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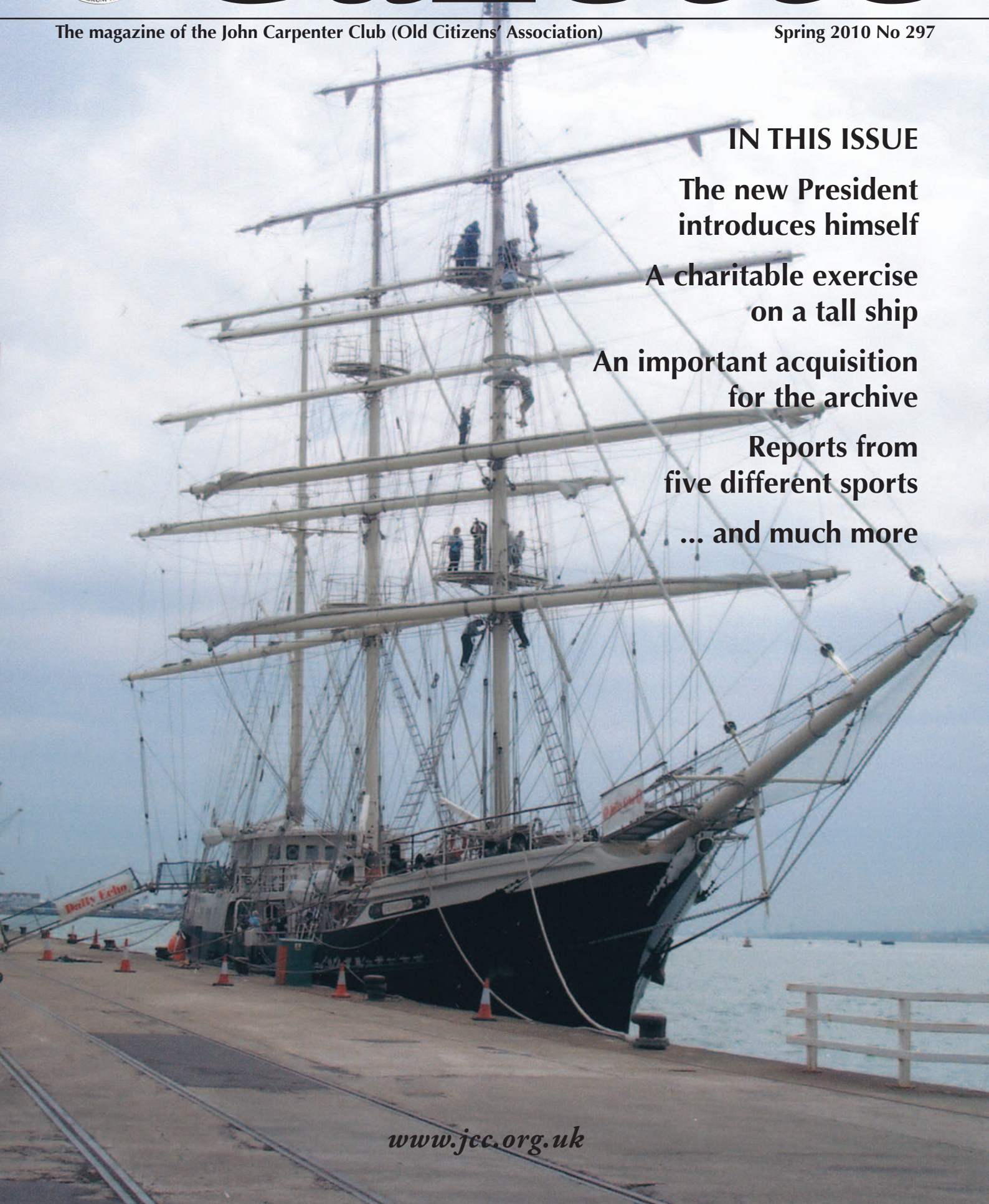
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SUMMER TERM 2010
Term begins: Wed 21 April
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Term ends: Fri 9 July

AUTUMN TERM 2010
Term begins: Tues 7 September
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Term ends: Fri 17 December

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BOOK THESE DATES!

JCC Annual General Meeting
Wednesday 24 November
(full details in the next issue)

JCC Annual Dinner
Thursday 24 March 2011
(see panel on page 4)

Cover photographs

FRONT COVER Getting the mast-climb underway at SV Tenacious in Southampton Docks (see p6)

BACK COVER A general view of the activity at this year's Public Schools Fencing Championships and (inset) the Tribute presented to Jack Wheeler at the PSFC 1959 (see p.20 for report)

Future photographs

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

Editorial

This year has seen the completion of significant changes to the JCC. The proposed arrangements for membership of the Club were formally approved at the AGM, and current pupils will now experience a seamless transition from the School to the Club when they leave CLS.

The effect of this will be to blur the distinction between schoolboy and old-boy, and the Gazette can be expected to report on both. There are new rules for the management of the JCC, and you can find them on the Club's website or obtain them in print from our ARO, Karen Sage.

Many members of the Committee were involved in working out how the Rules needed to be changed, but the greater part of the re-writing was borne by Keith Baker, and we are very grateful to Keith for his effort. A couple of essential details are to be found on page 4 of this issue.

A glance across to the right will show that we have eight pages of sport. This quantity reflects the effort that is put in to sending copy to the Editor, and it illustrates the extent to which members of the JCC are consistently connected with each other by sport of some kind.



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Outcome of the AGM 2009

At the Club's AGM in November 2009, two important matters of business were completed. One was the election of our new President (see opposite). The other was the adoption of new Rules, designed to widen the membership of the Club, and to enable continuous life-membership to be enjoyed by all new leavers. The Rules may be found on the Club's website, or obtained in print from Karen Sage.



Martin Israel
Honorary Secretary

Subscription Fees

By arranging for Club subscriptions to be paid through the School fees and for a corresponding subvention to be made from the Corporation to the JCC, new leavers from the School no longer need to apply to join the Club or to pay an annual (or period) subscription.

Simply put, the payment of fees for a current pupil's attendance at the School is sufficient to entitle him to membership of the JCC for life. By the same arrangement, the process of application and election of current pupils when they leave CLS is abolished.

An administrative effect of this is that the process of maintaining subscription records for school leavers ceases. This might not have been a problem up to about twenty years ago when membership of the Club was considerably smaller, but now, with a membership of about 4000, it has become a considerable burden.

Your General Committee has been striving to achieve this result for some years, but it has taken the continuous coordinating effort of our Immediate Past President, Bruce Todd, and the dedication of a small working party headed by Paul Wickham to get there.

Since the arrangement applies only to boys who leave the School from now on, subscriptions are still due from existing members and from existing OCs who care to join the Club now.

Life Diners

In passing the Resolution to adopt the new Rules, a technical question arose as to the precise meaning of a particular phrase, whose purpose was to continue to provide discounts for those existing members who purchased Life Dining Membership some years ago. (That class of membership has not been offered for some years, but the benefits for the remaining Life Diners still apply.)

We are grateful to Sir Neil Thorne, Past President, who brought the point to the attention of the meeting in writing. The point was fully discussed, and a simple rewording of the affected Rule was agreed and confirmed by vote.

The affected Rule now reads as follows:

38. All or part of the cost of social functions may be paid out of the General Fund and the General Committee shall decide the respective amounts to be charged to the Dining, Associate and Full Members and for guests. For so long as any funds remain in the Social Fund there shall be transferred from the Social Fund to the General Fund the amount by which the charge to Dining Members attending falls short of the highest charge for Full Members.

Old Rule 45 = New Rule 11(A)(c)

The old Rule 45, under which members who had been in continuous membership for 45 years became exempt from paying any subscription remains, but under the re-numbering of the Rules has become Rule 11(A)(c), thus:

11(A) (c) Members who have been in continuous membership of the Club for forty-five years shall not be liable for any further subscriptions. However, any payments made by the Member after becoming eligible to cease paying a subscription shall be treated as a non-refundable donation to the Club.

Return to the Embankment

Just in time for this issue we have learned that we can once more enjoy use of the Embankment building. Precise details are not yet fully known, but we are confident that the Annual dinner planned for 2011 will be able to take place there in the Great Hall.

Full details will appear in the Autumn issue of the *Gazette*, but please mark in your diary

Thursday 24 March 2011

as the proposed red-letter day for the event.

We hope that the occasion will be an attraction not only for those of us who knew the building well, but also for younger OCs who would like to see some of the surroundings in which their predecessors spent their schooldays.

We expect to gather in the Entrance Hall before dining in the Great Hall that has been so splendidly refurbished and maintained by JP Morgan.

First President of the new era

Having been piloted through a transitional two years by Bruce Todd, the Club moves into a new era of its existence with RJC 'Dickie' Jones at the helm. Dickie has been busy during the first half of his Presidential year in attending school functions, presenting awards and, perhaps most importantly, bring the existence of the JCC to the attention of the boys.

The President's schooldays and career

Dickie was at the School from 1954 to 1962. He started in Old Grammar, proceeded up through the B-stream (also referred to as 'the Science side') to the Science 6th, and then read Chemistry at UMIST. "But with the aid of my tutors immediately thereafter," says Dickie, "I decided that my skills and preferences were more financial than scientific."

So Dickie joined the accountancy firm of Charles Comins & Co as a trainee, qualifying as a Chartered Accountant in January 1969 and becoming a partner in August 1971. A number of mergers followed causing the business to be rebranded first as Fraser Russell and then as Baker Tilly. Dickie remained with Baker Tilly until he retired just over a year ago, but he continues to act as a part time consultant.

For a number of years Dickie has been looking after the Club's finances as its Treasurer, and the Committee has been fortunate in being able to rely upon his calm advice, especially during the recent negotiations to remodel the structure of the Club.

The President at play

Dickie remembers that "I found that playing sport for the School teams gave me a significant degree of flexibility over homework, so I played lots of sports: Rugby, Cricket, Eton Fives and Boxing. I was even on the junior Chess team for a while. After my schooldays, my sports for the Old Citizens were led by Rugby, which I played until injury caused my retirement at the age of 40. I also played Eton Fives and Cricket for a while."

More recently, Dickie has joined the JCC Golfing Society, and he hopes to play more with them this year. Though where he will find the time is a bit of a mystery.

He remarks "Unfortunately, skiing is not a JCC sport, though I have done almost as many years skiing as I have paid annual subscriptions to the Club! On 29 March this year he reported "I have found time to go skiing and have just returned. Apart from a general lack of fitness everything went very well with weather, accommodation and so on.

However, spending time with an even older OC, Paul (Sooty) Tout, amongst others, was a revisit of holiday experiences many years back, and the banter has not changed in the least. So its still true that growing old is inevitable but growing up is entirely optional.

What is the President doing now?

The first half of his Presidency has been very busy, beginning, of course, with the Club Supper that followed the AGM in November. Thereafter, Dickie has been to reunions of the 1991-93 leavers, the 1987-89 leavers, the Financial Sector interest group and the Creative Industries group; to performances of *Richard III* and *The Winslow Boy* in the Winterflood Theatre; to the OC Legal Dinner at the Reform Club and the JCC Annual Dinner at the House of Lords; and to the School Carol Concert in the Temple Church.

He attended the CCF Annual Inspection (pictures of which may be found in this issue) and presented JCC International Honours ties to schoolboys William Moore as an under-19 Fencing sabreur, and Joshua Cavendish as an under-16 Chess player.

And what of the future?

We are glad to see that Dickie Jones is not letting his predecessor, Bruce Todd, escape after his own busy two-year stint as President. During those years, Bruce energetically and successfully steered the Club through the difficult process of widening its membership and simultaneously reorganising its funding, a task in which Dickie played a vital role as the Club's Treasurer.

Dickie tells us "I have asked Bruce Todd to head up a Strategy Group to look at what we as a club need to do now, and how we are to achieve it." Bruce's group first met late in February, and we look forward to hearing its advice in due course. The Strategy Group's findings and recommendations will, of course, be reported in the *Gazette* as soon as they become known.

[President's Blog: jcc.org.uk/presidents-blog]



Dickie Jones
President



THE NEW ERA
is expected to
improve our
efficiency as a club
while it promotes
stronger links with
the School and
all the boys



RJC JONES
CLS: 1954 - 1962
scientist by training
and accountant
by choice, was
elected President
at the AGM in
November 2009

Goings on at the School - in pictures



PHOTOS: Mike Paternoff & Karen Sage



Annual CCF Inspection

This year's event provided the Inspecting Officer, **Squadron Leader James Rickard** (CLS 1977-83) with the opportunity to see boys from all three services undertaking a variety of essential activities. From exercises in map-reading and camouflage, through wall-climbing, life-saving and first aid, to the parade ground drills and formal march past, the School demonstrated that CCF training helps to develop 'well-rounded' young men.

Senior VI Prefects' Dinner

On Wednesday 24 March, in the third year of its current format, there was a black tie gathering of the Senior Prefects together with Sixth Form Tutors, the Senior Management Team, Year Heads and their Deputies and a number of Support Staff who have worked with the Prefects to ensure the smooth running of the School. The event acknowledges the work that the Prefects have undertaken in the previous twelve months, and it celebrates their term of office in an atmosphere of good-natured ebullience and enjoyment. Speeches were led by the three Deputy Head Boys, William Pimlott, Josh Hirschowitz and Jake Pittman, and after a short address by the Headmaster, were concluded by Dan Grendowicz, Head of School.

The five-shilling Postal Order

Once again the Winterflood Theatre hosted a public performance of a significant dramatic production, the audience being treated to Rattigan's *The Winslow Boy*, the story (based upon a real event) of a boy wrongly accused of stealing a 5/- postal order while at Osborne Naval College early in the 20th century. Rattigan explores the difficulties of fighting to clear his own and his family's name in Edwardian England, and the far-reaching side-effects on his siblings as well as his parents, and these came through clearly in the School's production. If you've not yet visited the Winterflood Theatre, you're missing quite a treat.



PHOTOS: Nigel Baglin



PHOTOS: Tonia Kelly

The Anti-Americans

A thoughtful and witty piece by the late Michael Fox, whose death was reported in our previous issue



Michael Fox

Dateline: 10 November, 2006

The London boys' day school that I attended 60 years ago awarded an annual prize called the School Declamation Prize. To compete, a boy had to stand up in front of the whole school and declaim a speech that he himself had written on a subject of his own choosing. Though the prize carried a certain prestige there was always a paucity of entrants because the prospect of standing in front of 800 of your fellow pupils, each with a single burning desire to watch you fall flat on your face, was enough to daunt all but the foolhardy.

In this respect, 1951 was a typical year; there were a mere two entries. Of those two speeches, one was good, the other was bad and the judges had no difficulty in awarding the prize to the good one, an elegant disquisition on the life of Richard Wagner. But there was a serpent lurking in the prizewinner's Garden of Eden. One of the young listeners thought the speech sounded familiar, and the next day appeared brandishing a back copy of the *Reader's Digest* with an article on Wagner. There could be no doubt that the prize speech was a word-for-word copy of it.

The story has a moral, though not the one you would imagine. They took the prize away, of course; how could they not, when the rules of entry to the competition had been so blatantly infringed? But the reactions were puzzling. The boy who had shamelessly pilfered someone else's work and passed it off as his own became the object of sympathy, almost a hero. The one who had courageously exposed this outrageous theft was, for a time, ostracized. He had violated the code.

There is a code, common to almost all societies, according to which an informer is despised. Look at the epithets that are used – all derogatory: stool pigeon, nark, rat, snitch, sneak, blabber, squealer, grass, telltale, talebearer, tattler. English infants taunt the tell-tale tit whose tongue shall be slit, while American schoolchildren sing of the equally disagreeable tattle-tail who, inexplicably, hangs on a bull's tail.

This code has a sound ethical base. When spies informed the Spanish Inquisition of the Judaizing

practices of new Christians; when zealous young Komsomol members reported their parents for unpatriotic remarks; when a kindly neighbour of Anne Frank disclosed her hiding-place to the Gestapo – the informers deserved all the opprobrium to which history subjected them.

But, what if the authority to whom the information is entrusted is a just one? What if the information is given to right a wrong or to expose an evildoer? Closed societies deal harshly with informers, yet were it not for the lone courage of the whistle-blower, Roman Catholic priests would continue bugging young boys undisturbed, the larcenous heads of multinational corporations would have no one to prevent them from robbing their shareholders blind; and wife-beaters, child abusers, rapists and blackmailers would, unpunished, flourish like the green bay tree.

Someone's scale of values is screwy. The boy who plagiarized another's work was a thief and a cheat, yet was fêted as a hero; the boy who exposed the theft became a pariah. A code that is unable to distinguish between information given for venal or vindictive purposes and information given to right a wrong is a perverted one and is due for an overhaul.

But, while I admit I intended to moralize, this sermon on stool pigeons is not the reason that I have dragged up the dreary tale of the Declamation Prize. For my main message I need to continue the story. The second speech, the bad one, did not win the prize by default, the judges wisely deciding not to award the prize at all that year. It was just as well because the second speech was richly undeserving of any kind of prize. Delivered haltingly by a boy who had not committed his words to memory, its subject was the United States.

I doubt if any copy of the speech is extant, but I remember the speech in general terms. It was a jejune attempt at satire, affecting to praise the United States, but being in reality one long sneer, full of the tired tropes of anti-Americanism. The would-be orator declaimed of Coca-Cola, Hollywood, chewing gum and skyscrapers. It was the kind of performance that I expect would make the boy who delivered that speech cringe for years afterward. In fact, I know that he still cringes, because I was that boy and I

sometimes think that I would like to kick the behind of the boy that I was.

When we talk of anti-Americanism we refer to more than a reasoned opposition to American policy or a principled distaste for its culture. There was much to criticize about the United States when I wrote that lamentable speech for the Declamation Prize. In 1951 we were seeing the beginning of the unlovely McCarthy era when it seemed that America, in its zeal for hunting communists, had, as a nation, gone quite mad. Today, too, America's foreign policy causes discomfort to many of its friends as does the strident religiosity that is so much a feature of American society. And few foreigners are able to understand America's strange addiction to firearms or its zest for executing criminals, a predilection it shares only with those bastions of freedom: Iran, China and Saudi Arabia.

But anti-Americanism is something of a different order. As seen in Western Europe and in the Islamic world it is nothing less than a hatred, as irrational as it is ineradicable. And it is rife. A striking example is the British dramatist Harold Pinter whose virulent anti-Americanism earned him last year's [2005] Nobel Prize for Literature and whose America-obsessed poems verge on the pathological.

If you want to determine whether a person is a rational critic of America or a paranoid, the acid test is that person's stand on the atrocities of September 11, 2001. Pinter's take on 9/11 was that it was "an act of retaliation against constant and systematic manifestations of state terrorism on the part of America over many years, in all parts of the world." Where do you start to counter such tripe? Salman Rushdie, who knows a thing or two about state terrorism, but of the Islamic variety, made the perfect riposte to that kind of anti-American balderdash: "To excuse such an atrocity by blaming US government policies," he wrote, "is to deny the basic idea of all morality: that individuals are responsible for their actions".

Anti-Americanism has a long, and often surprisingly distinguished pedigree. From *Martin Chuzzlewit* onward, English literature abounds with American characters that conform to a certain stereotype of uncouthness and naiveté. But it is in France that

anti-Americanism has been for centuries a cultural tradition shared by all sections of the intelligentsia from Stendhal to Sartre. A recent French writer called this consensus *la pensée unique*. Still, one cannot help being shocked afresh by the intensity of French anti-Americanism. Using 9/11 again as the touchstone, a book called *Le 11 Septembre 2001, l'effroyable imposture*, topped the French best-seller lists for several weeks. It argues that the attacks were organized by the US administration and that Osama bin Laden is a CIA agent.

But, because in France ideas are taken seriously, it is in France that a reaction has set in. A new group of French intellectuals – the "anti-anti-Americans" – has started to have its say. They point to the inconsistent nature of anti-Americanism. America is over-materialistic and over-religious; it is on the verge of collapse and too powerful; it is a nation of warmongers, but is afraid to risk the lives of its soldiers; it is racist, but excessively politically correct. And so on.

If the incoherence of anti-Americanism, the vitriolic hatred that America inspires in so many, strikes any chord, the anti-anti-American writers have spelled it out. There is another pathological hatred that has striking parallels with anti-Americanism. The distinction of being at the root of everything that goes wrong in the world, of being the target of fantastic conspiracy theories, is one that Americans share with one other people: the Jews. Anti-Americanism in its rabid form, as several writers have pointed out, resembles nothing so much as anti-Semitism.

Time tempered the adolescent anti-Americanism of that boy. Now, as then, he is disturbed by much of the rhetoric that emerges from the United States. But, just as reading Orwell and Koestler cured him of relativism in the Cold War – in the struggle between the USA and the USSR, it was simply not true that one side was as bad as the other – he is today in no doubt that, in the struggle with global jihadism, neutrality is not an option, and if you are not for America you are against it. European fence-sitting did not wash then and will not wash now. Were that boy to write that speech again today it would be very different.

In short, that boy grew up.



MICHAEL FOX

(CLS: 45-52)

wrote a monthly column for the English edition of *Ha'aretz*, Israel's leading daily newspaper; here is an example.

On the button: Greenberg goes up the pole



Maurice Greenberg ready for the climb

The hook

In April 2009, OC and Liveryman Blacksmith Maurice Greenberg visited the **Jubilee Sailing Trust's** Tall Ship *SV Nelson* which was undergoing a refit at South Quay 5 in Canary Wharf. During the visit it was mentioned that a fund-raising Sponsored Mast Climb was being organised for May 2009, to take place on *SV Tenacious*, sister ship of the *Nelson*, at Southampton Docks.

"They were looking for volunteers," says the intrepid Maurice, "since only 125 feet were to be scaled from the deck to the button, the term used for the top of the mainmast." Mmm! Only 125 feet!

The climb

On 10 May 2009 Maurice reported to Berth 104, Gate 10 in Southampton Docks. The weather was fine and dry and after donning a safety harness with safety line, the climb began.

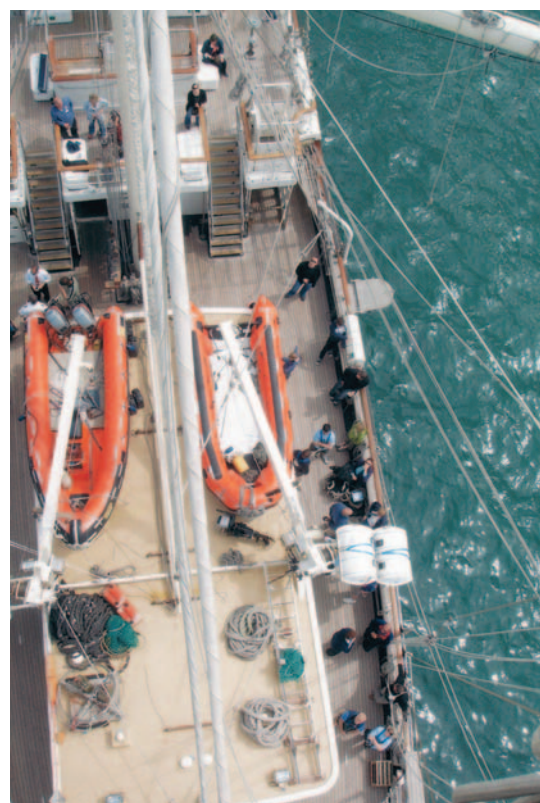
"The climb from the deck to the first stage up the rigging was easy," Maurice recalls, "the rungs being wooden slats, and the safety line needed only when the climber needed to lean backwards to climb through the hole on to the first stage platform. However, from there to the second stage platform the rungs were of rope which gave under the climber's weight, but again the safety line was used only to ease through the hole on to the second platform itself."

No trouble so far, but as can be seen in our cover picture, the rigging tapers quite narrowly from the second platform to the button, forcing climbers to place their feet directly above each other. But Maurice achieved his goal, and the subsequent descent to the deck was completed without incident.

The purpose of the climb

Maurice continues: "I would like to thank all those who sponsored me. We have been able to present the sum of £911.50 to the **Jubilee Sailing Trust** to enable it to continue to provide Tall Ship sailing experience for people of any physical and sensory ability and disability."

Unfortunately, the JCC helicopter was not deployed on camera duty at the time, so there is no photograph of Maurice standing to attention, as no doubt he did, on the button. We do, however, offer our congratulations and compliments on his cheerful demeanour during a climb that might have deterred many of us lesser Old Citizens!



PHOTOS SUPPLIED BY: Maurice Greenberg

RIGHT TOP Maurice confidently makes progress towards the button

RIGHT The deck looks an uncomfortably long way below

WB Young, England's nemesis: "doing very well indeed at 93"

At the time of writing, Bill Young, who left the School in 1935, is "doing very well indeed" at 93 years and 234 days.

WB Young represented Scotland 10 times and played for his country in the Home Nations Championships in the 1937, 1938, 1939 and 1948 seasons. He was a member of Scotland's **1938 Triple Crown** winning team and scored the winning try against England in 1948. As AE Douglas-Smith writes in his *History of CLS*, "The Rugger Club had its turn for pride with the mighty come-back of WB Young, after ten years as a medical missionary in Nigeria. Far from his powers having suffered by the long absence from the international arena, they seemed better than ever; he was not only capped for Scotland against England, Ireland and France in 1949, but played outstanding games."

In 1938 at the age of 21, Bill Young played in the famous **Calcutta Cup** victory over England at Twickenham which created history as being the first televised international Rugby match. This game was watched by a young Bill McLaren, future BBC television commentator, who was taken to the game by his father.

Bill was born in 1916 and was living in Sidcup, Kent when he joined CLS. He became Captain of Rugby, and also bowled for the School's 1st XI. His sporting achievements were frequently reported in the School Magazines of the early 1930s, and he was involved in the design of a new style of cap awarded to the School's rugby players (see photograph).

Leaving the School in 1935 to read Medicine at St. Catherine's College, Cambridge, Bill was awarded Rugby Blues in each of the 1935, 1936 and 1937 seasons and played against the All Blacks. He also played for Harlequins, London Scottish, King's College Hospital, the Barbarians and London Counties Kent.

Bill's long and distinguished sporting and medical career was described in an article in the *Sevenoaks Chronicle* in June 2009. Inspired by the example of fellow Scotsman and athlete, Eric Liddell whom he met, Bill spent nine years working for the Africa Inland Mission in Kenya. Even while working as a missionary he became Captain of the Kenyan national rugby side.

In 1948 Bill returned briefly to the UK on leave and was selected once more, ten years after his previous appearance, to play for Scotland against England, scoring the winning try. For the next

thirty-two years he worked as a GP before retiring and writing two books about his life. In December 2009 he was visited by Nick Fifield, the grandson of Raymond Farrar, one of Bill's CLS team mates, who found him "at 93 doing very well indeed." We are very grateful to Nick for supplying us with a current photo of a true CLS sporting legend.

[From 1992 to 1994 another OC, Neil Edwards (77-82), also represented Scotland, playing six times for his country.]



WB 'Bill' Young today with "the cap" (see text)



LEFT The display in the Library at the School, showing some memorable items about Bill, including a photograph of his meeting with King George VI at Twickenham



LEFT Bill Young in his playing days, and wearing a Scottish shirt



NEIL EDWARDS
(CLS: 77-82)
also represented
Scotland,
playing six times
for his country
from 1992 to 1994.

Max's Medal

Thanks to the sharp eye of Alan Willis and some nifty eBay bidding by David Rose, the school librarian, the archive has recently acquired the **Beaufoy Medal for Mathematics** awarded to Max Newman in 1915. **Terry Heard** provides some biographical notes on this distinguished Old Citizen, sometimes called “the father of modern computing”.



Terry Heard

Max Neumann the schoolboy

Maxwell Neumann, whose father was German and mother English, was born in 1897 and entered CLS in 1908. He was clearly a good all-rounder, gaining prizes in French, German and Mathematics in 1912, a **Finnis Prize** ‘for General Proficiency and Good Conduct’ in 1913, and a **Fishmongers’ Scholarship** as well as the **Beaufoy Medal** in 1915. He was also a very gifted pianist and a good chess player. With the medal came book prizes, in this case *Dynamics*, *A Course of Pure Mathematics* (presumably GH Hardy’s celebrated text which appeared in 1908 and was still used in the Maths VI at CLS in the 1960s) and *A Treatise on Differential Equations*.

Max Newman in university life

Max gained a scholarship to St John’s College, Cambridge. In 1916 he gained a first class in part one of the Mathematical Tripos, and changed his to Newman by deed poll. Much of the next three years he spent in war work, returning to Cambridge in 1919. After completing his first degree with distinction and studying for a year in Vienna he was elected to a fellowship at St John’s in 1923 and appointed a university lecturer in 1927. He was a pioneer of combinatorial (or geometric) topology and wrote important papers on it in the late 1920s.

In the 1930s, apart from continued work on combinatorial topology, he wrote a seminal paper on topological groups and an admired book, *Elements of the Topology of Plane Sets of Points* (1939), which was described by a reviewer as “beautifully written in the limpid style one would expect of one who combined clarity of thought, breadth of view, depth of understanding and mastery of language”.

As a gifted lecturer Max Newman drew the attention of the 23 year old Alan Turing’s to the problem which led Turing to the **universal Turing machine** which later became the foundation of the theory of computation.

Max Newman at Bletchley

During the Second World War, in 1942, Newman joined the government code and cipher school at Bletchley Park. There he became familiar with



Max Newman, CLS: 1908 - 1915

an important, German army cipher system, the **Lorenz Schlüsselzusatz 40** (the SZ40) which had been ‘broken’ following an error by a German cipher clerk. Under Major Tester, a section called the Testery was started for routinely decoding SZ40 messages by hand. Newman joined the Testery but felt he was not good at the work and disliked it. He realized that it should be possible to perform the statistical aspects with the help of rapid, special-purpose electronic machinery employing paper tape and photoelectric cells, and with Turing proposed the logical requirements for such machinery. These requirements formed the basis of actual machines, culminating with the Colossus, the world’s first large-scale electronic computer.

The section at Bletchley that used the machinery was headed by Newman and was called the **Newmanry**. The staff there consisted of about twenty cryptanalysts (including some distinguished mathematicians), about six engineers, and 273 Wrens. Newman ran this large section with the natural authority of a father figure, but in a democratic spirit. He took pleasure in the achievements of his staff, and originality flourished.



The main house at Bletchley Park

Max Newman’s influence on computing

From 1945 to 1964 Newman was the Fielden professor of mathematics at Manchester University. He went there convinced that general-purpose computers were on the horizon, and he was active in persuading the authorities to build one.

Manchester in June 1948 had the world’s first demonstration of Turing’s computer principle in working electronics, and at Newman’s invitation Turing moved there that October as Reader in Mathematics. Newman ran the mathematics department effortlessly, attracting a formidable succession of fine mathematicians and getting the best out of them.

Max Newman’s later life

His retirement saw a second burst of mathematical research in geometric topology, culminating in a major theorem on topological manifolds, published in 1966, a remarkable counter-example to the view

that mathematics is a young man’s game. He was elected Fellow of the Royal Society in 1939. In 1959 he was awarded the Sylvester medal of the Royal Society and in 1962 the De Morgan medal of the London Mathematical Society. He died in Cambridge in 1984.

The medal

The origin of the Beaufoy Medal, first presented in 1843, was described in the Gazette three years ago (Summer 2007, pp 8-9). This one is silver, in good condition though slightly dented round the edge, and inscribed thus:

Maxwell Neumann
July 1915

It is perhaps fortunate that our most distinguished Old Citizen mathematician changed his name, for if the University of Manchester or Bletchley Park had realised whose medal was for sale we might have had stronger competition.



LEFT Obverse and reverse of Max Newman’s Beaufoy Medal for Mathematics, awarded to him in 1915



MAX NEUMANN
(CLS: 08-15)

is listed among other distinguished CLS scholars on the marble tablets that still hang in the Great Hall of the Embankment building.

Gerald Nigel Bennett (37-45) — Died 25 October 2009

A Marlborough Old Citizen dies at 83

IT IS WITH REGRET THAT WE RECORD THE death on 25 October last year of Gerald Nigel Bennett, who was at the School from 1937 to 1945, which included the wartime relocation to Marlborough College. During the post war years, Gerald represented the Old Citizens at Rugby and, we are told, possibly at cricket.

On finishing his National Service and some time in the Education Corps of the regular Army, all of which spanned the period from 1945 to 1953, Gerald gained a Civil Service Commission in HM Customs and Excise where he enjoyed a distinguished career. He served in various departments including Immigration at London Airport, but enjoyed most his time with the Waterguard in Hull, where his duties included the searching of incoming shipping and occasionally watching suspected smugglers from the riverbank. He contracted cancer in 2003, which he faced with bravery and fortitude even in the latter, terminal stages.

Gerald was born in Golders Green on 7 September 1927, the family moving out to Mill Hill when he was in his late teens. He married Sheila in 1952 and they set up home in Hull where he had asked to be posted, as it was the nearest port to Sheila's family in Leeds. Their home remained in Hull for the rest of his life in spite of HM Customs & Excise posting him all over the country from time to time, until he retired early from the Service in about 1980.

Although he remembered his school days with great fondness, Gerald was one of those who initially detested his time



ABOVE Gerald Bennet in his schooldays

BELOW Gerald with some of his family in retirement, and 4th from left in the back row as a member of an unrecognised Rugby team.

at Marlborough. He was billeted with an elderly couple who didn't communicate much, and who didn't bother with such niceties as heating the house or providing what Gerald considered to be decent food. This became so bad that he wrote home threatening to run off if the situation didn't improve. As a result, Gerald's mother rented a flat in the town, providing digs for him and for several of his friends. After this arrangement was made Marlborough was never a problem.

The School's re-occupation of the Embankment building occurred just as London began to suffer the next phase of

the war, and soon after Gerald's return he had a narrow escape when a V2 landed in his street, Princes Park Avenue in Golders Green. He managed to dive under the table just before all the windows blew in, but some of his neighbours were not so lucky and were killed. Following this scrape, Gerald spent many nights on the roof of the School, fire-watching.

Gerald's interests revolved around sports. He played Rugby and Cricket into his late thirties, and was a keen 'armchair' supporter of Arsenal. He also liked to play card games of all kinds, especially Bridge which became his main focus in later years. He had always been a club player, but in retirement Gerald began teaching Bridge and founded a Bridge Club at Swanland in East Yorkshire. Even after he became too ill to play, Gerald continued to study Bridge problems, especially those sent from the USA by his sister Molly.

Gerald also had a keen interest in all things Naval (the RN had been his preference for National Service, but his eyesight let him down), and he built many ships in miniature.

Gerald is survived by his wife, Sheila, their two children, Joy and Ian, and three grandchildren, Hannah, Emma and Erin, to all of whom we send our condolences.

Any OC who has recollections of Gerald Bennett's schooldays is invited to share them with his son, Ian:

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John Reginald Watts, CBE, FIA, FSS (34-39) — Died 26 June 2009

Survivor of the war in the Far East dies at 89

JOHN WATTS DIED ON 26 JUNE 2009, AFTER a short illness. He was born in Ilford in June 1920, the second of three children, with an elder sister and a younger brother. He excelled academically in his early school years, winning a scholarship to CLS and arriving at the Embankment school in 1934. He showed a particular gift for Mathematics, which was to play a large part in his future career. At the age of 19 he sat for the Civil Service Executive examinations, being placed 9th overall and top in Mathematics. Upon leaving the School in the summer of 1939, John joined the Government's Actuary Department.

In 1940 he joined the Royal Air Force, and after training was posted to RAF Seletar, Singapore, arriving the day after the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbour. After a period of heavy bombing, John was among a number of servicemen posted to Java, where he became a Prisoner of War on 8 March 1942, when the Japanese invaded.

In 3½ years of incarceration, just one postcard from home got through to him, but he was able to send nothing home to let anyone know he was still alive. That he and the other POWs were not executed by their captors was due only to the dropping of the A-bombs on Japan and the sudden capitulation of the Japanese military.

John arrived back home in England weighing six and a half stone, and for many years he did not talk of what had happened, or the hardships, degradations and horrors that he had experienced and witnessed.



ABOVE John Watts, the schoolboy

BELOW John in uniform, marching somewhere near the Embankment school (perhaps the Embankment itself, or Blackfriars Bridge?)



On his return, John rejoined the Actuary's Department, and he became an Assistant Actuary following his FIA qualification. He worked on the initial survey of the Occupational Pension Scheme and later on the UK Population Projections. John was the Government's Principal Actuary from 1973 until he retired in 1982, and was head of the Public Service Superannuation Division. He was also Actuary to a number of grant aided bodies in the public sector.

He had two papers published, one on *Population Projections by Marital Status*, and one on projected changes in the structure of the population and the implications for Local Authorities. John was awarded the CBE in the 1982 New Year Honours List.

John and Doreen married in 1958, making their home in Sevenoaks, Kent, from which they both commuted daily to London until retirement, and where they had many friends. He and Doreen were keen walkers, and enjoyed many hiking holidays in Germany.

While they had no children of their own, they had several nieces and nephews, and John was looking forward to the birth of his first great-great nephew when he passed away three days before Leo John arrived. To the end of his life, John remained mentally sharp, and he maintained a keen interest in Mathematics and Statistics, and in the JCC which he had joined as a Life Member in 1948.

[Obituary: Mrs Christine M Eaves, niece]

We are grateful to Geoffrey Granter for sending us these biographical notes about Old Citizens whose obituaries he found in news from Jesus College, Cambridge.

Gerald Arthur George Bedward

GERRY BEDWARD WAS BORN ON 11 MARCH 1919 in London. From the School he won a Scholarship to Jesus College, Cambridge in 1938 to read Modern & Medieval Languages. His time at Jesus was interrupted by the war, when he served as a Captain with the Yorkshire & Lancashire Regiment, going to Normandy on the evening of D-Day. After graduated from Jesus in 1947 Gerry became a Modern Languages master at Reigate Grammar School in 1948 where he remained for

the whole of his teaching career, being remembered as "an urbane, dapper, avuncular, unflappable man: English to the core." He was a great supporter of the school, organising many school excursions, running the school Cadet Force, and playing an active part in many memorable school performances.

In 1981 Gerry retired to the Isle of Wight, where he died in October 2008, aged 89. He and his wife Maureen had a son and a daughter.

John Robert Watton

JOHN WATTON WAS BORN ON 12 MAY 1952 in London. From CLS he went to Jesus College, Cambridge in 1969 to read Mathematics, and while there he became chairman of the university Liberal club.

John became an Accountant, working in turn for the ships' stores merchants Robert A Dean, the export finance house of Alexander Fraser & Son, for Hodson & Associates as a management consultant and then finally in his own management consultancy, working predominantly with small and medium enterprises. John and his wife had one daughter.

Soccer: finally here on a regular basis

*We've known for some time that there's an enthusiasm for Soccer among Old Citizens, but it seems that they've now managed to get properly organised — and they even have some rather smart kit! The first report is from **Robert Harris**, Director of Football.*



Detail showing the badge on the shirt

Old Citizens football is finally here on a regular basis! Over the last 6 months, the Old Citizens have played four friendly matches as part of the qualifying requirements to join the **Arthurian League** in the 2010/2011 season. As the *Gazette* goes to Press, we are waiting for approval from this well-established league that has been running for over 40 years.

Home matches are played on the legendary Grove Park turf, and the current group of 40+ footballers range from 21-38 years old. It's a decent standard but also a lot of fun, and ideally we'd like to add more teams as we grow.

Old Brentwood 4 – 6 Old Citizens Brentwood, 12 December - Friendly

The Old Citizens braved the elements and a difficult pitch to record a 6-4 victory over an Old Brentwood team. Having formed only a few weeks earlier, this was the Old Citizens first game of what will hopefully be a long journey to the top of the Arthurian League.

As the game started, it was clear that the Old Citizens were not used to playing together, as a long ball from Brentwood caused havoc in the back four and led to a simple tap in for the opposition striker.

The response from the Old Citizens was breathtaking. Within thirty minutes, six goals had been smashed into the back of the Brentwood net. First, central midfielder Timi Dorgu was felled in the box, and he calmly got up to smash the resulting penalty into the top left corner. Two minutes later, Dorgu was smashing in another penalty, this time into the opposite corner, after Charles Balcombe had been brought down. The Old Citizens were now brimming with confidence, and a lovely move down the left involving Nicky Stein and Liam Se-Tho resulted in a pull back to the edge of the box which was smashed into the roof of the net by Charles Balcombe. Brentwood were now chasing shadows. Before the end of the half, the Old Citizens had scored another three, and the game was effectively wrapped up.

In the second half however, fatigue set in, and Brentwood were able to claw three goals back. The result could have been closer without some excellent defending by Gordon Fraser and

Andrew Haywood, and the cat-like reflexes of Jonny Winterburn in goal. The OCs had numerous chances to put the game beyond Brentwood, but a mixture of poor finishing and tired legs prevented this.

Squad: Winterburn, Barnett, Harris, Fraser, Haywood, Stein, Dwek D, Dwek I, Dorgu, Balcombe, Se Tho, Stone.

Goals: Dorgu (penalties 16,18), Balcombe (25,38(own),40), Se Tho (44)

Old Citizens 0 – 4 Old Rugbeian Soccer Club Grove Park, 23 January 2010 - Friendly

Despite the opponents' being better known for another sport with a different shaped ball, OCs came up against strong opposition in Old Rugby. The Grove Park pitch defied the recent snowy conditions and we were able to resist some early pressure, assisted by some fine goalkeeping by Jonny Winterburn. However that defiance cracked at about 30 minutes, when Old Rugby capitalised on a parried shot. Unfortunately the opponents stepped up the pressure and a few more goals followed in quick succession before half time.

Those late first half goals meant the second half was always going to be an uphill struggle for us, but a better showing and with some more luck any one of Dwek, Norman and Levene could easily have found themselves on the score sheet.

Squad: Winterburn, Harris, Boyle, Batula, Stein, Se Tho, Dwek D, Dwek I, Haywood, Norman, McKenna, Stone, Levene

Old Citizens 6 – 4 Old Marlborough Grove Park, 20 March - Friendly

Saturday saw Old Citizens race into a 5-0 half time lead, but the 2nd half saw a more spirited Marlborough side and some fitness and defensive slips from Old Citizens, and they came back to 5-4 with 5 minutes to go.

We also missed a handful of guilt-edged chances to kill the game off further. Thankfully we spared our blushes with a late Levene goal and ended up running out 6-4 winners. Levene rolled back the years with a hat trick, the pick of them being his first, which was cleverly chipped over the diving keeper from a strong run down the left hand side.



One of the teams

BACK ROW: Dorgu, Stone, McKenna, Se Tho, Kelly

FRONT ROW: Sparks, Haywood, Winterburn, Harris, Batula (ABSENT FROM PHOTO: Osekita)

Balcombe was provider as well as goalscorer, adding two assists to his clinical finishes. The pick of his contribution was an in-swinging cross delivered at pace, for the grateful Se Tho to rifle home.

Some strong performances throughout and an impressive debut for Kimchi who defied his advancing years, and a solid debut for Payne-James who showed a lot of promise.

Squad: Sparks, Masri, Boyle, McKenna, Se Tho, Balcombe, Kimchi, Norman, Levene, Brice, Akinfala, Payne James, Osekita Snr, Osekita Jnr

Goals: Balcombe (4,13) Se Tho (32) Levene (23,43,89).

Old Marlborough 3 – 2 Old Citizens South Park, Fulham, 17 April - Friendly

With volcanic ash in the air, Old Citizens once again took on Old Marlborough, whom they had defeated in a ten goal thriller in March.

We started brightly, closing down the opponents at every opportunity and this pressing was rewarded when midfield playmaker Timi Dorgu won the ball in the final third and played in striker James Kelly who from the right hand side of the penalty box swivelled beautifully and curled a shot past the keeper and into the opposite top

corner of the net. With centre back Will McKenna clearing a number of long balls pumped into the Old Citizens' half and keeper Jonny Winterburn acting as a fine last line of defence behind him, we looked fairly comfortable until a defensive slip allowed Old Marlborough to break from an OCs' corner and score on the stroke of half time.

That half time equaliser gave Old Marlborough the impetus, and they started the stronger of the two teams in the second half. Indeed they took a lead when their centre back headed on a long throw and looped it past Winterburn. We raised our game only to have a goal by Batula ruled out for a foul, but were then rewarded a few minutes later when Dorgu played in Osekita who beautifully chipped the advancing keeper to equalise.

With 15 minutes remaining, the OCs now sensed victory but were undone by a fine finish from the edge of the box with just five minutes remaining and despite some late pressure failed to equalise again.

Squad: Winterburn, Harris, McKenna (capt), Sparks, Se-Tho, Haywood, Dorgu, Batula, Stone, Kelly, Osekita, Brice, Ryb.

Goals: Kelly (26), Osekita (75).



OLD CITIZENS
FOOTBALL

Chairman:
Tim Levene

Hon. Secretary:
Charles Balcombe



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him at:

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if you would like
to play 11-a-side
football on a
Saturday afternoon

Cricket

As the 2010 season gets underway, last year's performances are summarised here by Tony Sawell in the traditional manner



Tony Sawell

Our cricket season starts in the second half of April, and before that we shall be having the Annual General Meeting and the Annual Dinner. Nets are held at Lord's Indoor School on Sundays. Last year's matches were fully reported in the previous issue of the Gazette, and we finished with a fair record, having won 9, drawn 4 and lost 12.

Only three games were lost to bad weather. As usual we are including the averages in this Gazette. We welcome new players and visitors to all our games, and a phone call to Tony on 01883 715949 will secure a Fixture Card. In the 2009 season, batsmen scored one century and eight fifties, and bowlers took two fivefors.

BATTING AVERAGES
Qualification: 3 completed innings

Table with 6 columns: Player, Inns, n.o., h.s., Runs, Ave. Lists batting averages for Hasan RAMZAN, Fahad SYED, Allan SALDANHA, Michael KNIGHT, Jack MALNICK, Nadir GOHAR, Richard SALDANHA, Richard MILLETT, Yousef RAMZAN, Steve RINGER, Jacob HOLDEN, Richard HILLMAN, Gaj SRIKANTHAN, Alex BENNETT, Bill BARNES, Bruce TODD, James GLEADOW, Suleiman FARUQI, Tony SAWELL, John HARRIS.

ALSO BATTED
Qualification: 10 runs

Table with 5 columns: Player, Inns, n.o., h.s., Runs. Lists players: Arji REGO, A HOLMES, Bill SAUNDERS, Suhail SHAIKH, Karti SRIKANTHAN, Rohan FRANCIS.

ALSO BOWLED
Qualification: 1 wicket

Table with 5 columns: Player, O, M, R, W. Lists bowlers: Suhail SHAIKH, Jack MALNICK, Tanveer PAWAR, A PARKER, Will SHELDON, Gaj SRIKANTHAN.

BOWLING AVERAGES
Qualification: 3 wickets

Table with 6 columns: Player, O, M, R, W, Ave. Lists bowling averages for Rohan FRANCIS, Michael KNIGHT, Yousef RAMZAN, Hasan RAMZAN, Richard MILLETT, Michael SHANNON, Suleiman FARUQI, James GLEADOW, Jacob HOLDEN, Alex BENNETT, Tony SAWELL, John HARRIS.

FIELDING
Qualification: 1 catch

Table with 4 columns: Wicket-keeping, Stmpd, Cght, Total. Lists fielders: Richard HILLMAN, Bill BARNES, Jack Malnick, Michael Knight, Gaj Srikanthan, Nadir Gohar, Steve Ringer, Alex Bennett, Karti Srikanthan, Hasan Ramzan.

Richard HILLMAN has now amassed a total of 101 wickets behind the stumps for the Old Citizens

Real Tennis

Following GB's 2008 success in the Danby Cup, Sam Leigh reports here on the outcome of the second biennial contest

Beginning & Preparation
'The two years since the Great Britain over 70s team won the inaugural Danby Cup tournament at the Racquet & Tennis Club in New York have flown past,' writes Old Citizen Sam Leigh. 'Here we are in London at the wonderful [Real] Tennis court at Lord's on Friday 9 April 2010, attempting to retain the trophy.'
The Great Britain hopefuls had undergone half a dozen practice and selection sessions at Lord's, starting in January, to pick the best three pairs. 'Being on home soil, the competition for places was immense, unlike two years ago when we just managed to scrape the necessary six players together for the New York contest.'

The Court
There are only about 40 or so Real Tennis courts in the world, of which Britain has 25, four of them being in London, and one of those at Lord's. Like its descendent, Lawn Tennis, Real Tennis is played on a rectangular court with a net across the middle. But there the similarity ends, as you can see from our picture here of the magnificent court at Jesmond Dene, Newcastle.
The roofs ('penthouses') of the galleries are part of the playing surface of the court, and the pronounced dip in the net is intentional. Unlike Lawn Tennis, Real Tennis is played with a solid ball having a cork core, and retains opportunities to plan and execute extended plays of considerable cunning and deception.

The Disposition of Forces
Sam, team Captain, elected to play in the first pair with John Ward, an Old Blue who is an icon in the game. He had represented Great Britain at squash in the 1960s and '70s, and had then turned his attention to Tennis in the late 70s, quickly becoming one of the best amateurs in the country, representing GB in the Bathurst Cup, which is the Davis Cup of Real Tennis.
'The second pair was made up by Anthony Hothfield, amateur singles Real Tennis champion in 1964, and Clive Barnes, who had been a county lawn tennis and hockey player. Third pair was Willie Wilks and Paul Danby after whose father the trophy was named.'

The Play
On the ninth of April the third pairs opened the contest with a match against the might of Australia, playing and comfortably winning their rubber.
Sam continues: 'The first pairs' match then took the stage with your correspondent playing a supporting role to the inspirational Ward. The rubber was duly won as was the second pairs match. In the three rubbers we had dropped only six games.'
That same evening there was a Champagne Reception for the teams, held in the Lord's Museum with Keith Bradshaw, MCC Chief Executive welcoming the USA, GB and Australian teams and their followers.

On Saturday, the second day of the contest, Australia beat the USA 3-0, leaving GB to win against USA on the Sunday to retain the Danby Cup. In his modest way, Sam writes 'This we did with some ease, by 3 rubbers to 0.'

The Future
Next stop: Melbourne 2012. After their two consecutive successes in this new contest the question in Sam Leigh's mind is: 'Will we be good enough to win again?' To which we might respond: 'Is that a serious question?'

Postscript
Of course, we congratulate Sam and the whole team on their win, and we wish them well, not only in their competitions but also in their play 'at leisure'. Who knows whether we might find that there are many more OC Real Tennis players, either experienced or occasional, and that another OC sporting club is developing?



Sam Leigh in 1950

LEFT The Jesmond Dene jeu à dedans court in Newcastle, built in 1894 and now a listed building, is still in use for Real Tennis

Fencing, the PSFC and the Jack Wheeler Cup

Another close OC match against the School, the Public Schools Fencing Championships, and more news of individual OC fencers. *Brian Millo* reports on three events.



Brian Millo

School Match: 24 February

We had looked forward to having with us both **Alex Upcraft** and **Jonathan May**, young OC international Épéeists of distinction. However, Alex's study of Mandarin in China and Jonathan's commitments to specifically organised fencing training for competitions at World level put them both out of the running for this match. Furthermore, **Jonny Holmes** was also overseas, and **Elliott Lever** was otherwise occupied with medical studies, so it was down to **Jonathan Monsen**, **James Berrill**, **Brian Millo** and OC Master-in-charge **Bill Ellis-Rees** to provide all the Old Citizen teams.

As always, the match was great fun, and the OCs managed to provide competition for two CLS teams in both Foil and Épée, and one in Sabre.

We won the Foil events decisively, narrowly lost in Sabre and were comprehensively beaten in Épée. Of all the ways to count the overall result (hits or matches per weapon, A-match and B-match separately or together, and so on), none gives victory to the OCs, despite our best efforts! We can claim only that we perhaps just managed to come up to the School's B-team standard.

We were delighted that both Terry Heard and Karen Sage came along to watch some of the Match, and a couple of Karen's 420 photographs are shown here.

We look forward to the next contest, when we hope to have some of our best Épéeists back again!

Results

A-match

Foil	CLS	OCs
Hits	35	45
Bouts	2	6 (1 drn)

Épée

Hits	45	18
Bouts	9	0

Sabre

Hits	45	39
Bouts	4	3 (2 drn)

Overall win for CLS:

Hits:	125-102
Bouts:	15-9

B-match

Foil	CLS	OCs
Hits	31	45
Bouts	2	6 (1 drn)

Épée (2-per-side)

Hits	20	19
Bouts	2	1

Sabre

There was insufficient time available for B-team Sabre

Overall win for OCs:

Hits:	64-51
Bouts:	7-4



PHOTOS: from Nigel Carr & Brian Millo

Public Schools Fencing Championships

At the end of the Spring Term the School was well represented in the Public Schools' Fencing Championships, a three day event at Crystal Palace involving 1421 individual competitors from 104 schools. Among some very high-class fencing, many of the CLS entries performed very well, and the School clearly has some very good youngsters whose time will come.

Three Old Citizens turned up, and the photographs above show two of them together — one taken during the PSFC, the other looking back about 40 years to earlier era.

Your correspondent had been greatly influenced at the CLS by the then Master-in-charge of Fencing, Jack Wheeler, and it was an unexpected pleasure for him to be invited to present the Jack Wheeler Cup at the end of the competition. The cup was given for 3rd place in the Graham Bartlett Cup, and on this occasion it was presented to Brentwood School, where Nigel Carr (67-73) is now Deputy Headmaster.

"He loved chivalrie, Trouthe and honour, fredom and curtesie"
These are the words engraved on the trophy given to the PSFC in 1985 by Jack's Common Room colleague, Michael Smith.

The Jack Wheeler Cup

John Henry 'Jack' Wheeler was a member of the CLS Common Room from 1934 until he retired in 1971. He founded the CLS Fencing Club during his first year at the School, and he developed and maintained it until 1961.

CLS fencing enjoyed a particularly 'golden' period in the 1950s when CLS featured very high in schoolboy competitions and in representations at the universities, and this success must be regarded

as being largely due to Jack Wheeler's influence as a wise counsellor.

A principle of his approach to life, which included games, arose from his enthusiasm for fair play: he would not tolerate any dissent from a fencer on the piste, or from bystanders, and he managed to exercise his authority in the nicest way, with a characteristic smile and laugh.

Jack also felt that team prizes should be more widely distributed than just to the winners, and so it was that after his death in 1981, Mike Smith, one of his colleagues from the 1930s and '40s offered to the Public Schools Fencing Championships in 1985 a cup to be awarded to the school that was placed third in the **Graham Bartlett** competition (for the total points won by a boys' school in all weapons).

It is a further testament to the esteem in which Jack Wheeler was widely regarded, more widely than just within the boundaries of the School, that one of the boys at Brentwood School designed and produced a tribute to him that was presented at the PSFC of 1959 (*see back cover*). This now hangs in the house of his daughter, Dinah, who was also (with her sister, Barbara) a fencer, and who still takes an interest reading our *Gazette*.



LEFT The Jack Wheeler Cup, given in his memory and presented this year by Brian Millo to Brentwood School at the PSFC 2010

LEFT Finding space for 1000 or so schoolboys and girls in one venue is not easy, and they crowd the balconies at Crystal Palace for the three days of the PSFC

LEFT The PSFC trophies are laid out ready for presentation

In an entirely different competition, Jonathan May, one of our recent OCs, achieves another success in his chosen weapon

LEFT Jonathan scores a neat hit *en flèche* under his opponent's arm on the way towards his **Junior Men's Épée** title

and

FAR LEFT with his trophy and fellow competitors after the event



UPPER RIGHT The School Fencing Team in 1971 with its trophies

STANDING: BA Millo, David Ford(?), TJ Heard

SEATED: Cedric Lavington, Keith Maynard, Richard Post, Julian Lewis, Nigel Carr

LOWER RIGHT Brian Millo and Nigel Carr meet again on the second day of the PSFC

Golf

The Society's Centenary was celebrated in style last year, with a trip to Chantilly, lunch at the Carlton Club and a 100-page illustrated history of the Society's exploits down the years.



John Featherstone
Honorary Secretary

RIGHT Front and rear views of the Society's Centenary golf balls, and Alex Tapp at Chateau Rary with the Taylor Mason Jug

RIGHT BELOW Greg Matthews in 1979 with the Challenge Cup

Centenary celebrations

Last year the Old Citizens' Golfing Society celebrated a significant milestone, our Centenary. As part of the JCC we aim to organise golf days for our members and to enter teams in the Public Schools Golfing Society competitions. We extend a warm welcome to all golfers of whatever ability. The nature of golf is changing and golf club membership is not essential to join our Society, which has around 50 subscribers, 35 of whom still play. Our golf days are held around the London area but we would be pleased to hear from all



golfers, wherever located, in order to improve our database of OC golfers. The Society is very keen to encourage younger golfers, and we are able to offer reduced green fees for those players. Please email:

oldcitizensgolfingsociety@googlemail.com

Meetings and Matches for 2010

Meetings

Spring Worplesdon Golf Club, Thurs 27 May
Summer Swinley Forest Golf Club, Fri 9 July
Autumn/Captain's Day

The Berkshire GC, Wed 1 September
The Cyril Gray competition (over 50s)

Worplesdon Golf Club, late June.

Inter Schools Festival Highgate GC, Fri 10 September.

Matches

versus the School and Masters in the summer. Further details will be posted on the Golf Section of the JCC website.

versus Old Paulines at Ealing GC Tues 14 September.

Chantilly in September 2009

Chantilly is the horse racing capital of France, twinned with Epsom, but our party of ten was visiting for three days of golf.

On Day-1, having travelled across the water from various places and in different ways, we met at **Chantilly Vineuil Golf Club** (also celebrating its centenary this year), designed by Tom Simpson and world rated, having also been host to the French Open 10 times. It is a fast-running parkland course with a traditional club house reminiscent of Sunningdale. A superb location to test travel-weary OCs with Mark Bretton returning the best score of 32 points.

Day-2 saw us at **L'Isle Adam Golf Club**, a testing course set in protected woodland. The early holes are in narrow tree lined fairways, but then it opens out after climbing to a plateau, and has superb views of the surrounding countryside. The descent down saw trolleys trying to run away with their clubs!

It was an excellent venue with undulating and fast greens, where the secretary, John Featherstone, was a convincing winner with 34 points. We spent the evening in *Le Goutillon*, a typical French Bistro with the atmosphere distinctly out of "allo 'allo".

Sunday morning opened Day-3 with our visit to **Apremont Golf Club**, a fairly flat woodland course which was a welcome relief after the previous day's exertions. The clubhouse was large and modern with excellent facilities.

As the course opened out to us, water came into play on two par 3s and par 4s. The leader board showed joint winners of Martin Lester and Greg Matthews with 33 points, though Greg needed an eagle on the par 5 14th to get into contention!

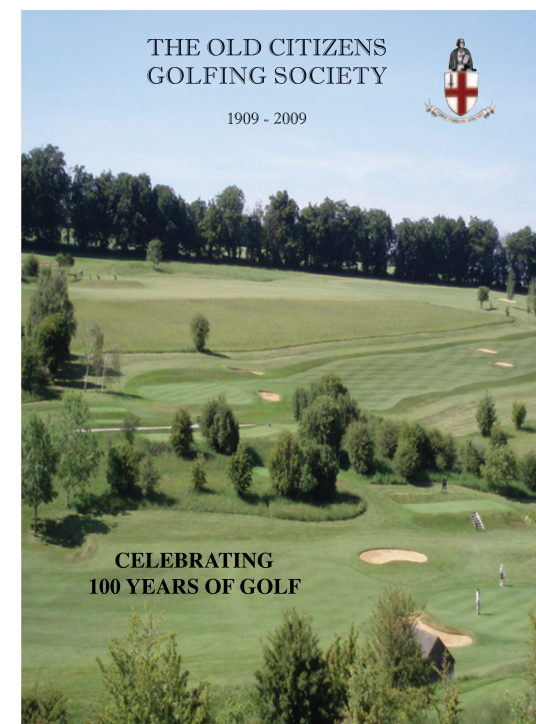
The restaurant chosen for our celebratory dinner in the evening was *Le Scaramouche* in Senlis, an ancient town only a short distance from Chantilly and dating back to Roman times.

Our final game was played at **Domaine de Raray Golf Club** set in the grounds of *Chateau de Raray*, a 17th Century listed building. The entrance to the course is along the drive to the Chateau, and the building also forms the back drop to the 18th hole. Alex Tapp won the day with 36 points.

The weather in France was kind to us with warm autumn sunshine but a brisk breeze over the weekend made scoring difficult. It is intended that the two trophies presented in France will be perpetual trophies played for on an annual basis.

We all had a most enjoyable time in France and look forward to the next 100 years.

[Adapted from the OCGS Centenary booklet, a copy of which may be bought from the Secretary for £10. The booklet traces the history of the Society in text and pictures since its inception in 1909.]



'The 10' at Apremont Golf Club



Dining at Le Scaramouche



Through the 18th to Chateau Rary



Mark Stockton considers his options



Mark Bretton in the locker room

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