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AUTUMN TERM 2010
Term begins: Tues 7 September
Half-Term: Mon 25 - Fri 29 October
Term ends: Fri 17 December

SPRING TERM 2011
Term begins: Tues 11 January
Half-Term: Thur 17 - Fri 18 February
Term ends: Fri 1 April

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Term begins: Wed 27 April
Half-Term: Mon 30 May - Fri 3 Jun
Term ends: Fri 8 July

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APPLY NOW!

AGM CLUB SUPPER
Wednesday 24 November

JCC Annual Dinner
at the Old School
Thursday 24 March

see panels on pages 4 & 5
(separate booking forms enclosed)

Cover photographs

FRONT COVER The President with two record-makers half a century apart, Barrie Savory and Ben Waterman, after presenting Ben with his JCC International Tie (see pages 10-11)

BACK COVER Entrance Hall of the Old School in the 1950s, with Head Porter 'Sidney' in command (see page 5)

Future photographs

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

Editorial

The past eighteen months or so have seen significant changes in the lives of both the JCC and your Editor.

We are gradually beginning to understand the effects of the new order, including the change from three to two issues of the Gazette each year. Emails on that subject appear on page 6.

This past decade has seen enormous developments in methods of communication, and while some people will still pick up an ink-filled pen to write a letter on paper, the majority of contact between us is carried out by way of our computers and telephones. This development compels the JCC to rethink its method of enabling easy contact among Old Citizens, and we hope that many of you will attend the AGM to express your own views on this and other matters.

It has been a pleasure and a privilege for your current Editor to assist in modernising the management of the Club, but it seems to him that the time is now right to step down from the General Committee and to hand over his responsibilities for the Gazette, so that he may watch developments from the sidelines while having more time to spend with his family.



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Annual General Meeting

Wednesday 24 November 2010

This first AGM following the re-structuring of the Club will provide an opportunity for discussion of the changes that are coming into effect



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 24th November 2010** at 6:00pm, preceded by tea from 5:30pm.

Agenda

1. Apologies for absence.
2. Minutes of last meeting (25 November 2009).
3. Correspondence.
4. Finance: To receive the Club Accounts for the year ended 30 April 2010.
5. To receive the Report of the General Committee for the year 2009/2010. 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 elect the President for the year 2010/2011.
Nomination: CSH Hampton (CLS 1954-64)
Proposed by RJC Jones
Seconded by CR Southgate
8. To elect Officers and Committee as set out below.
9. General Business.

Election of Officers and General Committee

The following nominations have been received:

Officers:

Secretary: MAB Israel (65/73-73)
Treasurer: RJC Jones (54/62-62)
Editor of the *Gazette*: vacancy
Chairman of Entertainments Sub-Committee:

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TC Levene (83/91-91)

MAB Israel
Hon. Secretary
October 2010

Club Supper

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

An application form is included with this issue.

SPORTS COMMITTEE

The Annual General Meeting of Sports Clubs' Playing Members

will take place on

Wednesday 10 November at 6pm

in the offices of Martin Israel at

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The Sports Committee continues to monitor, oversee and encourage sporting activities of the Club and of boys still at the School, enabling all Citizens to remain in contact and to make new friends in other year groups.

Sport is thriving at the School, with Football doing particularly well in recent years. We aim to improve the awareness of our existence at the School, and to provide financial support for sports.

This year we are delighted to report that football has restarted as a regular OC winter game, and that we have rejoined the Arthurian League after a long lapse. For its survival any team game needs people actively organising and running it, and we believe that the core of enthusiasts is now in place. Football joins Cricket, Fives, Golf and Water Polo as main-line sports, while Sailing and Fencing continue to be active.

Please contact us if you believe that there is sufficient interest to start other OC sports.

Club News

The Australian Group

We are pleased to hear from Jeremy Joseph (54-64) that some of the OCs living in Australia are still in touch with each other, and that they are still celebrating their longevity and camaraderie with occasional gatherings.

Jeremy Joseph and his wife Dom (front in the picture) were married on 16 March this year in Melbourne. Jeremy writes:

"Organised, as usual, by Tony Hyde, the OC group in Melbourne had another very pleasant lunch together yesterday at *Waves on the Beach* in Frankston, which is south east of Melbourne. The restaurant is beside the beach on the east side of Port Phillip Bay, and despite our being indoors, you can see from the way in which we're all rugged up that we are now in the depths of winter here. It's not freezing by any means, but it does like to let you know that the wind comes from the Antarctic nowadays.

Our complete group includes a few other members who were unable to get to Frankston for the lunch yesterday, but who we hope will appear in future pictures. The tenth anniversary of these quarterly lunches is approaching, the first having taken place in August 2000, so we are planning to celebrate that event in suitable style."

And Jeremy concludes "What with our marriage earlier this year, the OC lunches and one or two other things, it has been a good year for us so far."

From here in the UK we send greetings to the OC group and we look forward to further news.



Australian OCs take lunch at Waves on the Beach

CLOCKWISE FROM FRONT-LEFT:

Jeremy Joseph (54-64), Philip Jones (55-61), Sandy Miller, Muriel Miller (38-44), Joe Spencer (74-84), Mike Beadle (76-84), Mandy Spencer, Alice Spencer, Daniel Spencer, John Treverton (44-48), Stella Hyde, Tony Hyde (42-48), Mary Jones and Dom Joseph

Dine again in the Old School

Some notes about the Old School

AE Douglas-Smith's history of the City of London School relates that:

"On December 12th 1882 the School proceeded for the first time to the New School on the Embankment to attend the opening by the Prince of Wales (later King Edward VII), who was accompanied by the Princess. He was welcomed by the Lord Mayor, who was appropriately an Old Citizen, Alderman HE (later Sir Henry) Knight."

Later, following a tour of the new buildings (as they were then called), the Revd Dr Abbott, Headmaster, announced to the assembled boys, parents and other guests that the Prince had requested a week's holiday for the School – which announcement was unsurprisingly received 'with deafening cheers'.

JCC Annual Dinner Thursday 24 March at the Old School

This will offer a rare opportunity to dine in the splendour of the Great Hall of the Old School on the Victoria Embankment

The School was opened 1882 by HRH Prince of Wales and the then Lord Mayor

The building itself is almost unchanged since the days of its occupancy as 'our school' - the entrance lobby and its attendant rooms are still familiarly in place, as is the marble staircase to the Great Hall, in which the Honours Boards hang in their old positions.

Do not delay in applying for your place

An application form is included with this issue



THE CLUB'S AGM
is your best
opportunity to
debate your views
and to advise
the General
Committee on
matters affecting
the organisation
and activities
of the JCC



THE ENTRANCE
HALL
of the Old School
on the Victoria
Embankment is
pictured on the
back cover
and we expect
to gather there
once again for the
Annual Dinner

Miscellanea

Neurosurgeon Fred Nath, FRCS
... now a novelist

Old Citizen and full-time consultant neurosurgeon Fred Nath (pictured below) “ran out of penny-novels to read and felt he should write his own”, and the result is *The Cyclist*, his debut novel, which was published in August this year.

Set in Nazi-occupied Aquitaine in 1943, it tells the story of the flight to Switzerland with his family of Auguste Ran, Assistant Chief of Police, pursued by the German *Sicherheitspolizei* [the Security Police, often abbreviated to *Sipo*], after the murder of a local woman.

Fred explained how he came up with the idea of writing this story: “*I was on holiday in the Dordogne and in the town of Bergerac there was a monument to their partisans, which I thought would be a good theme to write about.*”

Having left CLS in 1968, Fred studied medicine at Liverpool University Medical School and went on to become a Fellow of The Royal College of Surgeons.

As well as writing in his spare time, Fred is a keen trekker, having trekked to an altitude of 6000m in Nepal, and he has run twenty consecutive *Great North Run* half-marathons. He has two further novels in the pipeline, sequels to *The Cyclist*.

Fred lives in the northeast of England with his wife and daughter, his three sons having grown up and flown the coop. Further information may be found at:

novels.fingerpress.co.uk/the-cyclist.html
and neurosurg.co.uk



The future of the *Gazette*: Geoff Thompson and Robin Davis have expressed their views to the Editor.

from Geoff Thompson

Dear Sir,

My *Gazette* has not yet arrived through the post, so I have been ploughing through the website version.

I was disappointed to read in an earlier issue that publication will be reduced to two issues each year with a gradual move into electronic publication, and a possible adjustment to the level of content. I also see that it is not the Committee's intention to take any action in this respect in the foreseeable future.

If this means my eventually being obliged to sit hunched in front of a computer screen rather than thumbing through the magazine in the comfort of an armchair, or in bed, I do not find the prospect enticing.

I have briefly looked at the JCC website, and while it is an excellent source of information and a credit to those involved in its design, in my opinion the computer does not lend itself to the facsimile reproduction of magazine pages as a practical alternative. I find that reading the *Gazette* online is really hard work, while close examination of group photographs is very nearly impossible. I don't think that I need new specs, but possibly a really large PC monitor would help — maybe next time I upgrade!

I appreciate the editorial time and effort that are involved in each issue, but it is not clear to me whether the reason for the planned reduction in issues, from three to two per year, is necessitated by a smaller quantity of copy submitted, lack of editorial time, or shortage of space, although it does seem to me that there have been fewer members' letters printed in recent issues.

I regularly receive about eight magazines through the post, and the *Gazette* is the only one to announce that it is considering ceasing the publication of hard copy.

Yours sincerely,
Geoff Thompson

from Robin Davis

Dear Editorial Committee

While I applaud efforts to present the *Gazette* as an electronic publication I shall be very distressed if I never again see a paper production of this excellent magazine.

Over the last few years the *Gazette* has become a joy to read, and I now anticipate with pleasure its arrival on the doormat. I am indeed gratified when members of my family pick up the latest publication, sometimes before me, and actually read it passing comments such as: “Gosh! That's an interesting school you went to Dad; you must have had such fun”; or “So that's who this man is/was you were talking about.” I consider that when the next generation talk of your old school magazine in such terms then high praise is due to the Editor and contributors.

Electronic publications are excellent for staying in contact with Old Citizens anywhere in the world, but others who may benefit from learning about their fathers' school days may miss out, as they would not necessarily be included on the electronic mailing list, and then may lose interest without a more solid resource.

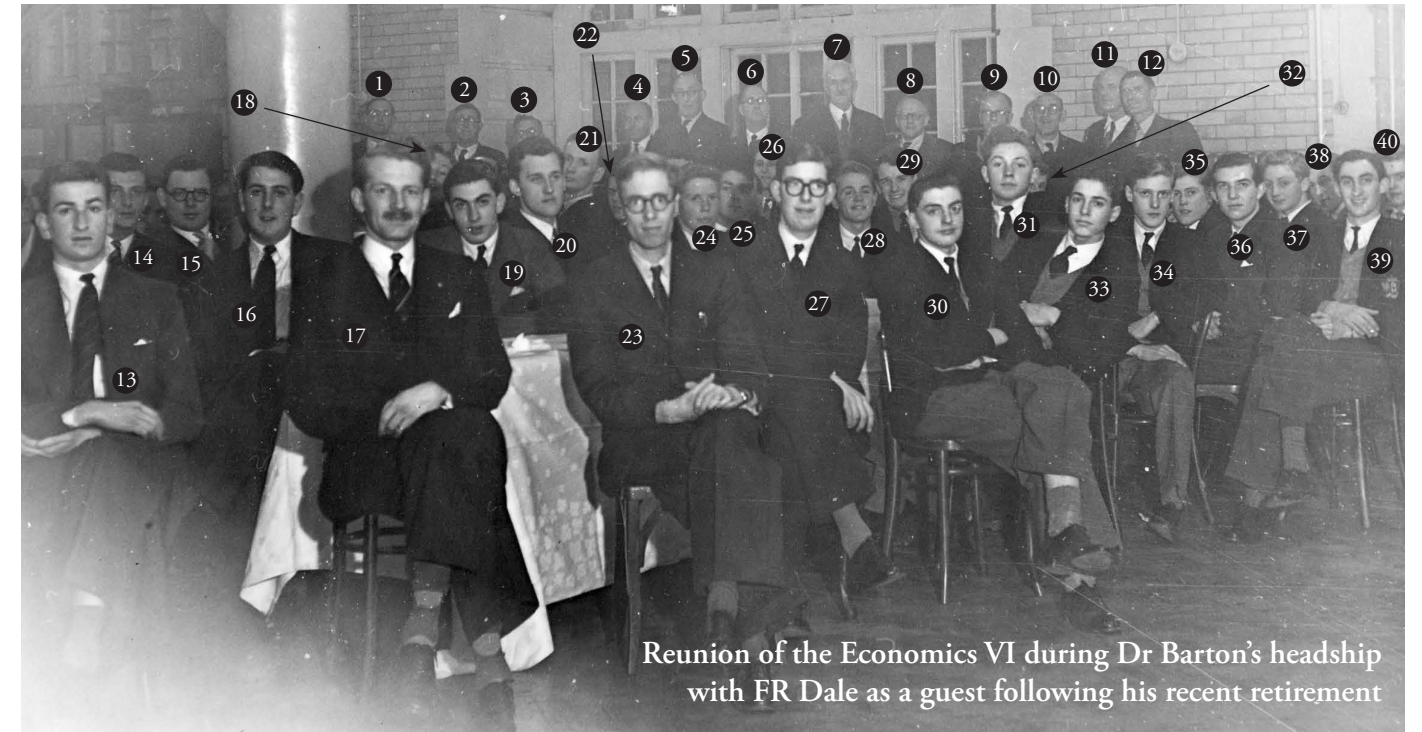
I for one implore you: do not ever move away permanently from a paper production. My children, and in the future my grandchildren, may miss out on a source of reflective material on the deeds and exploits of CLS staff and students of a school that still excels as a centre of educational excellence in a world where these attributes are sometimes discounted or even discredited.

Yours very sincerely
Robin A Davis (CLS 1951 - 1960)

Your views on all JCC matters form an essential part of decision-making in the running of the Club. However, letters from two out of a circulation of nearly 4000 cannot be regarded as representative, and we encourage you to make your own contributions, even if only in a line or two by email.

60 years on — That photograph
Identifications have been made

We have received a comprehensive response to our request for information about the photograph published in Autumn 2009 (Issue No.296, p15). Contributors Geoff Smith, David Cohen, Dick Thatcher, John Ellis, Martin Estinel and Anthony Stormer did not always agree, but we list here the names of which we are fairly confident. [Errors in labelling are the Editor's]



Reunion of the Economics VI during Dr Barton's headship with FR Dale as a guest following his recent retirement

The Masters

1 PJ 'Percy' Copping; 2 JH 'Jack' Wheeler; 3 HH Starr; 4 *unknown*; 5 Dr AW Barton; 6 CE 'Charlie' Haynes; 7 Mr FR Dale; 8 N 'Nicky' Le-Mansois Field; 9 AC 'Doughy' Baker; 10 EJ 'Froggy' Wynburne; 11 JP 'Steve' Stephenson; 12 Stan Richard

The Boys

13 David Napper; 14 & 15 *unknown*; 16 RP Caidan; 17 M Epstein; 18 *unknown*; 19 Martin Estinel; 20 John Richardson; 21 to 23 *unknown*; 24 Chris Foster; 25 & 26 *unknown*; 27 George Rose; 28 Saddleton; 29 Mick Collins; 30 Victor Mishcon; 31 Nigel Barker; 32 *unknown*; 33 Peter Crocker; 34 Geoff Smith; 35 AEW 'Tony' Stormer [later, Colonel]; 36 *unknown*; 37 Flynn; 38 *unknown*; 39 David Cohen; 40 *unknown*.

Those grades: Each of us has an opinion. Old Citizen Amnon Goldberg expresses his views in the *Jewish Telegraph* in a piece entitled *Easier exams*

Safed, Israel. Ellul 24, 5770 (3/9/2010)

In the 1950s there were no grades given for O- or A-levels; you either passed or failed.

Some decades after they were introduced, meddling social engineers started decrying grades as being elitist, supremacist, triumphalist, divisive and even racist! [But] instead of doing away with them, everyone is now made to feel falsely clever by dispensing A-grades like confetti (“What a result for GCSE stars”, your headline said last week). This demeans their value, reducing them almost to mere certificates of attendance.

At the good public school I went to, getting an A-grade was almost unheard of, even by the top boys who went on to Oxford and Cambridge.

After looking at what today goes for an O-Level exam paper, I am sure that we could have passed it already in the second form.

And an A-level paper from the years when an A-level really was an A-level would be incomprehensible to today's youth – and maybe even beyond many graduating university students.

British employers lament: “We don't want staff with A-grades; we want staff with the elementary grammar and numeracy skills which are today sorely lacking.”

There has been an accelerated general dumbing down in society, with declines in IQ, literacy, numeracy and comprehension, due to the effects of poor education, mixed schooling, drugs, TV, computer games, over-eating, dysgenics and pollution – a concept known in Torah as the inexorable *yeridat hadorot* – the decline in the generations.

Inspiring Maths teacher retires

Jonathan Samuel (69-76), one of Mr Allman's students recalls his own enjoyment of Mathematics at the School.



Jim Allman

I find it astonishing to think Mr Allman is retiring already, as I well recall his joining the School as a new, bright and recently trained young teacher from Oxford. He did very well, and managed to be so fierce about maths homework that all our other homework subjects suffered by competition! He was a hard master to impress, yet I think it was Mr Allman who encouraged me in my precociously early discovery of imaginary numbers.

Quality of the Department

I have always enjoyed mathematics, and I feel that the maths department of CLS was the one of strongest parts of the school when I was there. I recall 'Daddy' Hall who set us wonderful puzzles and never seemed to notice myself and Bancroft playing chess on a pocket set under the desks during lessons. Then there was Mr Roden who said there was no good book on statistics so he was writing one – from which he taught as he wrote it. And I remember Terry Heard who kept us interested with tales from the history of famous mathematicians and who was equally committed to both the brightest and the weakest of his Maths pupils.

I am sure that the whole team enabled my two 'A' grades in maths A-level. Mr Brearley's honesty with me saved me from mistaking my success for talent and studying maths at University – I was much happier with physics.

The aesthetics of Mathematics

After leaving, I have frequently reflected that I have never used much of what I learned in mathematics in my career as a computer software developer

– though I did once use my understanding of random numbers to write a program for generating random inspections for rats by the local authority rat catchers. The only maths that I use regularly in daily life, surprisingly, is topology, a topic I always thought of as a bit of useless fun, and which I now use every time I lock my bicycle and check that neither the frame nor either of the two wheels can be removed from the lamp-post! So perhaps maths should be re-classified an 'Arts' subject, on the ground that it is mainly pursued for aesthetic pleasure.

Mathematics and Chess

I think my favourite memory of my time at CLS with Jim Allman would be of the morning after our evening Chess match against St Paul's School, our great rival at the game, in the final of the Sunday Times Chess Knockout Tournament. Mr Allman was as unswerving as usual in not accepting our "up all night at a Chess match" excuse for homework not done. He then relented a bit and asked whether the School had won. My friend Paul Bancroft replied: "No. We lost to St Pauls 4-2" and Mr Allman asked how our games went. "Samuel and I both won our games" Paul replied, and got a smile and a word of encouragement. It was well-earned in his case, as I think he was playing a future Chess Grandmaster on Board-1 of the team. I fancy Jim Allman was also something of a Chess player, though I don't think he ever chanced his arm playing against us boys while I was there.

I wish Jim Allman a very happy and fruitful retirement.



photos provided by the School



Tributes to Jim Allman pour in

Mr Allman was a teacher who had a profound influence upon my life through his work with the christian union and the prayer meeting.

I owe him, under God, a great debt. Andrew Thorpe (1976-82)

His strength of character and personal care for those in his form, 3B4, in my time at CLS has been of lasting influence in my life.

James Willison (1974-80)

I also remember his impressive bowling in the nets: no-one could make the ball spin quite so much. Michael Blau (1972-79)

He really was an inspirational teacher to me. John Awty (1974-76)

Many thanks to the man who, in the words of my tutor at UCL, made me "an unusually talented mathematician among historians"! Tobias Cooper (1979-87)

As a result of the Dragons rugby team coordinated by Jim and John Allan, some of us went on to play for professional clubs (in my case, *Saracens*.) Leonard Stokes (1972-78)

An excellent teacher, rigorous but compassionate. A creative and generous spirit. Dr Conrad Brunstrom (1980-86)

I think he taught me something more than Mathematics, which was that I could achieve things I myself never dared to imagine I could. Timothy Aarons (1990-92)

ABOVE A modern photograph of Jim Allman among some of the boys at the School

OPPOSITE LEFT An early photograph of Jim Allman as a member of the Staff at the School



JIM ALLMAN
CLS STAFF
1974 – 2010
formerly of
King's College
Wimbledon and
Oxford has retired
after 36 years of
teaching at the
School

A 50-year record is broken...

Our President, *Dickie Jones* was in School on 20 September to present full international colours to Ben Waterman of J6MJW.



Ben Waterman

A record that has lasted 50 years

The school record for 800 metres on the track, the modern 'equivalent' of the old half-mile, has been held by Barrie Savory (pictured on the facing page) for over fifty years.

For some time we have been wondering whether it was ever beaten, but we have been unable to find a written record of the track times recorded by boys at the School matches and Championships towards the end of the last century. However, Barrie's time has now been equalled* by Ben Waterman, and it looks likely that it will be bettered this coming season.

As a result of this fine achievement, Barrie Savory and the JCC President, Dickie Jones, visited the School in September to present a JCC International Colours Tie to Ben during a school assembly, and to have a photograph taken to mark the occasion (*see cover*).

Preparation and execution

Earlier this year, Ben ran the 800m at the **London Schools Championships**, and on the back of his impressive performance was chosen to represent London at the **English Schools' Championships** held in Birmingham in July. As the event was composed of three rounds, an emotionally and physically taxing two days lay ahead of him, but Ben qualified from the heats with ease, running the distance in 1 minute 59 seconds. On the same day he progressed to the final, having run an even better 1:57 in the semi. The final, held on the following day, went almost perfectly, when Ben ran a personal best of 1:53.42, improving his last season's best of 2:02.05 by over 6 seconds.

Silver and Gold medals

This tremendous performance won Ben a silver medal, and he was selected to compete for England at the **Home Countries' Schools' Track and Field Internationals** that took place in Glasgow in the following week. In the heartland of the old enemy, England emerged victorious from the championships – so Ben was part of a winning team as well as achieving personal success – with Ben coming sixth in the 800m final, and winning a gold medal as part of the triumphant England 4x400m relay team.

More medals for Ben

Ben has also recently taken part in the **UK School Games** in Gateshead, representing London. He narrowly missed out on an individual medal, finishing fourth in the 800m, but again won a 4x400m relay medal – on this occasion, bronze. These achievements are significant in their own right, but their significance becomes even greater when it is realised that Barrie Savory's time of 1:53.42 for the 880 yards, which has stood since the late '50s, seems to have been equalled.

* Technical analysis

The apparent equality of Barrie's and Ben's times is only nominal, arising because we think of the old ½-mile and the modern 800m as being equal. Fifty years ago we ran short track distances measured in simple fractions of a mile rather than in metres.

In fact, 880 yds (*ie*: the half-mile) is nearly five metres longer than the modern 800 metres, which additional distance at the end of the run would take an athlete running at Barrie's or Ben's average speed about ¾ of a second to cover.

So, technically, Ben still needs to shave that additional ¾-second off his excellent time to match Barrie's performance.

A time of 1:52.76 will do it, Ben! Let us know when you've got there.

Confidence in the future

But if that sounds ungracious (and it's not intended to be), nobody doubts that Ben will continue to improve rapidly. Barrie Savory himself acknowledges that his 52-year-old record has now been matched, by welcoming Ben as joint holder of his original mark.

We also look forward to seeing how Ben progresses in the major competitions for his age group next season. And we shall be cheering him on if he attempts to match Barrie's additional success, in winning the modern equivalent of the AAA Junior 880 title.

We are confident that, given freedom from injury, Ben will comfortably set a new mark for the distance next season. As Barrie's says: "Ben deserves to be recognised as the new record-holder for this distance at the School, and I look forward to seeing his continued improvement next season."

...or is it?

Fifty years ago, when Barrie Savory was the School's supreme ½-miler, we ran on unforgiving cinder tracks.



PHOTOS: Brian Millo



Barrie Savory

LEFT Pearce & Savory exchange for the final leg of the Medley relay, which Hale House wins by a street

The Medley Relay

Older readers may also recall the excitement of the Medley Relay at Grove Park, which was a one-mile team race, in which the four members of each team ran, in this sequence, 220yds, 220yds, 440yds (all in lanes), finishing with the 880yds.

The July 1958 copy of the *School Magazine*, for the term in which Foster, Jeffery and Savory left the School, the Sports Day report lists the following results for the Over-16s:

880 yds:

1, Savory(H); 2, Jeffery(H); 3, Foster(C). 1m 58.6s.

Medley Relay: 1, Hale. 3m 59.3s

It would seem from the photographs on this page, believed to have been taken in that year, that RLD Pearce handed over from his 440-leg to Barrie Savory, who completed the race in style in first place for Hale house. There is no record to hand of the two boys who ran the 220yds legs.

The same report continues:

"Hale once again dominated the track in the House Competition, and they also won the Field Cup very comfortably. Thus, having already won the Standards Cup earlier in March, they completed a 'treble', a fine achievement for one House."

Recognising the significance of Hale's achievement that year, Masters-in-charge JH 'Jack' Wheeler and PC 'Percy' Copping brought the team together again for an informal photograph. The name of the photographer is unfortunately not known.



LEFT Foster, Jeffery and Savory in the playground at the old school, captured shortly before they left for the final time



LEFT Messrs Wheeler and Copping flank the victorious Hale Athletics Team captained by David Jeffery and including (seated) Pearce, Lacamp, Calver, Savory, (front right) Wheeler and Wickham, (standing right) Millo, Dunphy and Connolly (with apologies to those whose names we cannot quite recall)

Bursary Trust Dinner Raises £263,000

This year's CLS fundraising gala dinner is a record breaker, with more than 200 people celebrating at the Tate Modern.

Just across the river from the School, at the Tate Modern, more than two hundred people gathered on Thursday 10 June for this year's CLS fundraising gala dinner, which raised £263,000 for the Bursary Trust Fund. This sum will be matched by the City of London Corporation, bringing the total to a fantastic £500,000 plus. This is more than twice the amount raised at the previous dinner, and a record for this event, which was launched in 2004 and is held every two years.

Underpinning this great achievement were donations from three extremely generous OCs, each of whom donated a five-figure sum to the Bursary Trust.

Speaking at the Dinner, David Levin, Headmaster said: "This is a party to celebrate our continuing success, and this party surpasses all others. This year we have raised the equivalent of 39 ½ years of education at this great school."

Indeed, there was a celebratory feel to the whole evening, which brought together more than 200 people, consisting of parents, teachers, Citizens and Old Citizens, as well as their friends and relatives. Dickie Jones, the JCC President, hosted a table of Old Citizens, and Tim Levene, Philip Goldsmith and Mark Salem were among the alumni hosting their own tables. There were also a sprinkling of Old Citizens on the other tables.

After the champagne reception, where guests were entertained by the School's jazz band, a three course dinner was served in the top floor restaurant of the Tate Modern, which afforded superb views of the city skyline

across the Thames, including St. Paul's Cathedral and of the School itself. Harmony singers from the School entertained guests between courses, raising an enthusiastic round of applause. These were followed by speeches from former bursary boys, old and new, Professor Bernard Silverman* and Sam Akinfala, which for many were the highlight of the evening. As one guest commented: "It was a great occasion, and we enjoyed ourselves tremendously. We were especially pleased to hear from the Akinfala brothers about the real difference that the bursaries have made to their lives, and it was also good to hear about the outreach programme that you have instituted."

Rounding off the evening was guest speaker and Old Citizen Gerald Ratner, former head of *Ratners*, the high street jewellery empire, and whose spectacular *faux pas* at a corporate speaking engagement in the early 1990s led to the collapse of his business.

His half-hour of self-deprecating humour kept the audience chuckling throughout, and proved a suitably light-hearted end to a marvellously sociable evening. "Geraid Ratner outdid himself!" one guest said, adding "Overall it was a fun evening and, most importantly, thrilling to know how much money was raised for the Bursary Trust."

Another host commented: "It was a really wonderful evening, so well organised and so glamorous. All my guests called me the next day to say what a fabulous time they had. I particularly loved the band."

Many thanks to those Old Citizens who attended the dinner, hosted tables and donated to the Bursary Trust Fund. And a special thanks to Bursary Trustees, Nora Rayden and Daniel Peltz, who were the driving forces behind the Dinner, securing the venue, guest speaker and many of the table hosts. Our challenge now is to make the 2012 event even better!

** Professor Silverman, MA, PhD, FRS, who was at the School from 1961 to 1969, was appointed Chief Scientific Adviser to the Home Office with effect from 1 April this year.*



INSET PHOTOGRAPHS

1. School Jazz Band
2. David Hobbs
3. A few of the guests
4. Prof Bernard Silverman, FRS
5. Gerald Ratner
6. Sam Akinfala

Thomas Richard Reader (CLS staff 1977-2009) — Died 9 September 2010

Sometime Head of Classics and Chairman of the Common Room

The Second Master, Gary Griffin, said of Tim Reader:
Tim was a close friend of mine and someone who helped me enormously in my first few years as Second Master. Over a glass or two of wine at the end of a hectic week, we would discuss what I had done, what I should have done, or what I might do over some difficult or sensitive issue. His guidance and advice were invaluable to me. I will always be grateful to him.

TIM READER JOINED CLS AS ASSISTANT MASTER in the Classics Department in 1977, having completed his PGCE at the University of London Institute of Education in July of that year. He was educated at King Edward's School, Birmingham, Balliol College, Oxford and St. Stephen's House, Oxford. He became an ordained Minister in the Church of England in 1973 and was Assistant Curate of the Parish of Clewer in Windsor, teaching Divinity and Classics at Eton College in the mid-1970s.

Scholar and teacher of the Classics

In 1986 when the Headmaster, Martin Hammond, created a pastoral management team he appointed Tim as Head of Second Year. He carried out his rôle effectively and efficiently for four years before he applied for, and was then given, the post of Head of Classics in 1990. He performed this rôle with aplomb, his intellectual and scholarly approach ensuring the highest of standards in this flourishing department, which has expanded substantially in recent years.

Few who have been taught by Tim will have forgotten the experience. Younger boys will remember lessons that combined explanations of Latin grammar with flashes of quirky humour – quite a feat! Those who studied Classics in the Sixth Form will agree that Tim always made it his objective to cultivate precision of thinking and a genuine appreciation of literature.

Certain texts were perennial favourites – Virgil's *Aeneid* above all – and countless CLS graduates owe their understanding of these to Tim's humane teaching. He was always concerned that classical subjects should flourish and he vigorously supported, and shared, the teaching of Classical Civilisation, thus ensuring that the study of the ancient world should be an option for all boys, linguists and non-linguists alike. His greatest curriculum initiative, though, was the introduction of the combined Greek and Latin course in the middle school, thanks to which boys at the School are able to sit GCSE Greek (even reading Homer in the original) in numbers that are the envy of other schools.

Teacher training

Outside the classroom Tim was also very active over the years. He had been an excellent Tutor (at almost every level in the School), and his academic scholarship and careful guidance of Sixth Formers through the Higher Education maze meant that generations of boys benefited enormously from his work. He also trained large numbers of student teachers who were post-graduates at King's College, London – and indeed helped to interview and select candidates for the PGCE course in Classics. Many of these students, having learnt their skills at the foot of the master, have gone on to become Heads of Classics themselves. Tim always felt that this was a fundamental part of his job – providing

the teachers of tomorrow. The Education Faculty at King's has good reason to be grateful to him!

The Common Room man

For many years Tim was responsible for supporting his colleagues as Chairman of the Common Room, negotiating settlements and helping to establish a competitive salary scale to ensure that the School was in a position to attract and recruit the most able of teachers. His invaluable experience, good sense and meticulous attention to detail made him an ideal leader. His end of year speeches in honour of colleagues who were leaving were beautifully scripted, and delivered with dry wit, great sincerity and genuine warmth.

Recognition in retirement

Tim was a real asset to CLS. He provided his pupils and his colleagues with a rôle model – a gentleman, a scholar and a talented school master. We will greatly miss his sense of humour, his managerial and pastoral skills and his words of wisdom. He even gave the Headmaster a new Latin motto for the School:

SCHOLA PLENA, SCHOLA LAETA.

Last term the School organised a dinner in his honour which Tim was well enough to attend. Many of his past and present colleagues attended, including three Headmasters, and it was a splendid occasion. Some of the boys he had taught were also present and a glowing reference was read from Professor Levene, now teaching in New York, who remembered Tim as a new schoolmaster back in 1977. It was a fitting testimony to a fine man. He will be greatly missed.

We extend our condolences and warmest wishes to Tim's wife, Chris, and their three children.

Tim Reader was born on 4 June 1947 and died of bone marrow cancer on 9 September 2010.

His funeral was held at Alton Abbey on 22 September 2010. Attending were thirty-three representatives from the School, both past and present.

John Stuart Williams (41-47) — Died 6 January 2009

All-round sportsman and stalwart of the Rugby Club dies at 78

JOHN WILLIAMS HAS SADLY PASSED AWAY following a short illness.

John was born in April 1930 in Ilford, and in 1941 was awarded a scholarship to the School. He joined when the School was 'in exile' in Marlborough during the war, and he proceeded up the Science side. He was in Carpenter House, and took part fully in school activities – particularly in sporting activities, excelling at Rugby, Cricket, Hockey and Fives.

John left the School in 1947, joined the Old Citizens, and was a stalwart member of the Rugby Club for many years. He is still remembered for the wonderful drop kick he scored from the half-way line when playing full back against Old Mid-Whitgiftians. No one was more surprised than John himself...

Following his National Service commission in the Royal Artillery, John was articled to Accountants in the City. He qualified as a Chartered Accountant in 1952 and then joined the family clothing business, being appointed Chairman of The Clothing Manufacturing Federation in 1975.

Sadly, the family business became a casualty of the 1982 recession, and John became Chief Accountant with *Encyclopædia Britannica*, finishing his career there as European Financial Controller.

After retirement, John maintained his interest in sailing – and his involvement in his local community and church. He is survived by his wife Barbara, their children Vicky, David and Jayne, and their seven grandchildren to all of whom the Club sends its condolences.



[The Editor apologises to John's widow and her family for his accidental omission of this notice in the previous issue. It had been kindly supplied in good time by David Isaacs and Geoffrey Metliss]

Graham John Sawell (56-63) — Died 20 May 2010

Enthusiastic cricketer, churchman and Scout leader unexpectedly dies of cancer

GRAHAM JOHN SAWELL DIED ON 20 MAY 2010 having been diagnosed with lung cancer earlier in the year. He was the third of three brothers who attended the School during the fifties and sixties.

On leaving school Graham worked in advertising before joining the publishers that his grandfather had founded, situated at Ludgate Circus at the bottom end of Fleet Street. The company published trade and technical journals, and Graham stayed with the firm until it was sold in 1995. Upon leaving, he went on to organize conferences with colleagues before moving to Gravesham Chamber of Commerce on a full-time basis.

In 1971 Graham married Lynda at the Congregational Church in Bexleyheath. As the wedding was in June, the minister remarked that he was surprised to see Graham present during the cricket season!

Graham and Lynda were both known for their active support in Scouting and joined other scouting friends to form the Brownsea Island Fellowship. It may surprise many readers to learn that Graham was also active in the church, having been Churchwarden at Hartley in



Kent. The Reverend George McCormack who was Rector at that time said how he came to admire and appreciate the way Graham gave his time and energy for the parish and community. Graham had a great sense of fun, and often lightened the mood during some of the more boring parts of parish meetings

Old Citizen sports were always an important interest for Graham, and although he will be remembered chiefly for his involvement with Cricket, he also played Rugby for the old boys. He was a regular visitor to the golf course where he was known for his colourful attire. He used to say that it was the only place where he was able to wear some of his outfits.

Cricket always played a huge part in Graham's life. After playing at the School he spent many years turning out for the OCs, mainly in the 3rd XI, but he was a qualified umpire, and he also umpired 1st XI matches.

His drinking exploits persuaded him to turn teetotal and he was the number one driver for the minibus for the OCs' annual Cricket tours of Sussex. Graham was also a member of the Jack Frost XI, a club that plays Cricket in every month of the year. He toured California with them, where they were treated like eccentric royalty.

Although generally easy going, with a smile not far away, Graham enjoyed taking on bureaucracy, and fighting for what was right. On one occasion he argued and fought well enough to get to talk with Downing Street.

Graham maintained a jovial outlook until his death, and nurses and carers were pleasantly surprised by his fortitude. Lynda still has the company of their sons Neil and Robert, and of the grandchildren, to all of whom the Club sends its condolences.

Donald Leapman (32-41) — Died 12 June 2010

Much travelled Mathematician and Actuary dies at the age of 87

Don Leapman's lifelong school-friend, Len Dowsett (34-41), sent us the following very personal recollections of Don and of shared experiences dating back 70 years to their time at Marlborough in 1940

DONALD LEAPMAN DIED ON 12 JUNE 2010 of renal failure aged 87, having been unwell for some time. Don was one of Mr Nobbs' mathematics stars, and he won a Scholarship to Jesus College, Cambridge, going up in September 1941. Other stars were Hudson (1939, graduated Senior Wrangler 1942), Fred Lang (1940) and Eric Rogers (1942).

Len Dowsett continues:

Early success at Marlborough

In September 1940, I was moved from my previous billet in Savernake Forest, to the Edwards' Farm which, being opposite to the main gate of Marlborough College, was more convenient for my duties as Captain of School. At Edwards' Farm we were also responsible for the six small CLS boys billeted there.

Don and I shared a large room; I hardly knew Don at that time, but I could not have wished for a better room mate, and we have been friends ever since. We were both determined to win a place at Cambridge, and so we did, Don at Jesus and I at St Catharine's, and we went up to Cambridge together in September 1941.

Wartime in the Far East

Mathematicians, like scientists, were then allowed up for only two years at Cambridge. But to get an MA you had to be up for 3 years; however, one year in the forces or in a "directed war position" counted as the third year.

In 1943 Don joined the Royal Signals Corps and I joined the Fleet Air Arm, and so by 1944 we could collect our degrees, having completed the required third year. Don had two years training including OCTU, and in 1945 was sent to the Far East in Air Formation Signals, liaising with the RAF in Burma, India & Singapore.



Insurance specialist

On demobilisation in 1947 he decided to become an Actuary – a formidable 4 year course. He joined Equity & Law, studied for the Actuarial exams, and successfully qualified at the first attempt in 1951. Eric Rogers, who also became an Actuary, says that very few passed in 4 years – the average then was 7 years. During this period he played rugby with the OCs, where we first met up with his delightful wife Sally, whom he met in 1949 and married in 1953.

Emigration

Don remained with Equity & Law until 1952, then worked for Gresham Life Insurance until he and Sally emigrated to Canada in 1957, where his first job was with a Consultancy company in Toronto which they both loved. His second job was to run the life insurance office of a British company, also in Canada, which involved orientation back in England in 1958 for several months. That company was subsequently taken over by Commercial Union in 1968. From 1972-74 Don was their Actuary in South Africa.

Later, when appointed to the post of International Manager for USA & the Commonwealth, he successfully persuaded CU that he could do that job equally well from Toronto as from London, and so eventually retired there in December 1979.

Meetings and holidays

We, of course, saw Don and Sally when he was working in the UK; also I visited them from time to time in Toronto, as I was regularly there attending Company Board meetings, twice with my wife Doreen.

Memorably, we stayed once at their summer home in Cape Cod, USA. There Don arranged for the Whale Research organisation to take us on its research vessel. The boat was met by three vast whales, who greeted the boat as dolphins do – forging ahead, then coming back and going from side to side under the vessel. But there is unfortunately no picture, as Doreen's camera jammed...!

Don is survived by wife Sally, two daughters, three granddaughters and a grandson, to whom the Club sends its condolences in their loss.

OBITUARY NOTICES

Members who know of the death of someone closely associated with the School or the JCC are encouraged to send an obituary notice to the Editor as soon as is reasonably practical. If one or two high quality photographs can also be supplied, we then have the opportunity to print a notice that records the death with appropriate respect.

Sailing

Do Old Citizen Sailors ever meet up afloat? Paul Tout tells us that they don't, but has found out what they have been up to...

So far this season the answer to the question is 'No', but here is the story of where the seadogs did get to. First, Alan Willis' two outings so far this year have been characterised by failure to reach the planned destination — a familiar tale.

He had planned to sail to *St Vaast*, Normandy, over Easter but gales in the Channel put a stop to that, so he and his crew headed to *Yarmouth*, Isle of Wight, on Good Friday in an unusually deserted Solent for a Bank Holiday weekend. Conditions improved next morning, and the crew headed for *Weymouth*. After a night out in Weymouth they headed back to *Gosport*, keeping well south of the Isle of Wight and enjoying a few night hours' sailing.

Alan had also planned to go to Alderney over the May Bank Holiday weekend, but the wind was blowing strongly from that direction so he decided to head for *Fecamp* instead, which proved to be a good sail. Next day the wind had decreased and the crew had a gentle sail back to Gosport to round off an enjoyable weekend.

Meanwhile, Brian Day has been sailing in the fast lane – racing around the cans (that is to say, the buoys) off *Shoreham* in between fulfilling his duties as a Committee Member of the City Livery Yacht Club.

Robin Guilleret crossed the Channel with *Nautical Bear* to cruise down the River Seine to *Paris* and *Fontainebleau*. He found the heat uncomfortable this year, and the Seine not exactly yacht-friendly, even though he had left the ship's masts ashore for easier manoeuvring.

After retracing his tracks to retrieve the masts, he headed out towards the *Channel Islands* and *North Brittany*.

This year, Robin celebrates 50 years since leaving Britannia Royal Naval College Dartmouth. He is looking forward to the special celebration dinner in September with *Nautical Bear* moored in the River Dart.

Paul Tout and Christine left Lymington in *Sooty Girl* at the beginning of June, and after a week in *Dartmouth* headed across the Channel to *Camaret*, situated in the approaches to Brest. Cruising along the South Brittany coast, they particularly enjoyed the delights of *Belle île*, *île Houat* and *île d'Yeu* in early season. *St-Gilles-Croix-de-Vie* in the Vendée region was the southern-most port reached before they returned to Lymington, passing through ports in North Brittany and the Channel Islands.

Before the year ends, the sailors plan to meet up ashore to recount the season's adventures afloat.



PHOTOS PROVIDED BY PAUL TOUT

Sooty Girl in choppy water, with Paul at the helm and his wife Christine filming the companion vessel from shelter below

Fives

The Eton Fives Club was founded in 1896 and is still going strong, as regular readers of this publication will have noticed. John Patrick Reynolds, the present Captain, reports on the Club's latest activities.



John Patrick Reynolds

The Old Citizens Eton Fives club is thriving: last season it provided players for several league sides, one of the contestants in the national open semi-final and hosted its own trophies, the **Adams Cup** and the **Wood Plate**, which attracted 16 and 18 players respectively.

Nick Gill played for the Old Cholmeleians, John Reynolds for the Old Westminster and Spencer Chapman for North Oxford, and the club has entered a side in Division Three of the national league for the 2010/2011 season.

Reynolds, partnered by Lancing old boy Doug Foster, reached the semi-final of the **Kinnaird Cup**, losing 3-0 to reigning champions Tom and Peter Dunbar. It was Reynolds' 17th semi-final in a sequence stretching back to 1980.

Some sixteen players also competed for the club's own trophy, the **Adams Cup**, presented in 1926 (two years after Lord Kinnaird gave his) and contested by old boys of the School ever since.

This year Lawford Martin, who has not been on a court for 30 years, travelled down from Lancashire to Highgate for the event in May and was drawn with John Reynolds, whom he had coached as a schoolboy. (Incidentally, Lawford Martin played for several years at the Liverpool Racquet Club in Toxteth. Its Eton fives court, built in 1896, lasted until the club was burnt down in the riots of 1981.)

Martin and Reynolds survived their pool, including a 15-14 clash against Mark George Jacobs and Spencer Chapman, to win 12-8 in the final against last year's victor David Cooper and a determined Nick Gill.

The exact format of the Adams changes from year to year but the main principle is that half the entry is seeded and partners are drawn at random from the cup. Former winners include Kinnaird champions Brian Matthews, Stuart Courtney and Cliff Hampton, and former EFA secretary Paul Dicker.

This year, the ages of the players on court varied by fifty years: many of those playing were in their twenties and two of them – David Cooper and EFA vice-president Gordon Stringer – are in their seventies.

The club's other interecine event, for the **Wood Plate**, was held in September. This attracted 18 players and 6 spectators and was won by Rob Cooper (son of David) and former half-blue Bobby Friedman. One of those taking part, former Master-in-Charge Robin Nagy, had travelled all the way from Australia where he now teaches.

The club uses Highgate School's courts since it lost its own home courts in 1984 when the School moved 200 yards down river.

Any Old Citizen who fancies a game, especially if he has left school recently, should contact John Reynolds: johnpatrickreynolds@yahoo.co.uk. We play at the public courts in Westway, west London, and at Highgate School's courts in north London.



ABOVE Entry for the Adams' Cup competition, with Geoff Bates attending in mufti

BELOW Entry for the Wood Plate



PHOTOS: John Patrick Reynolds

Soccer



TABLEAU OF SCHOOL BADGES: The Arthurian League website

...and the Arthurian League

This September, the Old Citizens Football Team has joined the Arthurian League, in which they will compete against old boys school teams representing Brentwood, Chigwell, Epsom College, Harrow, Highgate, Malvern College and Winchester College. [The full list of schools now playing in the Arthurian League is shown in the margin.]

We have been eagerly anticipating the fixtures for the league campaign, which started on 25 September, but the season kicked off a fortnight earlier with a friendly against the current first XI at Grove Park. Full fixtures are published on the league's website: www.arthurianleague.com.

It is not too late to get involved, so if you are interested in playing 11-a-side football on a Saturday, all you need to do is email Robert Harris: rharris@steptoe.com. In particular we are looking for any former school goalkeepers who would be interested in playing. Home matches will be played at Grove Park and the current group of footballers ranges from 18-38 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 Chigwell 4th XI 2 – 5 Old Citizens Chigwell, 25 September

Old Citizens started their league campaign with a thumping 5-2 away win against Old Chigwellians. Playing some neat and attractive football, we opened the scoring when Nick Brice, who caused problems all game for the Chigwell defence, slid the ball from the edge of the box into the bottom left hand corner of the net. The lead was doubled on the 30 minute mark when Chigwell failed to clear a corner and after some good persistence from centre back Gordon Fraser, the ball cannoned off a Chigwell defender into the top left hand corner of the net for an own goal.

However, Chigwell pulled one back before half time when captain Will McKenna, who led the defence superbly, was harshly adjudged to have used his arm and the referee awarded a penalty which was neatly converted by Chigwell's centre forward past OC keeper Charles Mellor.

At half time the OCs sensed that their opponents realised they were back in the game, but the nerves were settled when five minutes into the second half Will McKenna rose to meet a Rob Harris corner and fired a powerful header into the top of the net. Chigwell came back again with a second goal on the break with a well taken finish by Chigwell's centre forward from the edge of the box.

Five minutes later the OCs wrapped up the victory with two quick goals through sub Tim Levene, and a second for Nick Brice to put the result beyond doubt. The sending-off of a Chigwell midfielder for dissent after a typically gritty and skilful run from David Dwek meant that we were able to ease to a comfortable opening game victory.

Squad: Mellor, Harris, McKenna (Capt), Fraser, Masri, Dwek I, Dwek D, Isaacs, Se'Tho (Batula 72), Norman (Levene 60) and Brice.

Scorers: Nick Brice (18, 30(own), 71), Will McKenna 50, Tim Levene 66.



PHOTO: Tim Levene

The schools of the Arthurian League

Old Aldenhamians
Old Amplefordians
Old Ardinians
Old Berkhamstedians
Old Bradfieldians
Old Brentwoods
Old Carthusians
Old Chigwellians
Old Cholmeleians
Old Citizens
Old Eastbournians
Old Epsomians
Old Etonians
Old Foresters
Old Haberdashers
Old Haileyburians
Old Harrovians
Old King's Scholars
Old King's (Wimbledon)
Lancing Old Boys
Old Malvernians
Old Marlburians
Old Oundelians
Old Radleians
Old Reptonians
Old Rugbeians
Old Salopians
Old Tonbridgians
Old Wellingburians
Old Wellingtonians
Old Westminster
Old Wykehamists



FIVES CLUB OFFICERS

Chairman:

David White

Captain:

John Reynolds

League Captain:

Nick Gill

Golf

The Old Citizens Golfing Society has been enjoying a wide and lively fixture list following its successful Centenary last year.

*Secretary **John Featherstone** reports.*



John Featherstone

We started in April at *Royal St Georges*, where the Society entered into the **Halford Hewitt** a team of ten players who had the misfortune to be drawn against the eventual champions, Clifton School near Bristol. They fielded a team of two ex-professional golfers who had regained amateur status, and a couple of other plus- and very low-handicap golfers who proved too strong for us. They went on to beat Charterhouse in the Final and won the Trophy for the first time. I am sure they will add to this success in future years with such a strong side.

Spring

We returned to *Worplesdon* for our Spring Meeting and I am pleased to report that the email-shot sent via the ARO unearthed a couple of potential new members, one of whom, Alex Bennett, came along to the meeting and won the **Pollard Cup** by some margin. He also turns out as Captain for the Old Citizens' cricket team. We hope to see Alex at our future meetings.

Summer

Swinley was bathed in sunshine and the long dry spell meant that the fairways were parched and brown, although the greens were excellent. Martin Lewis won the **Spice Bowl** and Alex Bennett walked away with the **John Carpenter Challenge Cup** in the handicap division. The JCC President Dickie Jones won the **Stableford** prize.

Cyril Gray

The Society entered a team in this competition for the over 50s at *Worplesdon*. Once again we had a tough draw, and we lost in the first round to Eastbourne. In the Plate section we were up



against Rossall who have been runners-up and winners in recent years, so our team struggled. This is unfortunate after last year's good showing, but progress does depend on the draw, and we look forward to next year! My thanks go to Bev Taylor for carrying out all the team selection and entry duties.

Visit to Royal Blackheath GC and Museum

Mike Miller (OC and Secretary of RBGC) kindly agreed to host a visit to his club, providing us with a tour of their world famous Golf Museum, lunch and a round of golf in the afternoon. The day was very enjoyable and the Museum most informative, with Mike providing the commentary, giving information about the origins of the game of golf and the artefacts that are on display at the Club. It was a fascinating day. Our thanks go to Mike for hosting the day for us.

The remainder of the season

Captain's Day at *The Berkshire*, The Match against Old Paulines and the Inter Schools Tournament all take place in September, and reports are thus too late for inclusion in this issue. Details will be reported in the next issue.



photos: John Featherstone

Cricket

*We are grateful to **Tony Sawell** for providing his usual entertaining report on the Cricket Club's activities thus far this year.*

Remaining fixtures and averages will appear in the next issue.

The 2010 season has proved to be a bit of a testing one for the club, with a number of players not being available frequently enough, giving our team secretary, Richard Hillman, many headaches. It is not surprising that results, although reasonable, have not been quite as good as usual.

However, Mike Knight has been in terrific form with the bat, not only looking good but scoring hundreds of runs. He has also been bowling well, taking wickets at a cheap rate. His previous best innings of 132 against Old Merchant Taylors a few years ago was surpassed this year when he scored 143 not out against Ley Hill. Mike's bowling figures (6.2 overs - 1 mdn - 32 runs - 8 wkts) against Hainault Road were also his best ever. Since the war the only higher individual batting scores have been Freddy Pearson (179), Denis Ogan (154*), Mike Brearley (154), and Graham Chidgey (145).

Gaj Srikanthan's batting has also improved, and we have been pleased to welcome brother Karthi, a classy looking bat who improves the fielding in the side. A number of stalwarts have had a reasonable season, *Birdseed* Millett deserving a special mention, although his driving navigational skills still leave a bit to be desired, even if he has treated

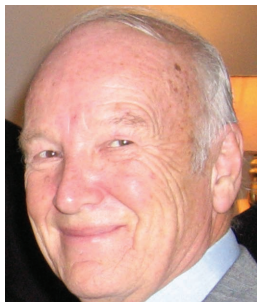
himself to a new car. Skipper Alex has bowled a good share of the overs, but James Gleadow's bowling figures do not do him justice.

On the bowling front we have missed the skill of maestro Michael *Junky* Shannon, because he has a job where he usually has to work weekends. We have welcomed a new recruit in Dinesh Panch.

Allan Saldanha strengthens the side when he can take time off from parental duties, and his brother Richard's bowling is improving. We have missed Nadir Gohar for most of this year. Priority must be given to getting more of the younger element playing regularly for the health of the club.

Graham Sawell

We regret that we have to record the death of a club member, Graham Sawell. He died in June after being diagnosed with lung cancer early in the year. Apart from playing for our third eleven, he umpired first eleven matches regularly and was acknowledged as one of the best umpires the club has ever had. Graham was well known and liked for his gentle mickey-taking, and aimed to target those he thought took themselves too seriously. A formal obituary notice appears elsewhere in this issue.



Tony Sawell

Match Reports

versus Northwood Town - 17 April - WON

Old Citizens: 212 for 4 (40 overs)

Northwood Town: 182

Ivanhoe couldn't get their pitch in time for our usual first game, so we found Northwood Town from the CCC emergency fixture bureau. It proved a good move, producing an even match, and we played well to launch the season with a win. Mike Knight scored 77 and was well supported with a 40 from Steve Ringer. The Town started well but Mike followed his batting effort with an excellent 5 for 38 to cause the opposition to collapse after putting on 91 for the first wicket.

versus Hainault Road - 24 April - WON

Hainault Road: 96

Old Citizens: 98 for 0

A home match on Old Owens' ground produced an emphatic win with Mike Knight starring again!

He bowled some beautiful swing with the new ball to take a career best of 8 for 32, and followed it up with 40 with the bat. Gaj Srikanthan just outscored him with 43 not out.

versus Southwark & Lambeth Imperial - 1 May - LOST

Southwark & LI: 241 for 5 (40 overs)

Old Citizens: 101

A big loss followed a big win, with OC Will Packer hitting 103 not out. Just to add to it, another OC, Mr D Burton, then captured 4 for 14.

versus Bamville - 8 May - LOST

Bamville: 266 for 2 (35 overs)

Old Citizens: 146 for 6

A home game on the Old Albanian ground at St Albans did not feel too homely, particularly when we fielded in a freezing wind. We were short of a full team, but the extra running around in the field failed to warm us up in real brass monkey weather.



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END OF SEASON
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cricketers, who
can now look
forward to some
celebratory dining
and a winter break
before starting all
over again in the
Spring

versus **Old Ignatians - 15 May - won**

Old Citizens: 205

Old Ignatians: 161

We visited the OI ground at Enfield having beaten them easily in 2009, getting off to a good start with Mike Knight and Steve Ringer putting on a century for the first wicket. After Steve was out for 51, Mike continued to score 107. We slid from 104 for the first wicket to 147 with only one wicket left. Fortunately, Tony Sawell stayed to help Mike put on 58 for the last wicket. Had this stand not have happened, we would have lost. Ignatians very nearly obtained a draw, but their last wicket fell to an excellent catch by Dinesh Panch with only three balls left.

versus **Bourne End - 22 May - lost**

Old Citizens: 163 for 7 (40 overs)

Bourne End: 164 for 3

This time we played at our third ‘home’ ground of the year. Richard ‘Birdseed’ Millett provided the highlight of our batting with a well compiled undefeated innings of 73 on the Northampton Exiles pitch. Support came from Mike, 28, and Shay Sen, 20. The visitors batted well, and only Birdseed took more than one wicket.

versus **Bamville - 12 June - lost**

Bamville: 289 for 9 (40 overs)

Old Citizens: 136

Penn Street had to cry off because of lack of players, and we managed to get another game against Bamville to give us a chance of avenging the earlier defeat. It was nice to be at a more familiar home ground at Botany Bay. However, Bamville proved too strong for us again, with most of us wishing it was not a forty overs match when we were in the field, because when they reached 250, instead of declaring and relieving our fielding misery as they would in a timed match, we had to endure more leather-chasing. Jacob Holden with 25, and Steve with 23 were our top scorers.

versus **St. Margaretsbury - 19 June - won**

Old Citizens: 191 for 7 (40 overs)

St. Margaretsbury: 98

A comfortable win against a young side at the attractive St Margaretsbury ground in damp weather. Steve provided the bulk of our runs with 67, supported by Richard Hillman and Alex Bennett. Mike picked up another 4 for 22, and Jack Malnick took a couple of wickets.

versus **Hainault Road - 26 June - lost**

Hainault Road: 250 for 8 (40 overs)

Old Citizens: 241 for 8

This game turned out to be a high scoring and close one on a hot day at Chingford. Alex was our leading wicket-taker with 3 for 49 from his eight allotted overs, but Richard Saldanha captured 2 for 35 from his eight, and Mike 2 for 29 from his. The unlucky bowler was James Gleadow who conceded 55 runs without taking a wicket in spite of bowling very well. Their opener scored 112 not out. Mike and Allan Saldanha opened with a stand of 35, Mike going on to score 61. Karthi Srikanthan scored 33, while Birdseed and Richard Hillman played good supporting roles. At 199 for 8 it appeared all over, but an excellent 26 not out from James ensured a close finish.

versus **City of London School - 26 June - lost**

Old Citizens 158

The School: 161 for 2

Gaj scored 61 for us batting at number three, and Dabhi opened with a tidy 38. Hasan Ramzan and brother Yousef never really got going, Jacob contributed 19, and the tail collapsed. 153 for 4 became 158 all out. S. Syed took 3 for 10, but Andrew McBroom destroyed the tail with his spinners, capturing 4 for 4. James bowled tightly, but Valani 69 not out, Syed 35, Packer 34 (brother of OCs), and Somerville saw them safely home. Nadir Gohar and Hasan took one wicket apiece.

versus **Redbridge - 3 July - lost**

Redbridge: 303 for 6 (40 overs)

Old Citizens 230 for 5

This game replaced an Arkley fixture, and was played on a good batting strip with an outfield that made fielding difficult. Late arrival Birdseed took 5 for 52, and then went on to virtually collapse after scoring 95! James had some consolation when he came to bat, hitting his best ever 45 not out. Newcomer Michael Okun hit the only six in our innings.

versus **Ley Hill - 10 July - won**

Old Citizens 310 for 4 (40 overs)

Ley Hill: 130

We hosted Ley Hill on the second square at the Albanians ground, winning the toss and batting in the sun. Michael Knight enjoyed the experience hitting his best ever score of 143 not out. Karthi contributed a useful 41, and we finished the forty overs with nearly three times as many runs as we

had scored at the twenty over mark. The big total gave James a chance to get some wickets, and he cashed in with 4 for 46. Alex, Dinesh, and *Whitey* Harris all got wickets too, in a comfortable win.

versus **Mayfield - 18 July - drawn**

Mayfield: 221 for 6 dec.

Old Citizens: 159 for 6

We were set a challenging target on a hot day. Karthi responded by scoring 70 not out, but other batsmen failed to get going in a weakened batting line-up.

versus **Waxlow - 25 July - lost**

Old Citizens: 183 for 4 (30 overs)

Waxlow: 184 for 5

Another hot day. The M25 was jammed. A late start ensued with the game reduced to thirty overs a side. Mike got 79, Birdseed 40 and Alex hit three consecutive sixes to boost the final total. We tried seven bowlers in a vain effort to restrict them, the most successful being Birdseed with 2 for 26 off six overs.

versus **Storrington - 6 August - drawn**

Old Citizens: 134 for 4 (from 29.4 overs)

Storrington: Did not bat

The game was brought to a halt by the rain. Mike scored 35, Gaj 31 and Allan Saldanha was left undefeated on 31. We eventually retired to *Siggers Towers* for the customary Indian feast, duly delivered by a gentleman who appeared to have sampled rather a lot of the restaurant’s products. A very good time was had by all.

versus **Arkley - 21 August - won**

Arkley: 143-9 (40 overs)

Old Citizens: 144 for 2

We beat Arkley at home on the Albanians ground after restricting them to 143 off forty overs. Alex wisely brought himself back on to bowl when he saw the tail-end batsmen, and sneaked 3 for 20 to give his bowling average a boost. Birdseed dismissed a couple of the best batsmen to get 2 for 23. Gaj relished a spell late on, and finished with 2 for 17. ‘Mr Runs’ Knight added another 68 undefeated runs to his hoard, and Gaj was run out for 43.

versus **Southgate - 30 August - drawn**

Southgate 210 for 8 dec.

Old Citizens 111 for 9

The Saturday match against Bourne End was rained off and we managed a below par

performance on the Walker Ground at Southgate on Bank Holiday Monday. The home side recovered from 48 for 3 to total 2 10 with James taking 3 for 49. Better fielding would have improved things. Our batting disappointed too. Steve scored 33, and apart from Yousef Rarrizan, none of the other top six got double figures. Junky and Richard Hillman doggedly played out the last ten overs for a draw.

versus **Mayfield - 4 September - lost**

Old Citizens 187 for 7 (40 Overs)

Mayfield 188 for 7

We lost a close game against Mayfield at our Botany Bay venue. The visitors bowled well and we had to fight for our runs, Mike Knight and Allan Salclanha got forties, and support came from Karthi and brother Gaj. James took four wickets, and Birdseed 3 for 36, but two of their batsmen played well to see them home. A decent performance by us, but with the wrong result.

versus **Mountnessing - 18 September - lost**

Old Citizens 221 for 8 (40 Overs)

Mountnessing 222 for 7

A damp week of weather claimed the Aldenham match scheduled for September but Mountnessing had the sun shining. This was another good batting effort and a close game but with us on the losing end again. Mike Knight continued his excellent form with another 70 runs. but his opening partner, Gaj, excelled with six sixes in a knock of 86. Together, they featured in an opening stand of 154. This was the best opening stand for years. Will Sheldon scored 24. James - Junky restricted the batsmen, but a rusty Will had an interesting over, being hit for 32 before taking a wicket with the last ball of the over!



LEFT Mike Knight and Gaj Srikanthan look relaxed and confident just before scoring their superb opening 154.

FAR LEFT When JCC Presidents are put out to grass following their terms of office, they are assigned menial tasks. Bruce Todd is seen here helping to serve lunch.



The Entrance Hall at the Old School in the 1950s