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AUTUMN TERM 2009
Term begins: Tues 8 September
Half-Term: Mon 26 - Fri 30 October
Term ends: Fri 18 December

SPRING TERM 2010
Term begins: Tues 12 January
Half-Term: Wed 17 - Fri 19 February
Term ends: Tues 31 March

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Term ends: Fri 9 July

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BOOK THESE DATES!

'91 '92 '93 Leavers' Reunion
Monday 30 November

OC Lawyers' Dinner
Tuesday 8 December

(see panels on page 7)

Cover photographs

FRONT COVER The newly appointed Alumni Relations Officer, Karen Sage, begins to pick up some of the School's history in the Library

BACK COVER The victorious OC Cricket team after a record win at Bourne End early in the 2009 season

Future photographs

Members are encouraged to send photographs, which may be sent as 'chemical' prints or as uncropped, high resolution digital images.

Editorial

At last the Club has an administrator, Karen Sage, whose picture appears on the front cover of this issue, and who is introduced to you on page 7. Because the role includes bringing together the current pupils of the School and members of the Club, her title is Alumni Relations Officer, which we shall, no doubt, abbreviate to ARO. Since publication of the Spring issue considerable progress has been made in deciding how best to streamline the conditions of membership of the Club. The decisions arrived at have required changes in the funding arrangements for the Club and changes to the Rules. Of this, more is to be found on pages 5 and 6 since the Committee must now bring firm proposals to the AGM for approval. Your Gazette is also changing. This has been the first year (other than the war years) when fewer than three have appeared, and there is an inevitable move towards provision of news and other information by means of the World-Wide-Web and the internet. But we have no intention of ceasing publication for those who want to continue to receive the Gazette in print, and it will continue to be available to such members and friends of the Club.



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Club Supper
Wednesday 25 November
following the Annual General Meeting

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.

Please apply for places at £33 by Monday 21st November using the application form included with this issue.

Concessionary prices
Tickets are available at reduced rates for:
Life dining Members: £22
Leavers from 1994 or later: £18

Arrangements
Reception: from 7:15pm on the Concourse (or sooner if the AGM finishes early)
Supper: 7:45pm Dining Hall
Dress: Lounge suits

Annual General Meeting

Wednesday 25 November 2009

The General Committee will be putting to the Meeting its final proposals for reform of the Club



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 25th November 2009** at 5:30pm, preceded by tea from 5pm.

Agenda

1. Apologies for absence.
2. Minutes of last meeting (26 November 2008).
3. Correspondence.
4. Finance: To receive the Club Accounts for the year ended 30 April 2009.
5. **To consider and vote upon Resolution 1** (*right*).
6. To receive the Report of the General Committee for the year 2008/2009. 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.
7. **To consider and vote upon Resolution 2** (*right*).
8. To elect the President for the year 2009/2010.
Nomination: RJC Jones (CLS 1954-62)
Proposed by BAH Todd
Seconded by CR Southgate
9. To elect Officers and Committee as set out below.
10. General Business.

Election of Officers and General Committee

The following nominations have been received:

Officers:

Secretary: MAB Israel (65/73-73)
Treasurer: MAB Israel (65/73-73)
Editor of the *Gazette*: BA Millo (53/61-61)
Chairman of Entertainments Sub-Committee: CR Southgate (56/65-65)

Subscription Treasurer: *see accompanying notes*
Membership Secretary: *see accompanying notes*
Almoner: DL Morganstein (83/91-91)
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I Livne (02/04-04)

MAB Israel
Hon. Secretary
September 2009

Club Supper

Members are encouraged to attend the Club Supper which will again take the form of a buffet following the AGM, to give members freedom to move about and meet other people. The price this year will be £33, with concessions. See the notice on page 3 and the application form included with this issue.

Annual General Meeting 2009 (see Notes below and on pages 5 & 6)

RESOLUTION 1

To approve the transfer of £5,000 or monies worth from the Benevolent Fund to the War Memorial Fund with immediate effect and to instruct the Treasurer accordingly

RESOLUTION 2

That the Draft Rules tabled by the Honorary Secretary be adopted in substitution for the existing Rules of the Club

Note from the Treasurer on Resolution 1

The Benevolent Fund has over the last ten years had only limited call upon its funds to meet hardship amongst former pupils of the City of London School.

Under the rules of the charitable funds, the members at the AGM may approve the transfer of funds from the Benevolent Fund to the War Memorial Fund. The War Memorial Fund itself was set up by a transfer out of the Benevolent Fund with objectives more widely drawn than those of the Benevolent Fund so as to be able to benefit those associated directly with the School and the School itself.

Following a review of all the Club's funds, the General Committee is recommending the transfer of £5,000 to the War Memorial Fund out of the Benevolent Fund.

New Rules for the Club

Notes from the President

These notes relate to important issues about the Club's constitution, and therefore the directly affect all members.

I apologise if the tone is rather dry, but that, I'm afraid, is the nature of Constitutions – has anyone read the Lisbon Treaty?

Background

A year ago I reported here on the developments which your Committee had been undertaking in order to ensure the future of the Club, and to enhance its effectiveness both in promoting Old Citizen activity and in supporting the School.

At the subsequent AGM last November two resolutions were passed, approving the Committee's actions to date, agreeing to changes to Rule 12 on membership and subscriptions, and mandating the Committee to continue the programme of reorganisation, including proposing further changes to the Rules.

Since then, the arrangement with the School whereby all Sixth Form leavers become Life Members of the Club on payment of a single subscription has been implemented. The arrangement commences for 2009 leavers. In addition, we have appointed an Alumni Relations Officer, **Karen Sage**, who is now in post and who will be increasingly taking over responsibility for much Old Citizen communications.

We have also continued the work of extending our database to ensure we have as inclusive and thorough a list of contacts as possible. As anticipated, these and other initiatives have meant that the Committee has needed to make an extensive review of the Rules in order to bring the constitution of the Club fully into line with present circumstances.

A great deal of work has been undertaken over the year, with much of the onus falling on the broad shoulders of Keith Baker, aided and advised by a number of others, including Paul Wickham, Dickie Jones and Martin Israel. Importantly, though, I should emphasise that the whole Committee has been involved in this process at various stages. I can

now report that the Committee has unanimously agreed a revised set of Rules. These will be presented to this year's AGM for approval.

Changes

I thought that it would be helpful to highlight some of the key changes we are proposing ahead of the AGM. I should start by emphasising that, as a principle, our approach has been to avoid proposing changes unless we judged them to be completely necessary. To enable easier cross-referencing, we have tried to stick as closely as possible to the original numbering.

Membership categories

The first of the changes is the redefinition of the categories of membership of the Club, governed by Rules 3 and 4. We are proposing that there shall be three categories of membership:

Full (to include Dining),
Playing, and a new category of
Associate members.

These categories would replace the current Ordinary, Dining and Playing members.

The thinking behind this proposal is first that we now believe the concept of Dining membership to be outdated, and that no new Dining Members need be admitted. We propose that henceforth **Full Membership** will entitle the Member to a set of common entitlements. Of course, existing Dining Members, of whom a few remain, will continue to receive their historical benefits.

More significant is the proposal to create the **Associate Member** category. An Associate Member would be a former pupil of the School (Rule 4e) or other qualifying person (Rule 4g) with whom the Club is in contact, and who has agreed that we can store personal information about him, including contact details, but who has chosen not to pay a subscription to the Club. Associate Members would receive Club communications electronically only and not be entitled to priority or discounted bookings at Club events. ►



Bruce Todd
President



YOUR APPROVAL
IS SOUGHT:
(i) to realign the
Club's Trust Funds
and
(ii) to replace our
old Rules with a
new set which is
designed to meet
our new and
inclusive purpose



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)]

Introducing the ARO

Administration of the Club is now becoming more efficient with the welcome arrival of our factotum, Karen Sage

- Our thinking here is driven by a key priority: we want to ensure that we connect to as many Old Citizens as possible – in other words, that we are inclusive rather than exclusive.

Associate Membership allows us to register and keep contact and other details about all Old Citizens (except of course for those who opt out entirely) and so enable us to communicate with them and, we hope, to engage with them over time.

It is our proposal that all members of the Club, except Associates, will continue to pay a subscription (Rules 11-14). The Period subscriptions that have applied to leavers in various forms since 1980 would continue in place; although, of course, in time they will come to a natural end.

Our Administrator

The proposed new Rules also take account of the appointment of our **Alumni Relations Officer** (Rule 15c), who will increasingly take responsibility for the list of Members and management of the Membership database, for organising events and for ensuring our activities are aligned with those of the School. As a result, we are proposing a reduction in the number of specified Officers on the General Committee, ceasing both the Membership Secretary and the Subscription Treasurer.

Club Funds

Finally I should also point out that we are taking this opportunity to propose amending some wording relating to the administration of the Club's various Funds (Rules 34 and 39c). We are responding here to the changing regime relating to the administration of Trusts, and to the money laundering regulations which can make the disposal or transfer of Trust assets a most arduous business (for the gory details

of their recent experiences in this area, consult Keith Baker and Dickie Jones!). The proposed changes should allow us to be more flexible and efficient in managing the Trusts' assets.

There are also a number of other smaller changes to the Rules, some arising as a result of the major proposals, others recognising changed and current circumstances.

Where to find the proposed Rules

I urge Members to read the proposed Rules carefully. We have decided not to make a mass distribution of copies, but the proposed Draft is available online via the Club's website at:

<http://jcc.org.uk/draft-new-rules>

Those who would like a printed version should contact Karen Sage, our Alumni Relations Officer, who will be happy to despatch a hard copy. Karen may be contacted by telephone at:

020 7489 4766 or 07815 766984

while her email address is:

aro@jcc.org.uk

Your Committee is confident that this set of proposals will ensure that the Club is administered under Rules that are consistent, appropriate and relevant. We should also acknowledge, though, that circumstances can change and that a future Committee may well need to revisit the situation and make further recommendations.

Those who are unable to attend the AGM and who have observations to make about the proposed Rules are most welcome to contact me. I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the AGM on November 25th and, of course, at the Supper that follows.

Since we announced our intention to change the annual number of issues from 3 to 2, the Editor has received two comments from members, both expressing concern that the printed form might be lost altogether.

We can assure you that that will not happen unless and until there is no longer a demand for the printed page. But please do continue to let us know about your own feelings on this matter.

A School Leavers' Reunion

for those who left the School
in 1991, 1992 or 1993
has been arranged for

Monday 30 November at 6pm
at the School

For further information, please contact
the Alumni Relations Officer
Karen Sage: karen.sage@clsb.org.uk

The Annual Lawyers' Dinner

for practising or intending
OC legal professionals
(The Asquith Society)
will take place on

Tuesday 8 December at 7pm
at the Reform Club

Cost: £70 per person

For further information, please contact
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Also planned for the first half of 2010
with exact dates yet to be fixed:

2000 / 01 / 02 Leavers' Reunion
1987 / 88 / 89 Leavers' Reunion

and three other
Professional Group Gatherings

For further information, please contact
the Alumni Relations Officer
Karen Sage: karen.sage@clsb.org.uk



Karen Sage has been working three days a week at the School since June this year, reading up on our history, improving the Membership database, and generally getting to grips with her work in organising our administration and strengthening the links between the old boys and the School.

She is an Electrical Engineering graduate from Imperial College, and started work as a trainee journalist on engineering trade journals.

At the age of 26 Karen found herself Editor, but family commitments then drew her to Aberdeen where she moved into public relations, a career which she continues to pursue, now that she is back in London.

In her working life so far, Karen has worked in the communications field in a Chamber of Commerce, a PR agency, an oil drilling company — and now she is to be found at the City of London School in what might prove to be her most demanding role so far!

While much information can be found in the *Gazette* and on the website, from now on Karen will be the focal point of personal communication between members and the administration of the Club. We are confident that she will bring a measure of efficiency and timeliness to such tasks as the handling of applications for membership and changes of address, to give only two obvious examples.

Another point of difficulty for the Club has been the control and checking of subscriptions, but with the new regime of Life Membership automatically being granted to nearly all school leavers, this burden will immediately become lighter, and will gradually disappear. We therefore hope that Karen will also be able to cope with this aspect of the new method of organising our membership.

As with all changes to structure, unexpected problems might occur — but we hope that members will be patient under such circumstances, and that they will assist the ARO wherever possible.

ARO: Monday to Wednesday.
For numbers and email address
please see the facing page.



Karen Sage
Alumni Relations Officer

LEFT Karen Sage looks at a document that Terry Heard has recently found in the archives

Dinner in the House of Lords

After a false start in February when London was brought to a halt by snow on 'our' day, the outgoing President had a second chance in September to reflect upon charity, power and fair-mindedness



Bruce Todd
President

We of course know of John Carpenter as the donor of a legacy for the education of four poor boys, Carpenter's Children, a legacy which eventually came to be used to found the City of London School in 1837. So when we recall John Carpenter's name, it is more as a benefactor than as a man. We follow the money, not the life.

The public face

In fact, of course, John Carpenter was a most important Londoner in his time. He was Common Clerk to the City – he uniquely called himself 'Secretary of the City'. He signed proclamations, he arbitrated on disputes and he kept the books. And as anyone who has sat on a committee knows, he who writes the minutes runs the show.

To his contemporaries, John Carpenter was an eminent lawyer and politician. Like Mayor Whittington, his friend and mentor, he was a member of the Mercers Guild, fiercely loyal to, and a defender of the City, its customs, and most importantly, its independence.

Study the man, and you find that his life conjures up the all the colour – and the murkiness – of London life and politics of the time. Wealth, poverty, scandal, riots, protests against foreign imports – how like the City of London of today!

L'èminence grise

Carpenter was not a man, initially at least, who forced himself to the front rank – he was never Mayor, for example. He was content to stand one pace behind, discreetly murmuring into Mayor Whittington's ear – the wise and trusted counsellor. He was the kind of operator not unknown today within the precincts of today's Palace of Westminster – a Special Advisor. And he wasn't above using the darker arts to promote his and his master's cause. He was, in today's parlance, a highly accomplished spin doctor.

So, what was he spinning, and who for?

In 1419, in the time of Whittington's last term as Mayor, Whittington and John Carpenter together published a book, the *Liber Albus* – the White Book. It was an account of the ancient customs, laws and practices by which the City of London operated. Carpenter and Whittington's objective

was not just to gather in one place a lot of previously scattered, and in some cases long-forgotten, historical information. It was a deliberate piece of propaganda which said to the King: hands off! We in the City can handle our own affairs – here are all the rules that we use to regulate commerce, and to keep the underlings in their place.

Self government for the City

The point was that the City was independent, but its independence was held on licence from the King, who could, and occasionally did, revoke the City's 'liberties' if he felt that things were getting out of hand. And this had last happened just fifteen years before the *Liber Albus* appeared. A humiliation for the City and its ruling elite.

Carpenter's objective was to demonstrate that for centuries the City had accumulated an effective body of legislation, and it was quite capable, under the wise leadership of the Mayor, of continuing to govern its own affairs.

But in the *Liber Albus*, funnily enough, there is no hint of the occasional blips that had taken place in the City's very recent past. Such as the notorious feud between two hot-headed Mayors, John of Northampton, a Draper, and Nicholas Bembre, a Grocer.

Appearance of harmony

The guilds which specialised in food provision – the Fishmongers, the Vintners, the Grocers – had come to dominate high political office in the City. And John of Northampton – a Draper, remember – didn't like it, and neither did his friends the Armourers, Haberdashers and Cordwainers. Northampton campaigned against victuallers like Bembre, and the victuallers fought back. The feud contributed to London's widespread civil disorder of the 1380s – and that is when the king intervened. By publishing the *Liber Albus*, Carpenter and Whittington fudged this recent friction between the City and the King, in order to create an image of perfect harmony and so justify the City's right to manage its own affairs independently.

In fact, there was widespread suspicion of the victualling trade at the time, and Carpenter himself was not immune to the general view. The *Liber Albus*

makes it clear that no-one of any standing could possibly stoop so low as to be a common brewer of ale, for example:

"... neither Mayor, Sheriff, nor Aldermen, clerks of the Sheriff or of the Chamber, sergeants, beadles, sergeants' servants, porters of the Counters, nor officers of Newgate, nor their servants ... shall henceforth brew for sale ... keep an oven, or let carts for hire; nor shall they be resellers of any provisions, or hucksters of ale ... And the person who shall contravene this ordinance, shall be removed from his office ... for ever."

Some penalties could be even more humiliating. The *Liber Albus* specified that a baker selling sub-standard bread was to be:

"... drawn on a hurdle from the Guildhall to his own house, through the great streets where there may be most people assembled, and through the streets that are most filthy, with the faulty loaf hanging from his neck!"

Mercers vs brewers

Mayor Whittington himself – a Mercer remember, both by trade and guild membership – had a long-standing dispute with the brewers. In 1422 he sentenced four master Brewers to forfeit a bond of £20 for overcharging. But Carpenter, in his role as Common Clerk, decided not to enforce the sentence.

In his view, Whittington's bias against the brewers had gone too far this time. It is also just possible that Carpenter was swayed by the gift of 'two pipes of claret' given to him by the Brewers as part of their lobbying campaign against the statute that banned brewers from holding office within the City.

Almost a Lord Chancellor

In any case, on this occasion, Carpenter sensationally acted against the ruling of his mentor, friend and colleague. It seems that John Carpenter was a thoroughly pragmatic operator, being simultaneously a member of the executive, the legislature and the judiciary. A very special spin doctor indeed.

Armed with this array of skills, John Carpenter would, I am sure, have made an excellent President of the John Carpenter Club. Though perhaps his dislike of common victuallers might have made it difficult for him to organise an Annual Dinner. He would certainly have studied the prices on the wine list pretty closely, and checked the bill before putting down his credit card.

Flourishing and meritorious

I hope he would approve of the Club today. As many of you will know, we have undertaken a number of recent initiatives. We have breathed new life into our database. We have revamped our website in line with the School's. And we have appointed an Alumni Relations Officer, Karen Sage, who I am delighted to welcome here this evening, and who is now assuming much of the responsibility for communicating with all Old Citizens, organising events and liaising with the School.

We hope that these initiatives will ensure that we are able to communicate more effectively with Citizens of all ages, and to get them to stay in touch with us and each other. And to ensure that we have even closer ties to the School.

And the toast is: The School

Which leads me to ask you all please to rise and raise your glasses. I give you the institution which, in the preface of the 1861 translation of John Carpenter's *Liber Albus*, is described as "flourishing and meritorious", and which, as we have heard, remains so today: the City of London School.



LEFT John Carpenter gazes down upon the Concourse at the School while cradling his *Liber Albus*



THE ANNUAL
DINNER
took place this year
on 9 September
in the
House of Lords
through the kind
sponsorship of
Lord Levene
of Portsoken

A London Event, and other stories

Some small items are brought to our attention by Terry Heard



Terry Heard

A Recent Event

One of the eleven Justices of the new Supreme Court, who were sworn in on 1st October, is Lord Collins of Mapesbury. As **Lawrence Antony Collins** he entered the School in September 1952 and left from the Classical VI in March 1960.

After studying law at Downing College, Cambridge where he gained a starred First, and then at the Columbia Law School in New York, he became a solicitor, specialising in international law, and made legal history first in 1997 when he was one of the first two practising solicitors to be appointed Queen's Counsel, and again in 2000 by being the first solicitor to be appointed a High Court judge straight from practice in a law firm.

In April this year he was introduced to the House of Lords as:

Baron Collins of Mapesbury, of Hampstead Town in the London Borough of Camden

FAR RIGHT Dr Abbott, Old Citizen, and Headmaster from 1865 to 1889, author of *Flatland*



RIGHT Baron Collins of Mapesbury, OC, on the day of his being sworn in as a Justice of the Supreme Court



RIGHT The eleven 'initial' Justices of the newly created Supreme Court of the United Kingdom turning up for work

A Notable Old Citizen

William Cawthorne Unwin (1838-1933), LLD, FRS was at the School from 1848 to 1854. In a long and distinguished career as a civil and mechanical engineer his most striking achievement was to harness the water power of the Niagara Falls in the world's first major hydro-electric scheme.

A Quirky Morsel

Notice from the Headmaster, Dr Abbott, to the classes in the upper corridor, 2 October 1873:

"Owing to the condition of the floor I am obliged to request the discontinuance of the game of jumping in the upper corridor. I have no objection to the game in the play-room and in the lower corridor where the floor is of stone."

Note that this was in the Milk Street school, which had no playground. What do you think the game was, to cause so much concern?



Another link with Kingswood School

Shortly after our issue No. 295 for Spring 2009 was published, the Editor received a letter from John Badcock, the husband of Dinah Wheeler, daughter of the late JH 'Jack' Wheeler who was on the teaching staff at CLS from 1934 until his retirement in 1971.

John had picked up the *Gazette* from his doormat, and was struck by the cover picture of Kingswood School — a school that he remembered well because he attended it as a boy in the 1950s.

The *Gazette* is sent to the Badcocks because Dinah continues to take an interest in the School, having been closely involved with it when she and her sister Barbara occasionally met some of us on the fencing piste.

John's letter, reproduced here on the facing page as an image (because his handwriting deserves a wider public than just the Editor) completes the story. ▶

1917 Society - 91 years on

Onwards to its Centenary, and still relevant

The Society is a grouping of old boys of the School that concerns itself with the past and the present, with a glance towards the future. It was inaugurated in 1918 by the friends of one Old Citizen whose death in the battle of the Somme was felt so acutely that they wanted to commemorate him through their close support for the school where they had grown up together.

On 14 September this year, current members gathered to commemorate **James Maxwell Adair Hannan**, and to hear reports on the School today, formally and informally, given by senior boys. Among the members was Geoffrey Coulson, whose father, one of the original founders, looked on from a portrait on the wall. The present senior prefects, **Daniel Grandowicz**, **William Pimlott** and **Josh Hirschowitz**, told us of the present and the prospects. They were not chosen through membership of the triumphant Public Speaking team, but their eloquence showed no marks of the Robert Peston school of elocution.

Rugby has gone, while Soccer flourishes, a trend that seems to reverse every half century. The spirit of rugby lives on in Water polo, while Basketball waxes as Athletics wanes. The population of prefects is to fall from 60 to 40, news that triggered memories of a Prefects' Room holding a mere dozen — but comfortably furnished with a substantial drinks

cabinet. Proposing the toast of the School, Bruce Todd, again elected President of the JCC, explained how the new Alumni Relations Officer would strengthen the functional ties with Old Citizens, and facilitate the practical networking which the City does so well. The Secretary, Martin Israel, even found time for a personal toast to one member whose birthday it was on the day. Thanks are due each time the Society meets, to Martin for the organisation beforehand, and to Barry Darling for impeccable management on the night.

As ever, the evening began with formal communiqués in the Committee Room, and ended with off-the-cuff briefings as the port went round. Recollections came forth as the evening passed. Some have had longer for their recollections to mature, graduating from memory to myth; more recent reports, while hamstrung by evidence, still tell of an exceptionally active school community.

Most important of all, the three student representatives reassured us that we belonged in an impressive tradition. Were we ever so competent?

Most sobering, as we scattered genially into the night, was the thought that the Prefects, encouraged by Second Master Gary Griffin, were due back at an unimaginable hour the next morning to go away for a spirit-raising stay with junior forms, to whom they are attached as role models. Role models indeed!



RLD (Dickie) Pearce

▶ Dear Brian (if I may),
First, can I say thank-you for the recent copy of the Gazette which you and Terry Heard have continued to send to my wife Dinah in memory of her parents, Jack & Dorothy Wheeler.
Strange intersections of fate! J.W. Gardner was my principal classics teacher at Kingswood School during the early '50s. I acted in his drama productions, played (without being coached much!) in his First XV, suffered in his Ancient History classes, and learned enough Latin & Greek to get me to Oxford, where Dinah & I met.
She and I were married at the City Temple in 1964, and the reception was held in the Dining Hall at CLS, where Mary coped impressively with a kitchen explosion. It was a reasonably jolly affair, if memory serves, despite being alcohol-free. FR Dale was present, no doubt to ensure the correctness of quotation in the various speeches.
I hadn't known of JWG's CLS connection, and was surprised, about 10 years ago, to read his name in the Gazette. Thereafter, I wrote renewing acquaintance, and we stayed in touch until he died.

The fine picture of Kingswood on your cover was most evocative — though the school looked rather different in the 50's. All those manicured lawns were covered in vegetable gardens, to ensure that we 'sons of the Methodist manse' got our proper helping of greens. I sang, endlessly, and giggled for England in that neat chapel, bottom right.
And.... Neil Cheshire and I played cricket in the 1st XI together for a season.

Please give our warmest greetings to Terry, and accept our grateful thanks for keeping us (however undeserving) on the Old Citizens' list.

With all good wishes.

John Badcock.

Recollections from Old Citizens, and other connections

Graham Chidgey (CLS 48-53)

Graham went directly into the wine business upon leaving school, and is still there, as a consultant, living near Siena in Tuscany. He and your Editor managed to meet up briefly on 27 April at a typically Italian Bar on *Campo di Palio* in the centre of Siena for a chat and some reminiscences (*see* photograph below).

First, Graham suggests additions and corrections to the 1950 Modern IVA photograph (shown again at the foot of the facing page). The additions are: in the back row, the name is **David** Bignall, and sitting in front of CEB is **Frankel**.

Graham also attempts to fill in some gaps and correct errors, saying: “I am sure you have **Fraser** and **Ferguson** the wrong way round, while in the middle row **Larter** is correct. For the other three missing names I conjure up **Hollingsworth**, **Elliott** and **Hilditch** but I’m not sure who’s who! Indeed I could be quite wrong on these three because Mr Bond had the effrontery to keep me down one year and it may that the three I name were there in another year.

Bond and my father, CJ Chidgey, had been at CLS together between 1923 and 1928. In fact Bond was accurate in his assessment of my learning ability, and the extra year did me no harm at all. It was more to do with bringing me down a peg or two.”

Graham remarks that despite Hepner’s bad hair day, “at least he was smiling in the photograph

– I was told off for not buttoning my jacket and not smiling! And I remember meeting Sam Leigh several times at Lords playing the noble game.”

Chidgey and Orenstein (also in the photograph of Modern IVA) opened the innings together for the Under 14s against Colet Court. “Before rain stopped play,” says Graham, “we had amassed a 70-odd total, and I don’t think that we ever again played together.” [Others say that Graham was, perhaps, the finest batsman that the School ever produced, including Mike Brearley. *Editor.*]

While Graham continues to advise the wine trade, his wife Angela is an accomplished artist who devotes much of her time to alerting the world to the plight of the African elephant.

Having entered the London wine trade in 1953, Graham later found a niche in the vineyards of Champagne, Alsace, Burgundy and Bordeaux. To relate simply that he then bought and later sold Laytons, the London merchant, is to gloss over the fact that the period covered 30 years to 1997. Graham then moved to Tuscany, founding in 1999 a Winemakers Club with funds to finance the ageing of *Brunello di Montalcino*.

In 1977 Graham published the book *Guide to the wines of Burgundy*, and wine enthusiasts can find out more about Graham’s current activities by looking for the website of TheWineTrio:

www.thewinetrio.com

Peter Moore (CLS 34-41)

“I was at CLS from 1934 to 1941, first on a scholarship as a Temple chorister and, after my voice broke, on another by courtesy of Essex County Council. I was among those who were at Marlborough from 1939.”

So wrote PV Moore to the Editor after his being asked to provide some background information about himself. At Marlborough, Peter Moore was first billeted above Mr Mundy’s shoe shop, and for his second year with Mr Hext, the bursar of the College. And in that accommodation he enjoyed luxurious surroundings, “complete with maids”! But there was a drawback. After the death of his wife, the headmaster, Mr Dale, “a forbidding man in our young eyes”, joined the household and Peter and his fellow billetee felt it necessary to remain uncharacteristically quiet and peer round corners before entering a passageway.

Peter became Captain of both Cricket and Fencing, and he represented the School in all other sports, being awarded a cup by the Lord Mayor (of London) for *Outstanding Service to the School Games*. A School magazine some years later remarks that a Cricket team led by a certain Mike Brearley was “the best since PV Moore’s eleven of 1941.” Ah! Peter. But for the war...!

Peter Moore was bass soloist with the choir, appeared as *Bottom* and *Cassius* in the School plays; he was a Prefect, a member of the Home Guard

and was Senior Cadet in the OTC. His house was Carpenter.

Having trained from 1941 as a Royal Engineer, Peter served in the Corps for 26 years, serving in the Middle East and in Europe during the war. “I later held various regimental and also staff posts,” Peter continues, “having attended the Canadian Army Staff College. An interesting post was as Chief Instructor of the Royal Engineer Bomb Disposal School.”

Peter retired early from the Army and obtained a post, after having replied to an advertisement in *Punch*, as Cheshire’s Countryside Officer. “This was a wonderful job. No one had ever done its like before. I was able to create the first Country Park, the *Wirral Country Park*, and the first middle distance walking trail, the *Sandstone Trail*. I was able to do everything ‘My way’.

We followed with many other projects and, because we were in the lead, there was no shortage of money. The job also included a great deal to do with environmental conservation. Subsequently I also took on responsibility for sport as the Director of Countryside and Recreation.”

After 21 years in the post, Peter’s retirement coincided with his award of an OBE for *Services to the Conservation of the Cheshire Countryside*. Now, 21 years later, at 86, he is still active in village affairs. Welcome to the Club, Peter!



RIGHT Over an ice-cream and coffee in *Bar il Palio*, Siena, Graham Chidgey talks to Brian Millo about Cricket, Real Tennis and, of course, wine



MODERN IV A — 1950

BACK ROW John Leigh, Arie Hepner, Aubrey Sheena, Graham Chidgey, Daffyd Evans, **David** Bignall, Malcolm Joseph, **Fraser**, Anthony Garibaldi, **?**, **Ferguson**, Rees, Pawsey

MIDDLE ROW Bernard Shaw, **Larter**, **?**, Jenkinson, Mr CE Bond, Graves, **?**, **?** Michael Price

FRONT ROW Rosen, Sam Leigh, Curtis, **Frankel**, Wren, Emanuel, Orenstein

LEFT Graham Chidgey’s suggested corrections to the names in M IV A of 1950 are shown in bold type

Recollections continued

Il Marchigiano (CLS 51-57) unmasked

There appeared in a recent issue of the *Gazette*, under the title **Echo from Bologna**, a 50-year-old letter from an Old Citizen over the *nome di penna* of “Il Marchigiano”: *The Man from the Marches*.

Sometime after that issue was mailed, the Editor heard from the author of the original letter, who was astonished that it had appeared in our *Gazette* so long after it had been written and sent to the School Chronicle. Of course, writing then as an old boy, the author would not have received a copy of the Chronicle, from which the copy for the *Gazette* was reproduced in January this year.

The author’s name was well-known to the Editor as that of a member of the Faculty of

Modern Languages at the University of Leeds and unsurprisingly, we find that his special field is Italian.

In his letter to the Editor, agreeably typewritten in very much the old style, he merely said that he was “surprised, gratified, even somewhat moved” to see his original in print fifty years after the event, and was clearly more interested in learning how it had come to light than in supplying an ever-hungry Editor with further information about its contents.

The puzzle had been that he should sign himself as *Il Marchigiano* when he was quite clearly resident in Bologna, in quite a different region of Italy from *Le Marche*. The answer, supplied in a second letter, was amusing: “[I wrote] while I was confined to some relatives’ villa in the *Marche* (hence the pen name) as a result of their efforts to subvert my then recent relationship with a student in Bologna, whom I subsequently married and who is still with me half a century later.” Ah! the efforts of parents and their agents are often thwarted!

At CLS, **Alan Bullock** (51-57), for he it was, had been “allowed to renounce German in favour of Italian, and was taught by Harry Law-Robertson...”. Before graduating from New College, Oxford in 1960, Alan had the opportunity to make use of a leaving scholarship from the School to spend two periods of three months in Bologna in 1957 and 1958. Immediately after graduating “I was lucky enough,” Alan writes, “to get my first job as a Junior Fellow at Bristol, and after two years I moved to Aberdeen [and thence to] a permanent post as a Lecturer at Leeds, where I have remained.”

Of course, “our” Alan must not be confused with another academic of the same name, who is chiefly an historian. But the confusion does occur occasionally, for ‘our’ Alan writes: “My having the same name as the distinguished historian has led to many amusing incidents over the years, as the listings of his publications frequently include some of mine (obviously never the reverse!)” And he goes on “While I was at Oxford I would sometimes receive cheques relating to his royalties, while he would be provided with perfumed letters from my future wife. We would then meet and exchange these valued documents.”

And as the Editor lives only round the corner from an old friend and pupil of Alan’s, we are hoping to meet face to face one of these days, when he will, of course be accompanied by the grown up version of the girl who was the cause of his assuming that mysterious pen-name.



RIGHT Alan Bullock and his wife Gabriella, enjoying some chilled wine at a recent celebration



RIGHT Alan Bullock as a young man in the 1950s

Identification sought — and are you in this photograph?

The photograph reproduced below has been sent in by **Michael Daniels** (45-50) who suggests, as seems likely, that it was taken in *Mecca*, before he left the School in July 1950.

For members who are not familiar with the Embankment building, ‘our’ *Mecca* was not a Dance Hall of the

mid-20th century, but the Dining Hall of the School in which the lunchtime meal service was run by Mecca, the entertainment group.

A dozen members of staff are clearly visible and recognisable: ‘Percy’ Copping, ‘Jack’ Wheeler, ‘Charlie’ Haines and Stan Richards, to name only four, with Arthur

Barton fifth from the left towering over almost everybody else.

But can you put names to the boys and the moustached man sitting front left (wearing what looks like an OC tie), and does the presence of AWB indicate a date of at least Autumn 1950, when he succeeded FR Dale as Headmaster?



Anthony Sidney Fairbank Butcher (36-44) — Died 20 August 2009

An Old Citizen in the great tradition of a sporting medic dies at 83

WE ARE SORRY TO LEARN THAT TONY BUTCHER MA, MB, BChir, FRCOG, died on 20th August 2009 aged 83. He was one of those who much enjoyed their time at Marlborough, running in the Cross Country team and playing in the Second XV, while also a sergeant in the OTC and a Prefect.

Anthony Sidney Fairbank Butcher was born on 1 June 1926, living then at West Wickham in Kent, and arriving at CLS at the age of ten. Going up through the School on the Science side, he left in 1944 with a Higgins Scholarship to read medicine at Queens’ College, Cambridge, where he discovered Rowing, winning his Blue in the No.7 seat in the 1947 University crew that beat Oxford by ten lengths. This was a first for an Old Citizen.

But Tony did not stop there: he became one of the outstanding oarsman of the post-war generation, and within four years he rowed in crews that won the Thames Head of the River, The Grand, The Stewards and the Silver Goblets at Henley. And continuing even further, he competed in the 1948 Olympic games, gaining a 4th place, and he won a Bronze medal the Empire Games in 1950.

For the rest of his life Tony maintained his interest in rowing, coaching Queens’ crews for many years.

Once qualified at Guy’s Hospital Tony did his national service as a Captain in the RAMC with the Brigade of Guards. He was encouraged by his time at Guy’s to take up obstetrics and gynaecology and was appointed as a consultant to High

Wycombe and Amersham in 1962 where he spent the rest of his professional life.

He became involved in hospital management, and was a member of the District Health Authority and a past President of the Chiltern Medical Society.

In retirement, which began in 1991, Tony pursued an interest in vintage Bentleys, taking part in rallies, and he thoroughly enjoyed spending time with his nine grandchildren.

Tony leaves a wife, Peggy, to whom he was devoted, their three sons and a daughter, and nine grandchildren to all of whom the Club sends its condolences.

[Adapted from an obituary supplied by Adrian, Tony’s son.]

John Ruff (28-38) — Died 1 June 2005

Dental surgeon, lay reader and musician dies aged 85



John Ruff enjoying Christmas at home (above)

(Right) John, at right of picture, as a dental student at UCL in 1942



PHOTOS: The Ruff family

JOHN RUFF ENJOYED A LONG AND EVENTFUL life. His second wife Sylvia died earlier this year, four years after John, and as the family were closing down the family home this year, they discovered “lots of ordinary, but interesting memorabilia.”

John was born 14 September 1919 growing up in Carshalton, and he followed his brother Francis, was ten years older than him, to the City of London School. After graduating at University College Hospital as a dental surgeon, John worked as an NHS dentist from 1943 until he retired.

As a committed Christian he was very involved with the Boy Crusaders, an inter-denominational Christian youth movement now re-named *Urban Saints*,

and he was a Lay Reader in the Church of England from 1971 to 1997.

He was also passionate about music, having been an enthusiastic choral singer, pianist and organist.

John was very much a family man, but his life was not untouched by sorrow. His first wife Peggy died whilst their two children were still young, and in 2000 he experienced the sadness of losing his son David, who died at the age of 52 from cancer.

In 1965 John married Sylvia, whom he had met at Lee Abbey, a Christian conference centre. They lived in Banstead and later moved to Holmbury St Mary.

Eventually, he retired gradually, progressively reducing the number of

days he worked, and finishing finally in about 1984. Retirement gave John the opportunity to develop many of his interests, and he and Sylvia threw themselves into village life in Holmbury. One of his many delights was singing in the nearby Leith Hill Festival, initially under the baton of Ralph Vaughan Williams.

John loved receiving his *Gazette*, and, before Alzheimer’s got the better of him in his last few years of his life, he enthusiastically attended school reunions.

He is sadly missed by his family and many friends, to all of whom the Club sends its condolences.

[Adapted from information sent by John’s daughter, Anne Curnock]

Brian John Whitney (44-50) — Died 12 May 2009

An old Citizen administrator from the Marlborough period dies at 77

BRIAN GREW UP IN SOUTH-EAST LONDON and was there for most of the second World War. He experienced the blitz, the flying bombs and rocket attacks. Even the entrance exam which he took for CLS was interrupted by an air raid.

Brian was born on 7 November 1931 and he entered the School at the age of twelve, going up the Modern side.

Serving in the signals section of the CCF at school, Brian was one of the few to attend the summer camp at the Combined Operations Signal School at Fremington in Devon. The highlight of that camp was a trip to Lundy Island in a landing craft headquarters ship.

After National Service, part of which was spent in the Paymaster-in-Chief’s branch at the War Office, he joined the staff of the Bank of England, where he met a number of other Old Citizens.

After a short period there Brian escaped into company secretarial work. He qualified as a Chartered Secretary and spent most of his career as a company secretary with the Transport Development Group, and after retirement in 1993 he continued with his professional work as a consultant.

In 1965 Brian married Anne Kendall and moved to Claygate in Surrey, but sadly Anne died of cancer in 1978. He married Hilary Turner in 1990.

He enjoyed playing tennis at Claygate Lawn Tennis Club for some 35 years, being Club Secretary for 22 years and subsequently a Vice-President and a Trustee. Brian’s other interests were foreign travel, languages and genealogy. But Motor Neurone Disease took hold in later life, and he suffered a gradual degeneration over a period of years.

Brian leaves his wife Hilary, his son Jonathan and his stepson Alex, and his step-grandsons Joshua and Daniel to all of whom the Club sends its condolences.

[Adapted from an obituary supplied by Adrian Fairbank, Tony’s son.]

Michael Fox, MBE (45-52) — Died 10 May 2009

Brilliant lawyer, writer and faithful friend of many dies in Jerusalem at 75

MICHAEL FOX DIED ON 10 MAY 2009 IN Jerusalem, after a ten-year long struggle with cancer. Michael was a prominent member of a group of more than fifty Old Citizens who live today in Israel. He was one of the initiators in the organization of the now regular get-togethers of Old Citizens, one of the meetings taking place in the garden of his home in Herzliya, a seaside town just outside Tel Aviv.

Michael was born in London in 1934 and joined CLS just after it had returned from its war exodus in Marlborough. Starting in Old Grammar, he made his way up the Classical A side, being taught *inter alia* by JEB Marsh, HC Oakley and CJ Ellingham. Evidently, they instilled in him a love for literature, the classics, Greek and Latin – pleasures which punctuated his whole life.

Michael took a law degree at London University and after graduating, established Fox and Gibbon, a London firm of solicitors. In 1968, together with his wife Sheila, herself also a lawyer, he moved to Israel. He spent four years in Haifa where he worked at a leading law firm, Solomon-Lipschitz, and was admitted to the Israel Bar in 1969.

In 1972 he was a founding partner of Herzog, Fox, Neeman in Tel Aviv, today Israel’s largest law firm, with over 170 lawyers. His co-founders were Major General Chaim Herzog, Irish-born and London educated, who was to become Israel’s sixth president in 1983, and Yaakov Ne’eman, today the country’s justice minister. As the least known of the three partners (at least to the public), Michael would deprecatingly say of himself that he was the anonymous one. Nevertheless, as an expert in corporate law, finance and investments, it was he who brought an international dimension to the law firm.

While Law was Michael’s chosen profession, his enthusiasms lay in other directions. A keen connoisseur of music, his interests ranged from Beethoven to



PHOTO provided by Asher Weill

Gilbert & Sullivan to Tin Pan Alley. Above all, he was a voracious and eclectic reader – talents which burst into flower in 2003 when he was invited by the editor of *Ha’aretz*, Israel’s leading daily newspaper, to contribute a regular monthly column to the paper’s English edition. A tentative first article about Winnie the Pooh led to an unbroken stream of pieces reviving the lost art of feuilleton writing, covering a huge range of topics as diverse as Harold Pinter, George Orwell, the eccentric British birdwatcher-cum-spy, Richard Meinertzhagen, Monopoly, the Da Vinci Code, democracy, PG Wodehouse, jellyfish along the Herzliya coast, Jewish weddings, and a wealth of others.¹ His articles met with considerable critical acclaim and the end result of all this literary output appeared in a volume published in 2007 entitled *Mountains and Molehills: Essays 2003 to 2007*. The City of London School features in the book and, by no coincidence, the foreword was contributed by an Old Citizen, John Gross², a previous editor of the *Times Literary Supplement*. In the interest of full disclosure I should reveal

that the editor and publisher of the book was yet another Old Citizen: the writer of these lines.

In addition to his other talents, Michael served for eight years as chairman of the Israel-Britain Commonwealth Association, which promotes relations between the United Kingdom, the Commonwealth and Israel. He was also a member of the Steering Committee of the Anglo-Israel Colloquium, an important annual gathering of Israeli and British leaders held on a variety of topics. For his services to Israel-British relations, Michael Fox was appointed a Member of the Order of British Empire in 2002.

Michael and Sheila had no children of their own, but they had an ever-growing circle of cousins, nephews and nieces, grand-nephews and grand-nieces, with whom they enjoyed a very close and warm relationship and for whom his passing will be an irreplaceable loss, as it will be for all his friends, readers and admirers.

Michael was a deeply religious man but with a liberal and tolerant outlook on the world at large and the foibles of its occupants. He was a student of Rabbi Adin Steinsaltz, the world-renowned commentator, editor and translator of the Talmud. Writing in *The Jerusalem Post*, Rabbi Steinsaltz said about Michael: “...above all he was ‘upright and faithful.’ From my personal acquaintance with him and what I know of him, I can say as a friend, which is what he was to so many, he was always there; never a broken reed, always a pillar of iron that one could lean upon with the certainty that it will remain steadfast.”

[Obituary by Asher Weill]

¹ Asher Weill responded to the Editor’s request for some of Michael Fox’s short pieces, but all are nevertheless too long to fit into this issue. We hope to publish one of them in the next issue of the *Gazette*.

² John Gross is an English literary critic and author. One of his books is *A Double Thread*, in which he refers to his time at CLS.

Cricket

Unusually, we are able to report the whole of the 2009 season in a single issue, missing only the end of season averages. Tony Sawell saw it through from beginning to end.



Tony Sawell

Review of the 2009 season

This has been a season of ups and downs in a number of ways. Results were surprisingly good in the early season, then we had a spell of losing games before recovering again later on.

In the batting department we have scored plenty of runs, but we have also had too many occasions where runs have been hard to come by. Bowling has been good in certain matches, but ineffective in others.

Michael Knight has proved to be our most reliable batsman, and Nadir Gohar has performed well after an indifferent start. Gaj Srikanthan has joined our ranks and is now a regular player. Jack Malnick, Steve Ringer, Hasan Ramsan, and Fahad Syed have made their presence felt at times. Skipper Alex Bennett has bowled the most overs (well, he is Captain), and James Gleadow has bowled a nice consistent line and length.

Richard 'Birdseed' Millett was injured for a large chunk of the middle of the season, but he bowled well when uninjured, inevitably getting wickets, and Michael 'Junky' Shannon has not been able to play with his normal regularity, because of his working shifts.

Michael Knight had a good bowling year, with a 6 for 16 and 5 for 27. Jacob Holden had one remarkable spell, in which he took five wickets without conceding a run in five overs. And the younger element livened up the fielding somewhat.

The Club had to use a number of 'home' grounds, but the arrangements have worked out quite reasonably.

A vote of thanks is due to Richard Hillman for his work as team secretary. The availability of players varies enormously from week to week, and it is a time consuming job. For those who like to read the results in more detail, the match reports follow.

Match reports

versus Ivanhoe: 18 April – won

Old Citizens: 114

Ivanhoe: 80

We got off to a chilly but dry start at North Mimms, and after slipping from losing our second wicket at forty when Allan Saldanha was dismissed, we had six wickets down for forty-nine. Richard Millett and Bill

Barnes recovered us with a useful stand, but a total of 114 should not have been enough. Birdseed followed up his knock with three wickets for sixteen in eight overs, and with Alex Bennett and Tony Sawell taking a couple of wickets apiece, supported by Yousef Ramzan and Junky Shannon, we triumphed by 34 runs.

versus Hainault Road: 25 April – lost

Hainault Road: 194

Old Citizens: 145

The visitors fought back from a poor start to set a good target. Birdseed and Alex were the best of our bowlers with four wickets each. In spite of a fourth wicket stand of 114, when Michael Knight went for 44, we looked doomed to fail.

versus Bamville: 9 May – won

Old Citizens: 264 for 5 dec. (40 overs)

Bamville: 251 for 9

A forty overs match played on a new home ground for us, the Old Albanians ground at St. Albans on an artificial wicket. It provided a high scoring close game that gave us another win. Jack Malnick hit 84, Steve Ringer 51 (including three sixes), and Jacob Holden 39. Birdseed and Alex captured three wickets and Tony got two.

versus Old Ignatians: 16 May – won

Old Ignatians: 84

Old Citizens: 85 for 0

Ignatians were always in difficulties on an overcast day, and reached their total only thanks to 58 runs from the opening bat. Jacob bowled 5 overs, 5 maidens, 0 runs for 5 wickets! Gaj Srikanthan and Jacob knocked off the runs with relish in eleven overs.

versus Bourne End: 23 May – won

Bourne End: 26

Old Citizens: 29 for 2

One thing you can usually rely on from Bourne End is a fair number of runs; not so this time.

Our opening attack of James Gleadow and Michael Knight was too hot to handle on the day! We lost a couple of wickets chasing our lowest score to win for years.

versus Southwark & Lambeth Imp: 30 May – lost

Southwark & Lambeth: 277 for 2 dec. (40 overs)

Old Citizens: 91

An extra match arranged because OC Will Packer runs the SLI side and a couple of other Citizens play. Their batting was too strong on the day, and only Allan and Steve passed twenty for us.

versus Essenden: 31 May – drawn

Essenden: 201 for 5 dec.

Old Citizens: 150 for 7

The village amassed a decent score but needed forty-nine overs to get there. Our most successful wicket taker was Suleiman Faruqi who took 4 for 35 off ten overs with his pace bowling.

The target was too high for us to get off thirty-eight overs. Will Sheldon and Gaj provided a sound start, and it was good to see Bill Saunders compile a good half century.

versus Penn Street: 13 June – won

Old Citizens: 205 for 9 dec. (40 overs)

Penn Street: 196

We got off to a poor start. A pair of Srikanthans opened, but we lost wickets cheaply and the innings was rescued only by Hasan Ramzan and Nadir Gohar in an aggressive partnership from the younger set.

Hasan scored 96, including four sixes. Hasan, Yousef, James Gleadow, and Nadir took a couple of wickets each, as Penn Street finished ten short.

versus St Margaretsbury: 20 June – won

St. Margaretsbury: 88

Old Citizens: 89 for 4

An easy win on our first visit to an attractive ground on a sunny day. Mike Knight bagged a "fivefor" and even John Harris kept the young opposition batsmen quiet. The Ramzan brothers put on 45 for the first wicket.

versus Hainault Road: 27 June – drawn

Hainault Road: 172

Old Citizens: 37 for 1 (rain)

It started in the sunshine, but after tea was abandoned in a downpour. Yousef took 4 for 32, and James and Suhail Shaikh got a brace each.

versus The School: 1 July – won

Old Citizens: 135

The School: 139 for 9

Hasan (51), Suhail, and Gaj were our only batsmen to get into double figures. Amir Anjum was the School's most successful bowler with 3 for 29, but most of the bowlers had some success. In the CLS innings, Bharat Velani and Will Sheldon got useful runs early on, Amir guiding them home with an undefeated 21 at number ten. After the match we were treated to Pimms all round; a very pleasant way to end the day.

versus Arkley: 4 July – lost

Old Citizens: 96

Arkley: 100 for 0

A very disappointing result, although in form Michael Knight got another 38.

versus Mayfield: 18 July – lost

Old Citizens: 89

Mayfield: 90 for 2

Only Michael Knight scored runs again, his 51 was followed by four ducks from numbers three, four, five, and six. Alex was our sole wicket taking bowler.

versus Orsett: 1 August – drawn

Old Citizens: 316 for 2 dec. (40 overs)

Orsett: 16 for 0

We posted a huge score against what must be described as very friendly bowling, Allan hit his highest score, 91, before running himself out (surprise), and Fahad Syed was unbeaten on 85. Shortly after tea the heavens opened and the game was called off.

versus Storrington: 7 August – lost

Old Citizens: 98

Storrington: 99 for 6

We batted first in our traditional game at Storrington. We were short of runs, but Gaj top scored with 30, and our hard working team secretary scored 22 not out in a return to batting form for him. Unlike the previous couple of years, we made them fight for the runs and lost by four wickets. Junky bowled well to take four for fifteen in his eight overs. The thought of an Indian feast at the Signy household afterwards no doubt inspired him.



AVERAGES
for the
2009 season
will be fully
reported in the
next issue of the
Gazette
as there is
insufficient space
in this issue

versus Aldenham: 8 August – LOST

Old Citizens: 156 for 8 dec.

Aldenham: 157 for 1

Aldenham visited our Potters Bar ground, and although our total did not look too bad, we needed to be in good form to take on a strong side. Our batsmen were restricted well, with Steve getting the top score of 30. Their batsmen, especially one of the openers, were both good and effective, and the only bowler to take a wicket was John Harris near the end.

versus Jack of Diamonds: 15 August – LOST

Jack of Diamonds: 140 for 8 dec. (40 overs)

Old Citizens: 122

This was a poor result for us. After James and Richard Saldanha took three wickets each, we were left with a total we should have had no trouble in getting. Mike Knight's 39 was the only decent score from the top of the order, and when Nadir and Alex both went for 22 lower down the order, that was the end of our chance.

versus Arkley: 22 August – LOST

Old Citizens: 77

Arkley: 78 for 0

Losing to Arkley at their ground was bad enough; this was awful. Abysmal batting saw us slide to 28 for 9 and at this point Jacob arrived having gone the scenic route courtesy of a non stopping train, and joined Tony just in time. Jacob hit 32 while Tony got his head down, and forty-nine runs were added for the last wicket. We still lost by ten wickets, but at least it looked more respectable.

versus Bourne End: 29 August – LOST

Bourne End: 208 for 2 dec.

Old Citizens: 77

Will Sheldon and Birdseed were the only wicket takers for us. Our unreliable batting did not get us in the game either, and although Tony and Richard nearly salvaged a draw, Richard fell in the final over.

versus Southgate: 31 August – DRAWN

Southgate: 186

Old Citizens: 185 for 9

The clash this year resulted in a close draw with our old opponents. Our skipper excelled himself by taking the first three wickets with Southgate tottering a bit with the score 3 for 3. The wickets included Len Stokes (OC) for a moon. They recovered well with a fine 76 from the number six batsman.

The OC innings did not start particularly well either, and we lost four wickets reaching forty. Nadir, Birdseed, and Richard Hillman combined to recover the situation, which resulted in a close draw. Citizens Alan Rolt and Pyzer-Knapp were playing for Southgate.

versus Mayfield: 5 September – WON

Mayfield: 202 for 6 dec. (40 overs)

Old Citizens: 203 for 9

After a spell of not very good results, we followed the game at Waterfall Road with another good result. The Old Owens ground at Potters Bar was the venue for an exciting encounter. Mayfield batted well, and Michael Knight was the only one of our bowlers to have a bit of success.

A rather unconvincing start was transformed by an excellent partnership between Nadir and Gaj who batted well against some useful bowling, James and Tony seeing us safely home in the final over after Nadir was finally out for 74.

versus Aldenham: 12 September – LOST

Old Citizens: 259 for 7 dec.

Aldenham: 260 for 3

Aldenham are a strong side and we batted first knocking up an impressive 259 from only 36 overs before declaring. Argi Rego scored 124 when he had never before reached fifty. Steve and Yousef both hit a couple of sixes in robust innings of thirty. In a freescoring encounter Aldenham shaded the game.

In retrospect perhaps we should have declared later. Birdseed Millett was our most successful bowler with 3 for 40. Both sides celebrated in the Aldenham Social Club afterwards, in pleasant September sunshine.

versus Maori Oxshott: 13 September – LOST

Maori Oxshott: 193 for 5 dec. (40 overs)

Old Citizens: 140

This was the second match of the weekend, which was played in a good spirit. James did really well to take 2 for 11 in his eight overs, five of which were maidens, and Birdseed also took a couple of very useful wickets.

Allan and Gaj put on 33 for the first wicket, while Birdseed scored 30 runs as well, and Richard Hillman continued his improved later season form with the bat.

versus Mountnessing: 19 September – WON

Mountnessing: 204 for 7 dec. (40 overs)

Old Citizens: 206 for 3

Bowling first, we were treated to another miserly spell from James, while Alex was helping the scoring rate along five times as fast at the other end. Junky is never easy to hit, but we were set a good target. Alex likes batting here and promoted himself to open, justifying it by scoring 31.

The real eye opener though was Richard Saldanha, who got his highest ever score of 62 not out, getting his first half century in the process. Then Steve executed the *coup de grâce*, blasting us to a win with 32 not out from ten balls. ►



PHOTOS: Tony Sawell

LEFT Rohan Francis and Fahad Syed contemplate with regret the approaching end of the season at Botany Bay in late September

► *versus Botany Bay: 26 September – WON*

Botany Bay: 148 for 9 dec. (40 overs)

Old Citizens: 152 for 5

We finished the season in fine style with a convincing win over Botany Bay. James bowled tightly and was rewarded early with 2 for 26. The Bay did not find Yousef easy to play either, and Birdseed bowled well too, to capture 3 for 19 in his spell with the ball. Rohan Francis swept away the tail with 3 for 5. In spite of losing two wickets for seventeen runs, Fahad and Yousef batted with confidence, and Gaj and Steve made sure we got home comfortably.

Celebrating the end of the season with a drink in the sunshine, we noted that only two matches had been washed out, and we contemplated our prospects for 2010.

**Won: 9
Lost: 12**

**Drawn: 4
Cancelled: 2**



LEFT At the end of the season Gaj Srikanthan allows himself a break from his normally strict fitness routine



FAR LEFT Richard 'Birdseed' Millett awaiting his innings - could this be the model for a new marble statue for the School?

LEFT Birdseed and Steve Ringer discuss what might have been

Golf

*Reports of the Cyril Gray and Summer meetings have arrived from **John Featherstone** in a busy Centenary year*



John Featherstone

Cyril Gray

The School played again this year in the Cyril Gray Golf Tournament at Worplesdon which is a Competition for over-50s. For the first time in living memory as far as members of the Society can recall, we got through the First Round proper — which was apt since it helps to celebrate our Centenary Year.

Teams of six play on a matchplay basis against other Schools, and the pairings of Graham Savage and Paul Marsh, Kit Spencer and Greg Matthews with Chris Messenger and John Featherstone were all successful

in the First Round, with winning margins of 2 holes, 6 and 4, 3 and 2 respectively, helping us overcome Taunton to move to the Second Round.

On the following day we met Whitgift, who were very strong (even though, for a change, they weren't playing two former Walker Cup players), and we went down two matches to one. We could not participate in the Plate Competition because of our win in the 1st Round. We have a number of other golfers approaching the age of 50 and we can only get stronger. Many congratulations to the Team.

Summer Meeting

The Summer Meeting was held, as usual, at the popular venue of **Swinley Forest Golf Club** on 10 July. Eleven players and eight guests turned up to play for the **Spice Bowl** (Scratch) and the **John Carpenter Cup** (Handicap).

It was good to see that one of our number had travelled all the way from Australia to be with us. Well done Roger Preston, I hope you enjoyed the day! Andrew Chandler made his debut with the Society, I hope you had a good day and look forward to seeing you at our meetings in the future.

The Spice Bowl was won by Greg Matthews with an excellent score of gross 78. The John Carpenter Cup was won by Paul Marsh with a nett 70. It was also good to welcome Ted Potter along for lunch. Following the lunch we played a leisurely Greensome which Greg and his guest, Anders Baker, won with 39 points.

Centenary Celebration

Two main activities are taking place this year, the 100th anniversary of our founding. One has already passed: a very enjoyable three-day golf trip for a dozen of us to Chantilly. The other is the publication of a 100-page book telling the history of the OCGS through the records of the *Gazettes*.



RIGHT Paul Marsh and Greg Matthews, each having won for the first time the John Carpenter Cup and Spice Bowl respectively



RIGHT Cyril Gray Team
Greg Matthews, Bev Taylor, Chris Messenger, John Featherstone, Paul Marsh, Graham Savage and Kit Spencer



RIGHT, STANDING
Chris Tizard, Ted Potter, Barrie Savory, Martin Lester, Terry Bridle, Paul Marsh, Andrew Chandler, Stuart Courtney, Roger Preston and Martin Lewis

SEATED
Greg Matthews, Alex Tapp and John Featherstone

Fencing

*The School took on the OCs again in March, with **Brian Millo** watching and reporting*

Unlike sports such as Cricket and Golf, old citizens' Fencing does not enjoy the status of a constituent club of the JCC. However, it is alive and well, being played with enthusiasm and success into university and working life by many OCs who caught the bug while at school.

This year, once again in March, the old boys mustered enough fencers to challenge the School to a contest of arms in all three weapons: Foil, Épée and Sabre. The format was that of a Team Relay: two teams of three contest each weapon, with the contest switching from one pair to the next every time the hit count reaches a multiple of five for either contestant. Yes, it is actually easier to understand in practice than it is to describe.

The OC line-up was provided by James Berrill, Alex Brown, David Djanogly, Bill Ellis-Rees, Edward Fanis, Adam Jackson, Andrew Lawson, Elliott Lever, J Monsen and Alex Upcraft, while John Ince, John Glasswell, Brian Millo and two parents of boys fencing enjoyed the spectacle.

A Teams (CLS-OC)

Foil:	1-5, 10-6, 15-8, 20-10, 25-18, 30-25, 33-29(?), 40-32, 45-35. School win
Épée:	5-2, 9-10, 15-11, 18-20, 20-25, 30-26, 35-29, 40-30, 44-38. School win
Sabre:	1-5, 4-10, 7-15, 9-20, 11-25, 16-30, 20-35, 23-40, 29-45. OC win
Grand totals: 118-118 Match Drawn	

B Teams (CLS-OC)

Foil:	2-5, 4-10, 6-15, 9-20, 9-25, 12-30, 13-35, 13-40, 18-45. OC win
Épée:	5-3, 10-7, 15-13, 16-20, 25-23, 30-28, 35-31, 40-34, 45-40. School win
Sabre:	4-5, 9-10, 14-15, 16-20, 22-25, 22-30, 25-35, 29-40, 34-45. OC win
Grand totals: 97-130 Win for the OCs	

During the Easter holiday the School fencers went to Nottingham for the annual Public Schools' Fencing Championships, returning after three days of competition having shown particular strength in the Junior Épée, where Leo Sims came 12th while another five young Citizens were also placed in the

final 32, a result unmatched by any other school. In the Junior Foil, Edward Stroud finished 6th, losing to the top seed and pushing him all the way. This group of youngsters another two years to go, and they can only get better.

In the Senior group, Luke Moynihan was the only Citizen to make the final 32 in the Foil, achieving 28th overall, while Alexander Margolis performed similarly in the Épée with 24th place.

As always, much credit goes to the School's Fencing professional, John Ince, and to Bill Ellis-Rees, the Old Citizen master-in-charge of Fencing.



Brian Millo



LEFT Jonathan May hopes to intimidate his Old Citizen opponent with his England emblazoned kit.



LEFT David Djanogly (nearest camera) and his opponent test weapons before a sabre bout.

