to hear later, there were guests from the Staff. The current staff were represented by Gary Griffin (Second Master), David Heminway (Director of Admissions), Robert Sykes (OC and linguist), Ben Costley-White (OC and biologist) and Peter Allwright. Other distinguished OCs present were Terry Heard, former Second Master, and Lionel Knight, former Head of History, both of whom had practised for most of their careers at their old School.

### The Traditional Toast

Martin Israel opened the meeting in the traditional way with a reference to the early pages of the Society's Minute Book. He noted that among those attending the 1968 dinner there were present four of the original seven founding members, and that the passing of time has changed little the traditions of the Society.

The central moment has become the reading of the brief obituary of **James Maxwell Adair Hannan** (who was killed in action a year after leaving the School) followed by the toast, which unfailingly brings a moment of reflection in the midst of conviviality — but the focus for the event remains the report by the boys themselves on the activities at the School.

### Report from the boys – and questions

The "four wise men" of the School, **Nick Worsley** (Head Boy), **Will Sheldon**, **Toby Smyth** and **Guy Hindley**, gave articulate and enlightening reports on the running of the School, based on their respective areas of responsibility but illuminating the nature of everyday life for current young Citizens. For those of us in the education business, the CLS mix of sophistication and openness never fails to impress.

The outstanding academic results are in the public domain, but the inside story is what the 1917 Society meets to hear. So it was not surprising that during question time the boys were asked by one who recalled the 1960s whether there were undercurrents of non-participation. The prefects answered unanimously that students today are remarkably involved in the School's activities, with a strong appreciation of the singularity of the community. Their remarkable charitable fund-raising was backed by Martin Israel, who seized the opportunity to advance the sales of the admirable CLS cook book, *City Chef*, by another dozen copies!

### Innovation

The danger with an organisation as eminently successful as CLS must be complacency. This meeting reassured us by showing that pride in achievement was founded on a drive for innovation. The School is in good hands, and the Society looks forward to meeting again on 11 September 2009 for the next bulletin. ■



Richard Pearce

<i>THE 1917 SOCIETY</i>	<b>Starter</b>
	Asparagus soup — Turbot Mornay
Menu (Replica of that of the Golden Jubilee Dinner) — 90th Anniversary Dinner 11 September 2008	<b>Main</b>
	Roast turkey with stuffing and chipolata sausage — Brussels sprouts — Roast potatoes
	<b>Dessert</b>
	Peach Melba — Cheese & biscuits — Coffee
	<b>Wine &amp; port</b>
	Pouilly Fuisse — Cockburn's Old Ruby Port

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from 2009  
we shall be able  
to spread events  
such as these  
more evenly  
throughout  
the year



# Miscellaneous News

## Bonzo’s ire falls on Smith: Arie Hepner tells how it happened

“I came across this 1950 photograph of our form MIVA quite by chance the other day,” writes **Arie Hepner** (45-52). “To be honest, I had not looked at it for decades, but the moment I saw it I was instantly able to recollect the names of 25 out of the 30 people<sup>1</sup>. Had I only been aware of the potential of my memory all those years ago, I would never have lost so much sleep over Chaucer’s Prologue!”

Apparently, Arie’s first thought on finding the picture was how much it used to upset his mother. “Whenever she looked at it,” he said, “she would tell me off for not having brushed my hair as all the other class mates had done, before taking my place in the line-up. This went on for the best part of twenty-five years, even after I had become a grandfather, and goes a long way towards explaining why the picture was eventually hidden away.”

Arie then realised that he was looking at the class photograph and AMS Smith was missing. After only a moment’s thought, he realised that after lining up for the picture, Smith had been standing immediately behind Mr. Bond. “He looked around but couldn’t see where Mr. Bond was, and asked, ‘Where’s old Bonzo?’ Mr. Bond turned round angrily and said, ‘I’m here! Now get out! I don’t mind the Bonzo ... but old?’ So Smith was not on the picture. Sad really. He became a prefect a few years later, and was the only one of our form to get his name up on a marble tablet in the Great Hall. He died at a comparatively young age, and I do miss him.”

Arie’s final thought was that he should try to get this picture printed in the *Gazette*: “It is my only claim to fame,” he writes, “being seen along with Sam Leigh, who recently captained the victorious British Team in the Real Tennis Masters Championships

<sup>1</sup> These numbers include the missing AMS Smith, of course. Quite impressive to remember someone who wasn’t there! *Editor*



MODERN IV A — 1950

BACK ROW John Leigh, Arie Hepner, Aubrey Sheena, Graham Chidgey, Daffyd Evans, Bignall, Malcolm Joseph, Ferguson, Anthony Garibaldi, ?, Fraser, Rees, Pawsey  
MIDDLE ROW Bernard Shaw, Larter(?), ?, Jenkinson, Mr CE Bond, Graves, ?, ? Michael Price  
FRONT ROW Rosen, Sam Leigh, Curtis, ?, Wren, Emanuel, Orenstein

in New York in April this year. And if the printer can brush my hair before going to press, it would be very much appreciated, and I will be able to show it to my great-grandchildren!”

### Dyball’s writing

At an age when full retirement might seem inviting, **Richard Dyball** (48-58), Fellow of Clare College, Cambridge, is still publishing learned papers. Those with specialist interest in his field may find them in the Journals of *Neuroscience* (27) and *Neuroendocrinology* (19).



### Freemason Scholarship

Following discussion with the Head-master, the John Carpenter Lodge has established a Scholarship known as:

#### The John Carpenter Lodge Arthur Manly Memorial Scholarship

to provide funding which will ensure that a boy can receive a Sixth Form education at the School.

The first beneficiary will be **Miladur Rahman** who joins the School from the Stepney Green Mathematics and Computing College where he has been Deputy Head Boy. In his GCSEs this summer, Miladur passed 7 at A\*-grade and 2 at A-grade, and he is a keen swimmer.

Funding for the scholarship comes from a very generous legacy to the Lodge from the late **Worshipful Brother Arthur Manly** who expressed a wish to see the Lodge and its strong historical links with the School continue to flourish.

## Apted and Keynes: film-maker and performer together



In the Summer 2007 issue of the *Gazette* we pictured **Michael Apted** (52-60) with his brother Peter at the opening in London of Michael’s film *Amazing Grace* (pictured above in production). Almost immediately after that event Micahel began work on his latest film: *The Chronicles of Narnia: Voyage of the Dawn Treader*, “the most complex and expensive I’ve ever attempted.” It brings to the screen the third of CS Lewis’s *Narnia Chronicles*, and will take three years to make. Michael is hoping that it will appear in the cinemas late in 2010.

The important role of Edmund Pevensie in this latest work of Michael’s is played by an actor who will be recognised by those of our readers now or recently at the School: **Skandar Keynes** (*above, inset*), the latest in a distinguished line of CLS actors including James Cossins, John Shrapnel and Daniel Radcliffe.

Michael has a couple of documentaries in the pipeline, including *56 Up* (due for the small screen in 2012), the eighth film in his seven-yearly sagas of the lives of 14 British citizens, which started when they were seven years old. He is also “trying to finish” another longitudinal project, *Married in America*, which follows nine marriages every four years. He sees these long running projects as good insurance: “They give me a bit of job security in

what can be a pretty treacherous and unpredictable business!”

Those of us who look in from the outside might, however, think that there’s nothing unpredictable about Michael’s future. His filmography (*right*) and Presidency of the Directors’ Guild of America (this is the final year of Michael’s third and last two-year term) show a glittering record. His work with the Directors’ Guild includes negotiating with the Hollywood studios about New Media and all the emerging digital delivery systems. “Our task,” says Michael, “is to protect the creative and economic rights of directors. I’ve also been involved in organizing stronger representation for directors in the UK.”

For nearly 30 years Michael has lived in Los Angeles, having made the decision to move there “not just because of the climate and the beaches, but because it is the hub of the commercial film business and that’s the arena where I wanted to work. I still do a lot in the UK (*The World Is Not Enough, Enigma*) and have strong ties with my roots, including friends from my years at CLS. I do what I can to get the best of both my worlds.” And, may we say, to give us the pleasure of watching Michael tell interesting and thoughtful stories in immaculate film.

## Apted’s filmography

Michael Apted has created an impressive volume of high quality drama for both cinema and television, including<sup>1</sup>, for film:

- The Triple Echo* (1972)
- Stardust* (1974)
- The Squeeze* (1977)
- Agatha* (1979)
- Coal Miner’s Daughter* (1980)
- Continental Divide* (1981)
- Gorky Park* (1983)
- Firstborn* (1984)
- Bring on the Night* (1985)
- Gorillas in the Mist* (1988)
- Class Action* (1991)
- Thunderheart* (1992)
- Incident at Oglala* (1992)
- Blink* (1994)
- Nell* (1994)
- Extreme Measures* (1996)
- The World Is Not Enough* (1999)
- Enigma* (2001)
- Enough* (2002)
- Amazing Grace* (2006)

and for television:

- Coronation Street* (1963-64)
- Big Breadwinner Hog* (1969)
- The Collection* (1976)
- P’Tang Yang Kipperbang* (1984)
- Rome* (2006)

Unsurprisingly, **Skandar Keynes** has fewer films to his credit to date, the list being:

- Victoria Died in 1901 and Is Still alive Today* (2001)
- Enzo Ferrari* (2003)
- The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe* (2005)
- Prince Caspian* (2008)

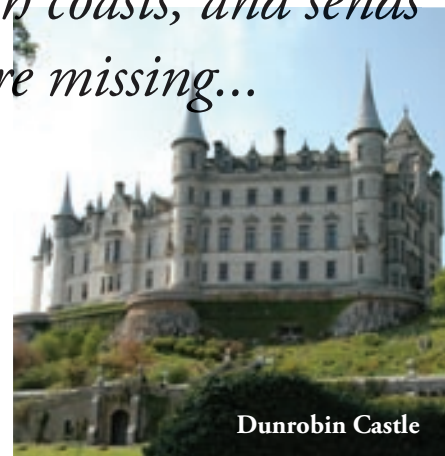
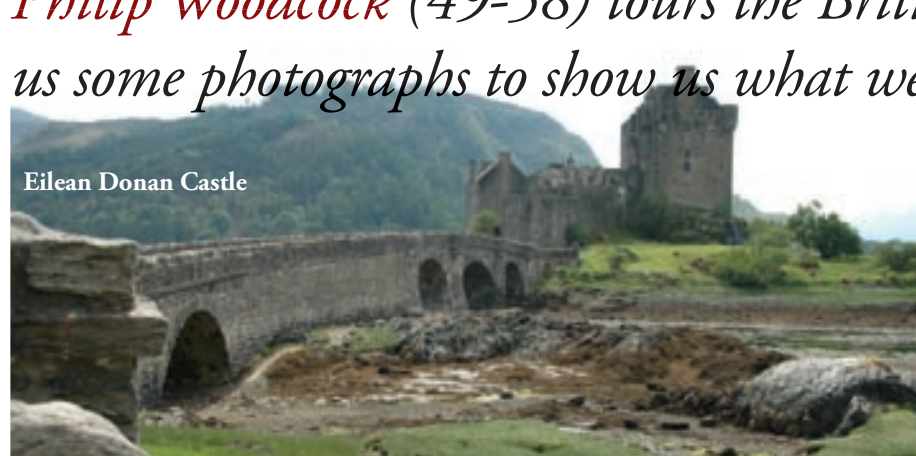
<sup>1</sup> This information has been gleaned from the web’s invaluable Wikipedia. The Editor apologises for any errors.



# Old Citizen all at Sea...

*Philip Woodcock (49-58) tours the British coasts, and sends us some photographs to show us what we're missing...*

Eilean Donan Castle



Dunrobin Castle

It was going to be a beautiful day, hardly what we expected in Scotland in mid-May. The distant hills behind Invergordon were still capped by snow, and the Cromarty Firth was largely empty except for the huge North Sea drilling rig overshadowing the pier. The *Marco Polo* docked whilst we were at breakfast, and now we had the whole morning to explore the town and enjoy a leisurely mid-morning coffee, and the newspaper to catch up on the outside world. It was easy to see why this had once been a significant Naval base (the location of a mutiny in 1931). There were no navy ships now. However, the town has overcome the consequences of the closure.

After lunch we took a coach tour to Dunrobin Castle, which looked more like a small French chateau than any castle we had seen before. Outside and down below, closer to the sea, was an elegant topiary-filled garden, an arena for the falconry displays, and to one side the museum. Of what? we wondered. On climbing the

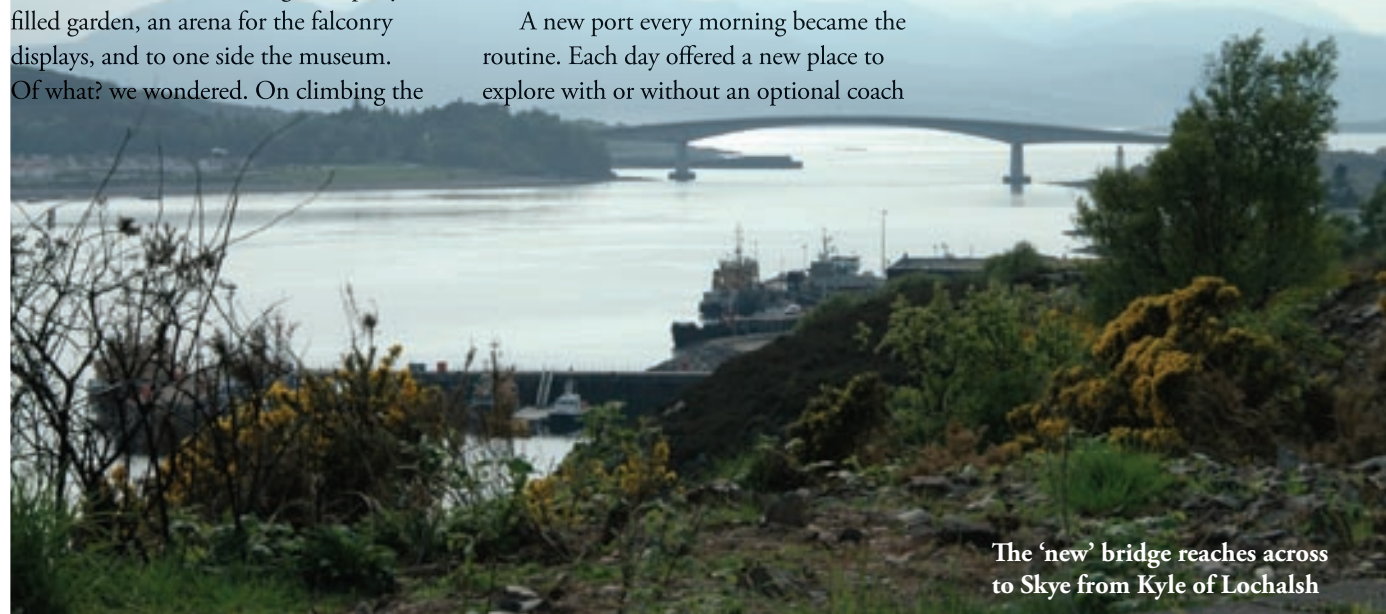
steps it became clear, it was the storehouse, carefully tended and displayed, for a century's worth of hunting trophies, not merely from the estate but from across the world, together with a variety of archaeological and geological specimens from the region. And in the castle shop we found our own trophy, a locally made and elegant hat that my wife liked.

By breakfast next morning we were anchored outside Kirkwall in the Orkneys. Transfer to shore was by ship's tender for our morning tour by coach around West Mainland, the main island of the Orkneys. This took us to the ancient cliffs facing the Atlantic on the East, the neolithic standing stones of Stenness and the Ring of Brodgar (now a World Heritage Site), the Norse settlement at Brough of Birsay, and then Scapa Flow, a major naval base during both World wars.

A new port every morning became the routine. Each day offered a new place to explore with or without an optional coach

tour somewhere inland. Portree on Skye and Tobermory on the Isle of Mull were followed by Dublin, then the Scilly Isles and finally Guernsey before the final night carried us home to Tilbury. In ten days we saw several of the remoter parts of the British Isles whilst travelling in comfort, without any of the usual chores of travel: the repeated packing and unpacking of bags, the finding of taxis or trolleys or porters or coffee, the waiting around, the rush to get there in time... It was almost as if we were entirely static — the curtains drew across one scene as night fell, and when at dawn they next opened again, the world had moved on to present a new scene ready for us to explore.

Unexpectedly for us the weather was benign and the sea calm the whole time. We enjoyed the trip very much. ■



The 'new' bridge reaches across to Skye from Kyle of Lochalsh

PHOTOS: Philip Woodcock

# ...and seeing the changes

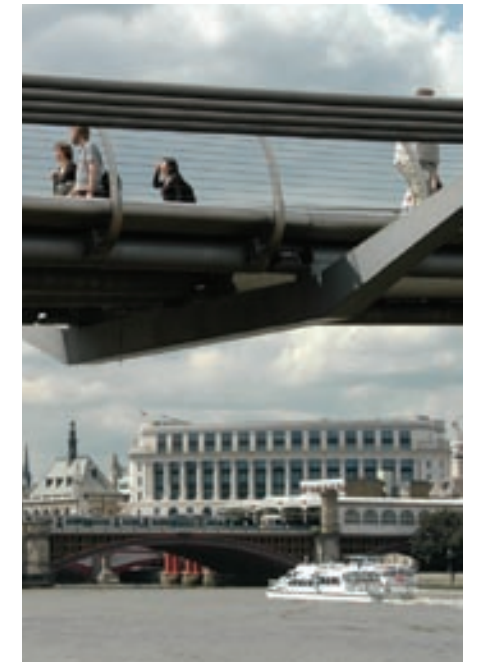
*... while on another occasion, he captures some London views on the theme: It wasn't like that in my day!*



ABOVE An example of modern decoration in the tunnels to Blackfriars Station

LEFT Main entrance of the old school; use prohibited to any boy below 6th Form, unless he was late!

RIGHT Beneath the Millennium Bridge to the old school. Unilever House has been cleaned, but what has happened to the statuary?



LEFT John Carpenter Street, in which new offices have been built on the site of the old classrooms behind the main building.

RIGHT Bollards now interrupt the junction of John Carpenter Street and the Embankment



LEFT Detail showing the Foundation Stone of the old school.

RIGHT It's amazing what lasers can do! This is a projection on to the main wall of the Tate Modern, just across the river from the new school.

BELOW Another example of modern wall decoration - but perhaps not quite so friendly as the example at the top of this column.





# Studiously avoiding sport...

*Possibly in response to the Editorial that appeared in our previous issue, it has occurred to **Roger Pook** to tell us of his sporting experiences at the School. This entertaining piece is the result.*

## Sport? Not for me

It is always good when the *Gazette* arrives here in Hungary, where we have lived for close on thirteen years now. It's fun trying to match the faces in the photographs with my dim memories of the 1950s, and to read reminiscences which coincide with my own. The only sad part for me (apart from reading the obituaries) is that I cannot share the delight of sport and the fellowship that it brings.

I was about five years old when I discovered that all the other children could run faster than me. In primary school I found that I could not catch or hit a moving ball with any certainty. Games afternoons became misery for a chubby boy with uninspiring arms and legs; if he came last in races, and let the side down in games, he obviously wasn't trying.

## Encouragement at CLS

Then came the City of London, where each boy was accepted for who he was, and the PE staff knew what they were doing. After the athletic types had shown their prowess, we odd-shaped duffers were encouraged to have a go, and were congratulated on whatever we achieved. One day in the gym, after limbering us up for fifteen minutes, Mr Lawrence said "Now you all feel the same as when you came in, only fresher" and I had to admit that he was right.

It was Mr Halliwell who taught me to swim. I think I was in O2A. I remember the pride I felt as he said to the whole class "We have a new swimmer now!" No longer was I in the group that was relegated to doing splashy widths at the shallow end. Doing lengths was tiring, but at least I was doing the same as the others. It wasn't too long after that that I got my life-saving Bronze Medal, which remains my only proof of physical achievement.

## The horrors of Grove Park

However, Grove Park was a different matter. Just the walk from the station on a hot day was enough to finish me off. Most

of the time I wasn't even considered good enough to attempt to play a real game of cricket, so I joined the handful of hopeless cases who "practised" under the eye of a Prefect or a junior Master.

My father, who was an excellent all-rounder, had tried to teach me some of the theory. I was able to clean-bowl the others very regularly, but only underarm. Overarm bowling always defeated me as my delivery slammed into the ground a quarter of the way down the pitch or sailed gracefully high over the batsman's head. I couldn't catch or bat at all.

Rugger had both its good and its bad moments. My shape dictated that I should be in the back row of the scrum, which was fine by me and didn't hurt much either. As I couldn't catch or run, nobody ever passed the ball to me even on the rare occasions when I was in the right place. As a result, I often returned to the pavilion with clean knees, never having been tackled. One day, with sheer delight, I noticed a rather pretentious and unpopular boy reach down and rub mud onto his own clean knees; I'd have been ashamed to do that.

Cross-country runs (the phrase still has a trace of dread about it) I managed at the slowest of jogs, sometimes even passing those who had rushed off at the start, but I was always in the last dozen at the end. After about age 14, I was able to invent a number of excuses not to take part. Athletics and Sports Day were also non-events as

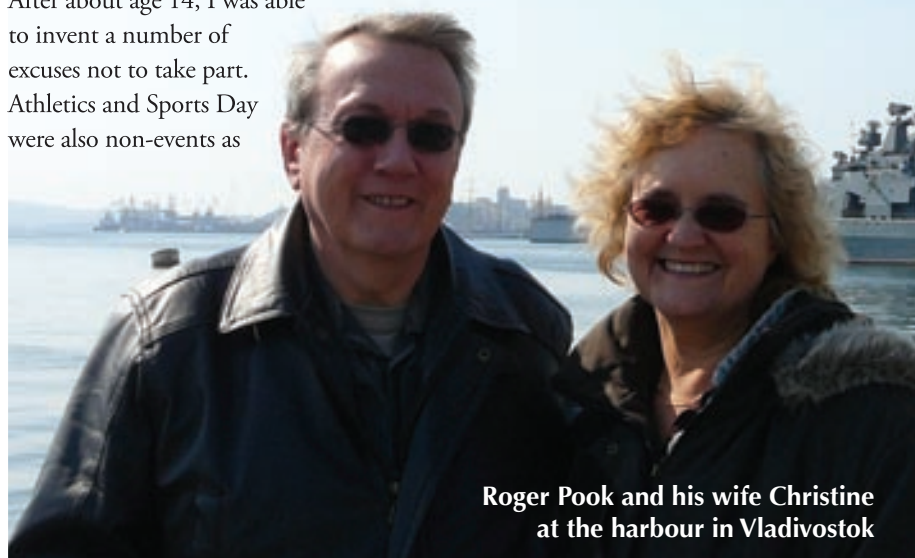
far as I was concerned; the only good bit was a 2d [twopenny—rather less than 1p.] glass of orange squash in the pavilion buffet afterwards.

## The single bout in the ring

The worst moments of all were House Meetings, where we had to commit ourselves to represent the House (Beaufoy in my case) in at least four events. It was very difficult to choose anything at all, and the Prefects were merciless. One year, in a moment of despair, I signed up for boxing. I did it only once. After a minute of sparring, the other boy – who was as unwilling as me – caught me lightly on the chin. This immediately woke me up! "Hey," I thought, "I could do that." But the bout was brought to an end and my name was not called again.

## But I liked it really!

In the end I got the requisite number of O-levels and A-levels and eventually set off for university. One day in what would now be called my gap year I visited CLS, complete with OC tie and snazzy sports jacket. Talking to a PE master (sadly, I can't remember who it was) I remarked that PE lessons were the only thing that I really missed after leaving school. Strangely enough, I think that was true. ■



**Roger Pook and his wife Christine at the harbour in Vladivostok**

# But on the other hand...

**Richard Batt** and **Barrie Parker** (both at CLS '54-'59) had two things in common in 1954: they lived in the same road in Orpington and they started together at the School in 3C. They would regularly commute together, although they pursued different courses academically and had different sporting interests, with Richard excelling as a middle distance runner whilst Barrie was a keen swimmer.

Upon leaving school Richard read Chemical Engineering at Manchester University, while Barrie read Medicine in London. Then Richard's career took him to the United States, while Barrie became a Consultant Orthopaedic Surgeon in Kingston on Thames, eventually specialising in hip surgery.

They met up thanks to the JCC *Gazette* when Richard noticed a small paragraph announcing Barrie's retirement as Consultant Orthopaedic Surgeon. A telephone call resulted in their agreeing to meet again for the first time since leaving school, and they chose as the occasion one of Richard's annual visits to England.

During an interesting couple of hours together recently at the RAC Club at

Woodcote Park, they realised that some of their recollections had become a bit foggy, but on the other hand they both remembered a considerable amount about their time at the School and could look back with appreciation and enjoyment.

All this led them to plan a visit to the 'new' School, as they are keen to live in the present and not just the past! ■



**Richard Batt (left) and Barrie Parker, who were both at the School from 1954 to 1959**

## David Richard Morris (51-60)

*Died 25 March 2008*

DAVID MORRIS WAS BORN IN HENDON IN 1942, entering the Junior School in 1951, and commuting from Turnham Green where his father was vicar. He played a full part in school activities, including singing in the choir and rowing, and gained house colours for rugby, cricket, cross-country, boxing, athletics and chess. In the History Sixth in 1959 he won the John Carpenter Club Senior History prize, and gained a Rustat Exhibition to Jesus College, Cambridge, matriculating in 1960.

At Jesus he read History, one of his supervisors finding that "he has an independent mind and the kind of curiosity that gets results." David graduated in 1963 and joined the fast stream of the Civil Service, which was at that time called the Administrative Class. He was posted to the War Office, which was merged six months later with the other Service Departments to

form the Ministry of Defence, and it was here that he was to spend the larger part of his career. After a spell as private secretary to a junior minister, he was promoted and sent to the General Staff Secretariat.

His work there gave him familiarity with the problems brought up by the emergency in Northern Ireland. It was therefore unsurprising when he was sent to Belfast to serve as the link between the Ministry and the authorities in Belfast. Further promotion came in the late seventies. The most challenging appointment of the later part of his career was to be private secretary to the Leader of the House of Commons, John Biffen, which put him at the centre of the legislative process.

On his return to the Ministry of Defence David took up other responsibilities, but it was not long before

the first signs of Parkinson's Disease became evident. This ruled out further advancement and led in due course to early retirement in 1999.

Throughout retirement he maintained his lifelong interest in railways, history and astronomy. Last autumn his condition made it necessary for him to move into a residential nursing home, but on Easter Monday he was able spend a happy day with family and friends back at his home in Dulwich. The next morning he unexpectedly collapsed and died of heart failure.

David is survived by his wife Rosemary, whom he married in 1967, two sons (one of whom, Giles, is an Old Citizen) and one daughter, to all of whom the Club sends its sincere condolences. ■

[Obituary notice by Terry Heard (53-59)]



## John Murie Cree Davidson School Staff 1958-65

Died 9 June 2008

*On reading of the death earlier this year of John Davidson, Tony Rudolf and Roger Pook found themselves reflecting upon the influence that he had on their own lives. Their appreciations of his work as an innovative and enthusiastic teacher of Russian at the School are printed here, beginning with Tony Rudolf's thoughts.*

MULLING OVER THE RECENT DEATHS OF Denis Moore, Pat Whitmore and Horace Brearley, I concluded that there was only one teacher left alive who had taught me. But JMC Davidson (John, known to us in private as Jimmy) was quite a bit younger than them, and would surely be around for a few more years. On 20 June this year, I bought the Guardian and, as always, went straight to the obituaries page. A death notice caught my eye: that very day was the funeral of John Davidson.

Typical of its progressive attitude towards the curriculum, the City of London School was one of the first schools in the country to teach Russian, and John Davidson, as its first Russian teacher back in 1958, was therefore a significant figure in the School's history. I was in the group of seven boys in Modern Sixth Junior who formed the pioneering cohort. Some of us chose Russian because the School had made a cold calculation that we should drop Classics: it was felt that we had more chance of entering Oxbridge if we had French/German and Russian A-Levels, given that our French was better than our Latin and Greek.

The course to A-Level involved a two-year preparation from scratch. And indeed, thanks to John's skills (not the least of which were thoroughness and patience), I got a place at Cambridge to read Modern Languages. Later on, things did not go as planned, but that is another story. All the same, I wish I had been in touch with him when for a brief period I became a Russian literary translator, to tell him how much I appreciated his approach and attitude.

Given my lack of contact with John Davidson after leaving CLS in 1960, what follows is inevitably impersonal, being

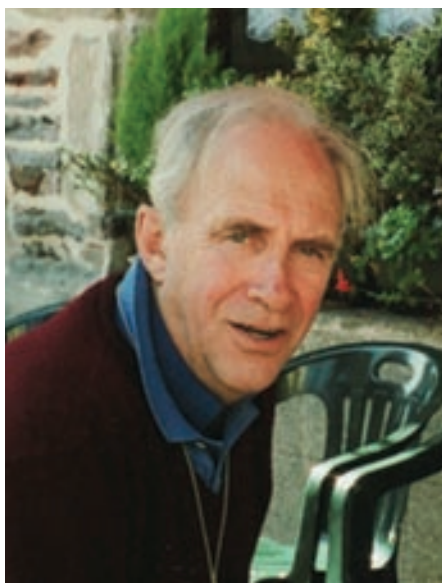


PHOTO: Bunty Davidson

based on information sent by his widow, Bunty Davidson, to whom I wrote on impulse after reading the death notice. Part of my letter reads: "The gap of ten years between his age and mine was unbridgeable during the school relationship. Now it seems like nothing at all."

John Murie Cree Davidson was born in Surrey on 16 November 1932. During the war the family moved to Southport. From 1943 to 1951 he studied at King George V School, where he was head boy and Captain of the Cricket and Rugby teams. From 1951 to 1953 he did his National Service in the RAF. Like his immediate juniors Alan Bennett and Michael Frayn, he joined the Joint Services Language Course to study Russian<sup>1</sup>, following this with a degree in Russian and Norwegian at Gonville and Caius College Cambridge. While at Cambridge he earned membership of the Hawks Club for

prowess in Rugby and of the Sixties Club for prowess in Cricket.

His first teaching post, in 1957, was at his old school in Southport, where he taught Mathematics and French and coached Rugby and Cricket. After a year, he left to join the City of London School, where he remained until 1965, teaching Russian, coaching sports and designing stage sets for the annual school play. He was also chief examiner for A-Level Russian at the University of London.

In the Guardian death notice Bunty Davidson described him as "a creative educationalist". Though he was fascinated by theory, what really turned him on was putting new ideas into practice, and facilitating problem solving in others. It is clear from speeches made at his funeral that this modest man, possessed of the sharpest intelligence and remarkable linguistic skills, was a rare combination of inspirational teacher and ace administrator, a mover and a shaker whose professional purpose in life was to get things done in order to benefit other people. John played to their strengths. He encouraged them. He freed them to be themselves.

In 1958, at the very beginning of his Russian teaching career — which coincided with the first major push for serious Russian studies in this country even though he was to move beyond Russian itself — he participated in the first visit to Moscow for teachers and lecturers, which led to the founding, by himself and others, of the influential *Association of Teachers of Russian*. He was co-author of the Pergamon Russian Course and edited texts by Chekhov and others for Bradda books. The years at CLS supplied the foundation for his lifelong involvement in the radical development of learning techniques for students of all levels and skills.

From 1965 to 1967 he worked at the *National Audio Visual Aids Centre* in order to gain experience in deploying the latest technology. Then from 1967 until 1971 he was a key figure in the Nuffield Languages Project in Russian at York, and remained in touch with schools through

<sup>1</sup> There is a fascinating book about this set-up: *Secret Classrooms* by H. Shukman and G. Elliott, St Ermins Press/Little Brown, 2002.



GROUP PHOTOS: Official School Photographer

**John Davidson's First Russian Group  
(School photograph taken 1959 or 1960)**

BACK ROW: Richard Hyams, Ronald Hooberman, Anthony Rudolf

SEATED: David Roberts, Alan Bell, Mr JMC Davidson, Chris Pratt, Andy Entwistle

► his involvement with the Association of Teachers of Russian. After a brief stay at the *National Centre for Educational Technology*, he embarked on the longest and most important project of his life, running the *Centre for Educational Services* at Bristol Polytechnic from 1972 to 1989. This move away from Russian reflected the end of the glory days of Russian teaching in British schools and universities, with departments closing all over the country.

At Bristol, John Davidson headed a team whose task was to develop curriculum and lecturers' skills, creating many video films for practical use: not only for languages, but also for knitting machines and electronic tagging on cows! He was also deeply involved in the development of independent learning in higher education. From 1989 till 1994 John was a consultant project co-developer for the *National Curriculum Council*, preparing in-service teaching materials in the context of oracy studies and assessment in schools.

He retired in 1993 and for a few years, until illness defeated his mobility, he enjoyed serving as the chief sidekick

of his wife — an educational consultant specialising in learning difficulties — on her teaching trips to Lisbon, Cambridge and elsewhere. From 1982, after buying a house on the coast of Brittany, they enjoyed family life in France for many years. Things had to change when an old injury to his skull possibly caught up with him: a depressed fracture caused by a kick in the head when playing Rugby at Cambridge. This had cost him his Blue and would eventually affect his speech and his processing skills.

Stricken with Lewy Body Dementia, John Davidson's last years involved much palliative care, fortunately at home, where, his personal identity still intact, he could still enjoy the company of family and friends. This had been a rich and rewarding life, lived to the full. He died at home in Bradford-on-Avon near Bristol on 9 June 2008.

The Club sends to John's widow, Bunty, its sincere condolences on behalf of all those other City of London boys who experienced John's enthusiastic teaching. ■

[Obituary notice by Tony Rudolf (53-60)]

*Roger Pook (54-62) also remembers John Davidson with affection...*

It was a sad surprise to read in the Summer 2008 issue of the *Gazette* of the death of John Davidson. He had great influence on my education and my career.

In the Autumn of 1959 I had a choice of A-levels. I was already destined to study Modern Languages, but which ones? The choice was between a two-year crash course in German, or a similar course in Russian, to accompany A-levels in French and English. German seemed boring in prospect, but Russian...; that was something different.

This was the time of the Khrushchev Thaw, and Russian was growing in popularity, but good teaching materials were hard to come by. John Davidson used every conceivable method of teaching as he pushed and encouraged our small group towards Russian A-level in two years flat: grammar-grind, translation, question and answer, pictures, songs, poems, records, newspapers and magazines, stories and novels, even a tape-recorder (the height of educational technology in the 1950s). All of this was presented with indefatigable enthusiasm. He entered the classroom at such speed that sometimes his briefcase would slide right across the table on which he placed it and would crash onto the floor while the first question was on his lips: *Какое сегодня число?* [For those of us with no Russian this is to be read as "*Kakoe sevodnia chislo?*" which translates to the English "What is the date today?" *Editor*]

I went on to get a good honours degree in Russian Studies, and eventually taught the language to O- and A-level myself for about seven years until its popularity waned. Then in the late 1990s a complete change of calling brought me as a missionary to the former communist world, and suddenly I was using my Russian again in the most real and practical way. Thank you, Mr Davidson! ■

News has just reached the Editor of the death of **WA (Aleck) Craddock, LVO**, at the age of 83. He was President of the Club in 1988-89. An obituary will appear in the Spring 2009 issue of the *Gazette*.



# Golf

*Taking time off from planning the Centenary celebrations, John Featherstone reports on well-supported meetings but mixed results in the Cyril Gray*



John Featherstone

We begin this report with the Spring Meeting in May at New Zealand GC, Addlestone, and finish by looking forward to the plans for our Centenary celebrations next year.

Our events are arranged for **all** OC golfers, so whatever your golfing ability, you are invited to come along and enjoy a day out with fellow Old Citizens. We are privileged to be able to play on some of the finest golf courses in the south of England. Our meetings are fun and you can be sure of a warm welcome.

Further details for all Fixtures and Matches can be obtained from the Hon Secretary, John Featherstone.

## May

Our **Spring Meeting** was held at New Zealand GC, Addlestone, on 22 May. Greg Matthews won the Pollard Cup with a very good score of 39 Stableford points. Martin Lester, winner for the previous two years was second! Martin will be disappointed to learn that we are moving the Spring Meeting to Worplesdon (*see below*: June section). Martin has won twice at New Zealand and has had a Hole in One!

## June

We entered the **Cyril Gray** competition, for the over 50s, at Worplesdon Golf Club at the end of June. Unfortunately we lost all 3 matches, by close margins, to Blundells in the first round. In the **Plate Competition** on the following day we drew Trent.

Yet again the matches were close fought contests with matches lasting to the 17<sup>th</sup> or 18<sup>th</sup> Hole. We were unlucky to lose 2½ to ½. This is a very relaxed and enjoyable event, and we plan to switch our Spring Meeting to Worplesdon next year to enable us to secure more practice on this fine golf course.

## July

Our **Summer Meeting** at Swinley Forest GC, Ascot, on Friday 11 July was most enjoyable, and was very well supported with 22 players and guests (*see facing page*). We enjoyed a dry and sunny day! The **Spice Bowl** was won by Terry Bridle with an excellent gross score of 72, net 66. The **John Carpenter Cup** was won by Stuart Courtney with a net 67.

The Society also arranged a July match against the **School and Masters** at Old Fold Manor Golf Club. You may recall that last year the School (boys!) won the Law Robertson Cup — but this year the Old Citizens managed to wrest the cup back from them. This is proving to be a popular event at an excellent venue, not too tough but challenging enough for all standards of golfer. Our objective, apart from having a good day, is to find new junior golfers in the School, and we hope to encourage them to join the OCGS when they leave. Our thanks to Mark Bretton (OC) who arranges the fixture and Matt Kerr the Sports Master for bringing some boys as well as his colleagues along.

## September

The **Autumn Meeting** and **Captain's Day** was held at The Berkshire on Friday 19 September. Sixteen members and guests enjoyed a warm Autumn day's golf. John Brennan won the Captain's prize with a score of 37 points, while Doug Stoker and his guest Colin won the afternoon's Greensomes competition with a score of 37 points.

## October

We have a match against the Old Paulines at Sundridge Park GC, on 10 October at 9:30, followed by dinner. Last year's event was most enjoyable.

## And finally...

### Centenary in 2009 September in Chantilly

Plans for our Centenary celebrations are now well advanced, and we are arranging **a golf tour to Chantilly**.

We plan to have **three days of golf** over a number of courses.

Dates are not yet fixed, but are likely to be somewhere near 10 to 13 September.

Watch for future announcements, or contact the Hon.Sec., John Featherstone.

# Fives

*Contemplating the Fives Club's prospects for the coming season, John Reynolds recalls some epoch-making events of exactly thirty years ago*

It's 1978 and the country is on the cusp of a new era. **Jim Callaghan** is Prime Minister, but we are heading for the Winter of Discontent and it will not be long before he is replaced by Margaret Thatcher. **The Clash** have just headlined the *Rock Against Racism* concert in London's Victoria Park for 80,000 people.

Meanwhile, on the steps at the main entrance to the old School, the **Fives Team** is poised for great things: within a year Richard Matthews and John Reynolds would win the Public Schools Open

Championship for the third time in the School's history. And just a year after that Aidan Kong and Danny Tang would win the Public Schools Under 16 Tournament for the first time in the School's history.

Four of those pictured are still playing: the Jacobses, Kong and Reynolds. If any of the others, or indeed, any Old Citizen, should fancy a game, perhaps at the Adams Cup to be held later in the season, they should contact John Reynolds: [johnpatrickreynolds@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:johnpatrickreynolds@yahoo.co.uk)



John Reynolds

LEFT Fives Team 1978

BACK ROW: ? Young, Noah Linden, Keith Proffitt, Andy Silewicz, Mark George Jacobs, John Poole, Graeme Sparks, Nick Galatis

MIDDLE ROW: Richard Matthews, John Patrick Reynolds, Richard Thacker, Nick Lessof, Tim Harris, Marco Esposito, Adam Wein

FRONT ROW: Les Jacobs, ? McDowell, Mr David Martin, Nick Lesser, Aidan Kong



PHOTO: Official School Photographer



PHOTO: John Featherstone



IN FRONT OF THE SWINLEY FOREST CLUBHOUSE, JULY 2008

FAR LEFT Paul Marsh, Greg Matthews with his guest Anders Baker, David Lidgate

LEFT John Brennan, Stuart Courtney, Terry Bridle and Rod Peters (Stuart's guest)



ACTION SHOTS of our golfers are very rare, for technical rather than athletic reasons. However, some of the stalwarts are depicted in static shots at the foot of the facing page.



# Cricket

*Another good season, with plenty of victories, some good innings from younger players and a thousand up for Junky. Tony Sawell reports.*



Tony Sawell

## Season's summary

The main disappointment this season concerned the very restricted availability of our ground at Botany Bay, which has caused us difficulties in arranging fixtures. Botany Bay Cricket Club has been using more home pitches than previously. But we did manage to make use of a couple of grounds elsewhere, particularly Old Owens club which helped the situation a bit.

## 1000 for Junky Shannon

No Old Citizen batsman has scored a century in 2008, but Michael Knight has scored three fifties, and others to get a fifty-plus have been Steve Ringer, Rohan Francis, Jacob Holden, Jo Spencer, Nadir Gohar and Will Sheldon. Richard Birdseed Millett has taken five wickets in an innings twice, including a six for seven runs, and Tony Sawell and Yousef Ramsan have also bagged 'five-fors'.

Surprisingly, Junky (Michael) Shannon did not get one, although he was our most successful bowler. Junky did however get his thousandth wicket for the OCs, a feat accomplished only once before in the history of the club, by the legendary Peg Sawell. Well done Maestro!

## Mitesh Patel (95-97) remembered

We had one terrible piece of news when we learnt of the death of young **Mitesh Patel**. Although he had told us of his illness last year, we had hopes of a recovery. He was remembered at our match with Spelthorne Melrose where black armbands were worn. He was a lovely person, and our condolences go out to his family.

## Match reports for 2008

*versus Ivanhoe: April 19th – LOST*

Ivanhoe: 202 for 4 (35 overs match)

Old Citizens: 153 for 8

On a bright but exceptionally cold day we lost our first game in a high scoring limited overs contest.

Ivanhoe hit a speedy 202, but we managed a respectable reply thanks to Allan Saldanha, Mike Knight and Jacob Holden.

*versus Hainault Road: April 26th – WON*

Hainault: 142

Old Citizens: 143 for 5

We still captured a win before the end of April by winning our second match. It was the first time we used the Old Owens club at Potters Bar for our home venue, as Botany Bay, our usual home, was not available.

In spite of their losing an early wicket to Rohan Francis, the visitors nearly reached eighty before the second wicket fell. Their innings subsided with Tony Sawell taking 5 for 29. A sound undefeated 55 from Michael Knight, supported by 26 from Jo Spencer saw us to victory.

*versus Jack of Diamonds: May 3rd - WON*

Old Citizens: 183

Jack of Diamonds: 40

Our next home game at Old Owens saw us record an easy win. Sound innings from Bruce Todd, Allan and Rohan gave our batting a good base, after which Diamonds were routed by all our bowlers, James Gleadow taking 3 for 6. Even Ifi Islam took a couple of cheap wickets.

*versus Bamville: May 10th – LOST*

Old Citizens: 205 for 7 (40 overs match)

Bamville: 209 for 7

Our first game at Botany Bay was a close contest. A half century from Jo and 47 from Steve Ringer (which included a couple of his trade mark sixes) ensured a good total. But Bamville batted well and just scraped home.

*versus Old Ignations: May 17th – WON*

Old Ignations: 77

Old Citizens: 79 for 3

It was miserable weather for our first visit to the Old Ignations ground at Enfield. Three of their batsmen made a reasonable start but fell before they could establish themselves, and our attack of James Gleadow, Alex Bennett, Birdseed Millett, well supported by Junky Shannon and Sunil Shaikh was always on top. Bruce saw us to victory by anchoring

our reply with an undefeated 30, his main support coming from Birdseed.

*versus Bourne End: May 24th – WON*

Bourne End: 198 for 2 dec.

Old Citizens: 199 for 4

This time the Northampton Exiles ground at Winchmore Hill was our new home venue. On a good batting wicket our visitors made a very fair declaration on 198, and only James and Jacob managed a wicket apiece.

After losing a couple of wickets scoring the first thirty four runs, our batsmen batted well. Batting at four, Steve got off the mark with a six, and contributed a useful 41. Mike Knight carried his bat at the other end, and was joined by Jacob who looked in form from the moment he came in, going on to get an excellent 51. Jo partnered Mike to hit the winning runs.

*versus Essendon: June 1st – DRAWN*

Essendon: 145

Old Citizens: 105 for 9

After reaching a hundred with only one wicket down, Birdseed and Junky struck taking four wickets each to dismiss our opponents for 145. Apart from Allan and Jo we did not really get going and we had to settle for a draw.

*versus Old Brentwoods: June 7th – WON*

Old Brentwoods: 66

Old Citizens: 68 for 4

Wet conditions prevailed. Brentwoods did not look as if they would score too many, and when Birdseed took a catch on the boundary the writing was on the wall. Junky and Tony took three wickets each, Alex two, and Nadir Gohar the other one. Twenty wides from OB made our task easier!

*versus Penn Street: June 14th – WON*

Penn Street: 89

Old Citizens: 93 for 5

In the usual way we have a tough time at this village ground, but this year proved to be an exception. Birdseed got 3 for 12 in ten tight overs while Sunil captured 3 for 22 with his spinners. Richard Saldanha, Steve, and Jo all scored in the twenties to ensure victory.

*versus Bourne End: June 21st – LOST*

Bourne End: 211 for 9 (40 overs match)

Old Citizens: 66

Bourne End gained revenge for the May defeat by winning comprehensively on their ground. Nadir was our most successful bowler with 3 for 29. Only Richard Hillman reached double figures with the bat.

*versus South Woodford: June 28th – WON*

South Woodford: 119

Old Citizens: 121 for 1

Jacob captured 4 for 41, Alex took 3 wickets, and Junky had one of his customary miserly spells. Allan and Jo saw us to a comfortable win, helped by 26 from Yousef Ramzan including six fours.

*versus The School: - July 3rd – DRAWN*

The School: 255 for 7 dec.

Old Citizens: 170 for 4

The School batted well and amassed a formidable total. Top scorer was Yoav Lebens who was caught by Bruce off Yousef, but not before scoring 101 runs. A Dabhi hit 42, and Dan Grenolowicz, Rohan, and Will Sheldon also made useful contributions. Our bowlers and fielders were generally unimpressive, but fortunately the batting was more effective, and we were able to post a fair score to save face.

*versus Arkley: July 5th – DRAWN*

Old Citizens: 181

Arkley: 108 for 9

Steve's 63, supported by Birdseed 27 and Will 21, gave us a decent total. Arkley hung on for a draw, although Birdseed had bowling figures of 6 wickets for 7 runs in seven overs.

*versus Waxlow: July 12th – WON*

Waxlow: 40

Old Citizens: 41 for 3

In miserable conditions we routed Waxlow for 40. Suleiman Farrukhi took 4 for 21 and Sunil Shaikh 3 for 4. An easy win.

*versus Mayfield: July 19th – LOST*

Mayfield: 142

Old Citizens: 71

James's 4 for 39 and Junky's 3 for 17 supported by the other bowlers, Suleiman, Richard, Yousef and



THE CRICKET CLUB  
is to be congratulated  
on its ability to field  
a team of more than  
11 members on 24  
separate occasions  
from April to  
September



*No doubt as an exercise for the reader, Tony has left us to work out exactly when and where Junky Shannon took his 1000th wicket! But the single clue doesn't seem quite sufficient...*

- Tony kept the target down. However, Steve's 33 needed help from the other batsmen which was not forthcoming.

*versus* **Mayfield: July 26th – WON**

Mayfield: 133

Old Citizens: 137 for 4

We went to the Club Cricket Conference Fixture Bureau for a fixture for this week and ended up with a repeat of the previous week. This time we reversed the result. James bowled well to take 4 for 17 from ten overs, and Junky took 4 for 20. Allan scored 48, putting on 80 for the first wicket with Mike. Fahad scored 25 and Steve 20 not out, to see us comfortably home.

*versus* **Spelthorne Melrose: August 2nd – DRAWN**

Old Citizens: 148 for 9 dec.

Spelthorne Melrose: 72 for 6

Mike Knight, Richard Saldanha, and Fahad Syed were our first three batsmen and succumbed in the twenties after looking set for larger scores. Steve and Jacob reached double figures but the big happening of the afternoon was provided by Junky.

His undefeated 13 was the best ever score of his career! Earlier in the season he had taken his career aggregate past the three hundred mark after 188 innings. Junky takes three times as many wickets as he scores runs. The opposition never threatened to win, and Junky took 3 for 13 in ten overs.

*versus* **Storrington: August 8th – LOST**

Old Citizens: 55

Storrington: 58 for 1

Our usual Friday game in Sussex was horribly one-sided, Dan Grendowicz top scoring with 16. We ended up having a limited overs match afterwards, before cheering ourselves up with our annual feast at Signy Towers.

*versus* **Jack of Diamonds: August 16th – WON**

Old Citizens: 164

Jack of Diamonds: 92

The double was completed over our new opposition following our contest in May. The highlight of the OC effort was 57 from Nadir, while Allan's brother Richard scored 23 and Jack Malnick 19. Junky and Richard both took three wickets, supported by Alex, and there was a rare wicket for Allan.

*versus* **Arkley: August 23rd – WON**

Arkley: 147 for 9 (40 overs)

Old Citizens: 148 for 3

A good win at Botany Bay against an established foe. In spite of an indifferent start to his bowling, Birdseed took 5 for 38 and although Alex and others had some success, we sprayed far too many wides about. Our batting was in form, and after Bruce fell just three short of 50, we scored well. Will Sheldon got a half century, and Fahad stroked an undefeated 32 to see us safely home. ►

► *versus* **Southgate: August 25th – DRAWN**

Southgate: 180 for 8 dec.

Old Citizens: 178 for 9

The Bank Holiday Monday fixture at the Walker Ground produced a close drawn game. Len Stokes opened for Southgate and he provided amusement for OCs when the opening bowlers were taken off and Junky Shannon came on to bowl. With a mixture of luck and engineering the strike, he managed to bat for some time without facing Junky's bowling. When he finally had to, he lasted three balls before he was caught by Richard behind the wicket off the fourth ball. What a pity that Junky had taken his one thousandth wicket for the OCs two weeks previously — he had planned some weeks earlier to dismiss Len for his thousandth!

Southgate batted for 53 overs before declaring but when we batted Len had another moment. He developed a mysterious injury when he was bowling near the end of the match. Instead of getting someone else to complete the over, he managed to persuade the young umpire to call a completed over, thus making sure that we received a couple fewer deliveries. Obviously it had nothing to do with the fact that we were getting dangerously close to winning! He then managed a surprise recovery to bowl the final over from that end.

*versus* **Bourne End: August 30th – DRAWN**

Bourne End: 213 for 7 dec.

Old Citizens: 144 for 7

Bourne End's number three got a century, and although Bruce and Mike put on 93 for the opening stand, after Yousef was out a draw always looked to be the result.

*versus* **Maori Oxshott: September 14th – LOST**

Old Citizens: 191 for 9 (40 overs match)

Maori Oxshott: 195 for 4

The sunshine returned for this game. Rohan hit a good 51 scoring quickly after playing himself in. Mike (30), Sunil, and Chirag Patel also made useful contributions. Maori Oxshott reached the goal with an over and a couple of balls to spare.

*versus* **Mountnessing: September 20th – WON**

Mountnessing: 105 for 8 (40 overs)

Old Citizens: 107 for 1

Three wickets each from Alex and Junky (who restricted the Essex side to scoring twenty-five from his thirteen over spell) meant that Will Sheldon, Mike and Alex hit the runs off in less than twenty-four overs. Tony's well taken one-handed catch in the deep clocked up his 250th. ■

#### SEPARATE CELEBRATIONS

RIGHT Junky Shannon rightly celebrates on the Walker Ground at Southgate his 1000th wicket for the Old Citizens



FAR RIGHT Mike Knight, James Gleadow and skipper Alex Bennett are happy with their win at Mountnessing



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The Sports Committee continues to monitor and encourage sporting activities both for Old Citizens and schoolboys. We are pleased that a number of OC sports are still flourishing, including Cricket, Fives, Golf and Swimming & Water Polo. In addition, the Soccer and Badminton clubs play occasionally during the course of their season. We also continue to assist CLS sporting activities financially, the support presently being given to Soccer, Cricket and Golf.

The **Annual General Meeting** of the sports clubs' playing members will be held at the office of Martin Israel, Horwath Clark Whitehill, St Brides House, 10 Salisbury Square EC4 on **Wednesday 10 December 2008 at 6.00pm**. Light refreshments will be available.

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