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# **Old Citizen** Jake Pittman's gap year travels

**JCC Sixth Form Prizes** Prizes named in honour of Old Citizens

**CLS Anniversary** Celebrating 25 years at Queen Victoria Street

**Fives** First-time winners for Adams Cup



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# Editorial

Both the JCC and the School have enjoyed a busy schedule of events these last few months, and more activities are planned for the autumn school term. In this issue you can read about some of the JCC events being organised to celebrate the School's 25th anniversary at Queen Victoria Street, and 175 years since the School opened at Milk Street, as well as our regular gatherings.

News from Old Citizens includes 2010 leaver Jake Pittman's highlights from his gap year overseas, and at the other end of the generation spectrum the visit by John Martin (CLS 1945 - 53) to Hugh John (CLS 1926-1937) in Cumbria.

The various OC sports clubs continue to flourish and you can read the latest reports from the fives, water-polo, golf, football and cricket teams on pages 16 to 19.

Some of you received an insert from our Treasurer in the last issue of The Gazette, relating to lapsed subscriptions. Having received a number of letters, emails and phone calls about this I must apologise on behalf of the JCC Committee for those to whom this was sent erroneously. The JCC's financial records have not quite caught up with our 21st century database. Hopefully this has now been rectified and those of you entitled to copies of The Gazette will continue to receive them. Thank you for your understanding.

Send your news, comments or letters to the Alumni Relations Officer (back page for details).

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# JCC Annual Dinner at the old school is a huge success



'Wonderful', 'superb' and 'memorable' are only some of the adjectives used to describe this year's JCC Annual Dinner, held on 24 March at CLS's former premises at 60 Victoria Embankment.

Two hundred Old Citizens and their guests, ranging in age from 90 to 28, along with five CLS boys, filled the Great Hall with reminiscences and laughter, with tales of daring do, favourite teachers and much more besides.

The musical entertainment in the form of CLS boys Joel Fisher and Tom Davidson, performing singing and trumpeting solos respectively, accompanied by Director of Music, Paul Harrison on piano, was a resounding success. So too was the guest speaker, Angela Knight CBE, Chief Executive of the British Banking Assocation who spoke effortlessly and eloquently in support of Britain's banking sector.

Speeches were also made by our President, Cliff Hampton, CLS Headmaster David Levin and

Old Citizen Ronel Lehmann, who introduced Angela Knight.

The main purpose of the evening, however, was to reunite former pupils of CLS in the Great Hall that they remember from their school days. Some hadn't been back to the school since they left all those years ago, while others had last sat in those fabulous surroundings 20 or more years previously at the last JCC annual dinner they attended.

Here are some of the comments made by Old Citizens who attended: "Last night was superb. Nearly everyone I spoke to, like me, couldn't help but find last night very emotive and led to reflections on our lives since City and what City meant to us all." *Michael Mowlem (CLS* 1980 - 85)

"What a wonderful evening. It was great to see the old hall looking better than we left it - and the food was excellent and speeches were good also - all-in-all a huge success." *Nigel Primmer (CLS 1967* - 73)

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Photos of the evening can be seen in the Rogues' Gallery on the JCC website. If you would like to purchase a print, visit www.grahamsimages.com (click on: Client Area, then on: John Carpenter Club Dinner 2011; the password is: clsb). Graham Chweidan, the photographer, has generously agreed to donate 75% of print sales to the School's bursary scheme.



JCC Annual Dinner (cont. from page 3)

"It was quite special (for me) to be back in the Great Hall and to enter through the main entrance - 35+ years after I was last in the building - and I had forgotten just how beautiful a building it is." *Paul Miller (CLS 1967 - 73)* 

"Despite having left CLS in 1962, last night was the first JCC Dinner that I have attended - being lured back, of course, by the idea of dining in the old CLS Great Hall.

"I was quite prepared for the possibility of knowing no-one, but of course that was not how it worked out. I quickly began spotting faces (even after half a century!) or being re-introduced to people, and, needless to say, seating us roughly by year of leaving worked out very well. Virtually everyone I sat with was someone whom I had known at least to some degree.

"The format of the evening was excellent, as was the food and drink." *Norman Mitchinson (CLS 1955 - 1962)* 

"... for the JCC Dinner - it was an



(L to R) Tim Levene, Revd. Stephen Haines, CLS Chairman of Governors, Gary Griffin, CLS Second Master



(L to R) CLS Prefects Joseph Ataman, Sam Clinton-Davis and Ed Stroud (Head Boy) with JCC President, Cliff Hampton



(L to R) 1972/73 leavers: Simon Weil, Sheldon Cordell, Peter Jacobs, Martin Israel, Jonathan Lauffer, John Farrow (1968 leaver). Seated: David Lindner (1972 leaver).

absolutely wonderful combination back in the old school, a great meal and wine, interesting speeches and the chance to catch up with guys not seen in many cases for 48 years." *David Hopper (CLS 1954 - 1963)* 

"I thought the Annual Dinner was an excellent, as well as a very special, event." *Derek Scales (CLS 1957 - 1965)* 

"I enjoyed the evening and it was lovely to see the old hall again." *Chris Sturgeon (CLS 1961 - 66)* 

"I have to say that I do think that the dinner was a triumph. I met some contemporaries I had not seen for many years and I think, although I could be wrong, that some of them may get a bit closer to the JCC." *Chris Gooderidge (CLS 1954 -1962)* 

"Firstly – many congratulations for a wonderful evening last week at the old school. It was a tremendous success, and I am sure you are getting very warm feedback from all concerned." *Mark Flewitt (CLS 1968* - 1974)

"A truly memorable evening." Richard Sheridan (CLS 1967 - 1974)

# JCC 2011 AGM on 23 November

The 2011 JCC AGM & Supper will be held at the City of London School on Wednesday 23 November.

The AGM (at which the new President is elected) will be from 6.15pm with tea available from 5.30pm. The Supper will be at 7.45pm with drinks on the concourse from 7pm.

Please put the date in your diary. Details of the all-inclusive cost will be in the next issue of *The Gazette* and available via the website from sometime in October.

For more details contact the Alumni Relations Officer (details back page) or Chris Southgate, tel: 01568 708010, email: chris\_southgate@btinternet.com.

# Finance and legal dinner arranged

Another date for your diary, if you work or have worked in the finance or legal sectors, is the 2011 Finance and Legal Dinner.

This is scheduled to be held on Monday 7th November at Bakers' Hall. The speaker is Alison Carnwath, Chairman of Land Securities and board member of Barclays.

Full details are available on the website, www.jcc.org.uk or contact the Alumni Relations Officer (details on back cover) for a booking form. We expect seats to sell out relatively quickly, so please book your place as soon as possible.

# November date for sailing dinner

The Old Citizens' Cruising and Sailing Association is holding its Dinner on Monday 7th November in conjunction with the Laying Up Dinner of the City Livery Yacht Club at the RAC Club in Pall Mall. Any Old (or not so old) Citizen, who would like to meet up with fellow sailors for a convivial evening swinging the lantern and enjoying the company of fellow diners, is most welcome. Ownership of a boat is not necessary. Ability to yarn, drink and eat is. All enquiries to Brian Day, tel: 01903 879274/07889 032608, email: brianday@uwclub.net; Paul Tout, tel: 01590 674669, email: paul@tout.org. uk.

# 2004-8 leavers' summer reunion

More than 30 Old Citizens, who left the School between 2004 to 2008, came together on a sunny May evening along with teachers and other staff to reminisce about their school days.



# CLS25 reception for 1980-86 starters

On 9 June, former pupils of CLS who started in the 1980s, gathered for a champagne and sushi reception to hear the programme of events planned to take place during the 2011/12 school year in celebration of the School's opening on the Queen Victoria Street site 25 years ago and 175 years since the opening of the School at Milk Street.

Details of events, to which Old Citizens will be invited, are published on the back page of this issue.



More photos can be viewed at www. jcc.org.uk/News/Recent-Gatherings

# OC cricketers invite members of other JCC sports clubs to dinner

The annual dinner of the Old Citizens' Cricket Club was held on 1st April at the regular venue of Balls Brothers, St Mary-at-Hill in the City. Unusually this year the invitation had been extended to other sports clubs and a good turn out of fives players and golfers joined the multi-generational contingent of cricketers past and present, including the School's Captain of Cricket Sam Packer.

Bruce Todd was in the Chair and in saying grace, Geoff Bates remembered Club stalwarts Kim

# Entrepreneurs' second dinner

John Emerson (CLS 1960 - 67) writes: "This dinner on 14 April was a terrific event – a perfect example of how alumni relations can work.

"Less than thirty men, aged between their 20s and 60s, with one interest in common, in convivial but recessive surroundings - a restaurant private room with no pretensions to architectural grandeur. Good food, an interesting speaker, and plenty of time to tablehop, converse and mix.

"This was a bunch of blokes focused on making money from the values implicit in their shared background but without going on about it. Men who looked for a way to do things differently.... to challenge existing perceptions, make new things and thereby derive financial gain."

Congratulations are due to Simon Cummin, who put the whole thing together, and to Jonathan Silverman, who sponsored the evening.

This is an extract. For the full article, contact the ARO (see back page) or go to www.jcc.org.uk/News/Recent-Gatherings Morrell and GJ Sawell, and Brian Landers's wife Betty, who had all died in the past year. Retiring cricket Captain Alex Bennett recalled the triumphs of his reign, while John Featherstone and John Reynolds reported on the activities and prospects for the golfers and fives players respectively.

In all, the evening was declared a success. It was resolved to continue the format next year with the hope that other Clubs will join us to create an annual OC Sports Clubs Dinner.

# Welcome to new members

The JCC would like to extend a warm welcome to the following new Full Members, who have either joined for the first time or renewed their subscription recently:

- Andrew Robins (1979 87)
- Stephen A Dabby (1973 77)
- Bernard Harding (1944 49)
- Sunit Badiani (1997 02)
- David Baker (1975 81)
- John Hawthorne (1946-51)
- Philip Johnston (1973 78)
- Peter Moore (1934 41)
- Richard Barry (1965 73)
- Stephen Mullin (1993 2001)
- Miles Stock (1992 99)
- John Norris (1955 60)
- M J Coleman (1950 55)
- David Pratley (1947 54)
- Lionel Lightman (1939 46)
- Robert Scott (1947 56)
- Maurice Banbury (1955 62)
- Brian Masters (1932 39)
- Brian Ward (1956 61)
- All 2011 CLS leavers



# CCF Inspection Day Parade

The School's annual CCF inspection on Wednesday 16 March proved a colourful showcase of the skills CLS boys have learned during their Combined Cadet Force training.

Proud parents and invited guests watched a wide range of activities, including Royal Navy Section Topper capsize drills, weapons training demonstrations from the Army Section, wind tunnel demos from the RAF Section, and a display of signals equipment from the Infantry/Signals.



This was followed by musical entertainment from the CCF band, and the highlight of the day, the ceremonial parade, where the different sections were inspected by Old Citizen Lieutenant Colonel James Wood RE (CLS 1969 - 76).

Lt. Col. James Wood was commissioned from the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst into the Corps of Royal Engineers and has served in the UK, Germany, Canada, the Solomon Islands, Eastern Europe and Irag.

Most recently he has worked in the Ministry of Defence (MoD) on Combat Identification, within the UN Mission in Pristina and in the UK Trade & Investment Defence & Security Organisation. Currently, he is the MoD Liaison Officer within the Home Office.



# Murder, madness and Morris-dancing in Middlesex

This Spring term's drama production, which took place from 15 - 17 March, was 'The Witch Of Edmonton', a play based on a real-life witchcraft trial which ended with the accused, an old woman named Elizabeth Sawyer, being hanged at Newgate Prison – just a few streets away from where the School stands today.

The play was a rich mix of realism, tragedy and comedy, with colourful roles for everybody from a lovestruck farm boy, a cross-dressing heroine and a dancing maniac to the witch herself, Mother Sawyer, raging at the cruel world as she wreaks vengeance on the village with the help of her familiar spirit, Tommy the Dog.

Notable performances were given by sixth formers Neel Sood in the lead role of the darkly villainous Frank Thorney, Jared Rood as local jack-thelad Cuddy Banks and fifth former Noah Carvajal making a sensational CLS debut as the devil-dog. There were also some sterling performances from City of London Girls School actors.

All Old Citizens are welcome to purchase £5 tickets and attend School drama productions. Details are on the JCC website, www.jcc.org.uk, and in the events listing on the back page of *The Gazette*.

## Senior prefects recognised at Dinner

The School's 35 senior prefects

were treated to their own black tie dinner on 23 March, in recognition of their hard work over the last 12 months. All four 'wise men' delivered speeches,



praising those boys who had done

particularly well, naming and shaming those who hadn't, and raising a lot of laughs with stories relating to prefect-supervised prospective parents' tours of the school.

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# CLS

# **CLS celebrates 25 years at Queen Victoria Street**

The 2011/12 school year marks the 25th anniversary of the opening of City of London School at Queen Victoria Street, and 175 years since the school opened at its Milk Street premises in 1837. To celebrate this double anniversary, the School is organising a 12 month programme of activities, which will include some events exclusively open to Old Citizens.

Three evening receptions are being organised for different generations of Old Citizen (dates on back cover) which will include a brief talk by CLS Old Citizen, former teacher and archivist, Terry Heard about the history of the School, an exhibition of photos and text tracing the School's history from its origins at Guildhall Chapel to its current site, and tours



of the school.

This anniversary year will also see the

launch of a major bursary fundraising campaign in a joint initiative by the City of London School Bursary Trustees, the Parents' Bursary Scheme and the JCC's Asquith City Bursary Scheme.

The main fundraising event of the year will be the Tate Modern Gala Dinner, scheduled to take place on 14 June 2012, which last year raised more than £250,000 (which was match-funded by the City of London Corporation) to pay for bright, financially-disadvantaged boys to attend the School.

More details of all anniversary events will be included in the next two issues of *The Gazette*.

## Prizes named after Old Citizens

Sir Frederick Gowland Hopkins, Max Newman, and Sir Kingsley Amis are only some of the well-known Old Citizens who will be making an 'appearance' at this year's School Prize-Giving day on 31 October 2011. They are among a select group of high-achieving former pupils who will be lending their names to the JCC's Junior Sixth Form Prizes.

The move is aimed at honouring some of our 'famous' Old Citizens and at the same time raising their profile and that of the JCC among current boys and their parents.

As well as OCs from the 19th and 20th century, a number of current former pupils are being recognised in this way. These include Steven Isserlis (CLS 1969 - 73), the world renowned cellist (Music Prize); and Henry Ettinghausen (CLS 1951 - 57), an authority on the Spanish golden age (Spanish Prize).

More famous OCs can be found at www. jcc.org.uk/About Us.

# City of London 1st XI Cricket Team



S. Syed, D. Yates, S. Packer (c), E Ezra, J. Yates, B. Velani A. Somerville, C. Hopkins, A. Lewis, O, Emanuel, S. Mirza

The above picture is of the 1st XI cricket team showing off their new kit before the season opener against Chigwell School. The full kit has been generously supplied by the School's Old Citizens Cricket Club.

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# International football colours for Alex Conning

Another rising star among CLS's sporting ranks is fifth former Alex Conning (pictured right with JCC President Cliff Hampton) who, on 14 March, was presented with the prestigious JCC international honours tie.

Last term Alex was chosen to play for the South of England in a derby against the North, and was subsequently

chosen to play for the England Independent Schools' side. A future signing as a professional

### Huai Phen chosen for GB U20 ultimate squad

CLS sixth former Huai Phen has been chosen to represent Great Britain at 'ultimate', a relatively new sport, founded in the USA, which is a hybrid between American football and netball, substituting the ball for a disc.

Huai said: "I was introduced to ultimate two years ago during a King's College taster course. I then formed a team, Ambition, with friends. By a stroke of luck, a former Brazilian international player saw us, whilst playing in one of our practise sessions in the park. He introduced us to the various other teams in London, and was kind enough to take us under his wing, letting me play on his own team. A year later, our team entered the indoor junior nationals. We were seeded last, 50 out of 50, but over the two days, we won most of our matches, finishing 20th in the country, narrowly missing the 13th spot. It was at this competition that the GB coach found our team, and asked us to go to the Junior GB trials that were the following month, and now I'm fortunate enough to represent GB in August."

possiblity.

football player now seems a strong

five proud bearers of the JCC international honours tie within the pupil body.

# CLS first former Stanley Forbes to represent England at karate



CLS first former Stanley Forbes recently received his John Carpenter Club sports tie from past President Richard Jones (pictured above left), in recognition of his representing England at karate in the European Championships in Holland and the World Championships in Thailand later this year. Recently asked to join the England Squad, Stanley started practising karate at the age of five and was awarded his black belt at the age of 10. Just after passing his black belt he won a gold and silver medal at the National Championships, in addition to the Junior Male Cup. He currently trains four times a week at the Budokwai Centre.



Alex has also played a significant part in the outstanding season enjoyed by the School's 1st XI football team. He joined their first team a year early and was its youngest ever player.

Alex joins an elite group of boys who play as sportsmen representing their country and the School abroad. There are currently

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# City cadets given Royal Wedding duty

Having arrived amongst the sea of tourists in Trafalgar Square, at 8.00am on the morning of the Royal Wedding, eight of City's finest cadets prepared to be briefed on selling the official Wedding

Programmes. We were the only corps in the country to be given this prestigious task that entrusted us with a lot of responsibility. Going around in pairs, we would have to sell a stack of fifty programmes and return to the stall and deposit the money. All the money was going towards the Prince's Trust, which helps people in poverty or youths in needy monetary or employment situations.

We were to go around in four pairs but the main sense of vicious

#### by Ethan Azra, CLS 5th former

competition was between us and a contingent of scouts, who never seemed to master the fine art of salesmanship quite like the CCF

somehow assumed a group of adolescent cadets would appreciate the intricacies of Catherine Middleton's wedding dress train: as one of us put it, "Yeah, she looks alright...I guess...".



did. Throughout the day we were interviewed by various Japanese, Swedish, Canadian, Indian, British and American news stations, who

monarchy, the country and ourselves. I would like to offer my greatest thanks, on behalf of all eight cadets to Lt Barnett. our accompanying adult, Maj Woodhams, Lt. Col Woodhams and WO1

around £1000 and as a

group we were hugely

momentous day for the

satisfied that we had

taken part in such a

Gregory for helping organise this once in a lifetime opportunity.

# First century of the season

In the first half of the 2011 summer term, CLS's under 12 cricket team won five matches out of five and progressed to the knock-out stages of the London Schools Cup.

One boy in particular deserves a special mention. Joseph Emanuel has been in fine form with the bat in the teams matches so far and after scoring 68 and 64 against Latymer and Sussex House respectively, Joseph scored 103 not out against Bonus Pastor. This is a remarkable achievement.

The 12 other boys who have been involved in the team fixtures include George Croton who has scored 107 runs so far this season and Theo Kochberg with 61, as well as eight other boys who have contributed to the excellent runs totals. The team has also excelled when bowling.



The School's Spring Concert on 22 March, with the massed choirs and combined orchestras of CLS and CLSG was a tour de force from Director of Music Paul Harrison. In front of several hundred parents and guests and accompanied by four professional soloists, the two schools gave a stunning performance of Mozart's Requiem.

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### Letters ...

**Gazette redesign** Congratulations on the Spring magazine. You have done a fine job there. Edward Gamlin (CLS 1966 - 74)

By the way, nice job on the magazine. Thanks. Geoff Penney (CLS 1956 - 64)

Congratulations on your first issue in this capacity - a good one and informative.

I need however to mention that it is inappropriate to omit the crest at the top of the cover page. It was present last year and is the historical thread which binds the CLS alumni association and the JCC.

Adrian Mezzetti (CLS 1953 - 62)

# Editors note: I am pleased to inform Old Citizens that the crest has now been reinstated.

#### W.B. Young

I was pleased to read the article about a schoolboy's hero -W.B. Young on page 11, Issue 297. The article, however, fails to mention the reason that he was a hero twice over to some 700 boys.

Not only were we thrilled by his success and the glory this brought to the school, but I am sure that those of us still left will also remember and glorify him because the Head, Mr Dale, gave us all a day's holiday in celebration. Thank you Bill! P.V.Moore (CLS 1934 - 41)

#### **Economics VI photo**

The Reverend Geoffrey R. Breed (CLS 1935 - 42) has written in to say that he is no. 17 in the left foreground of the photo published on page 7 of Issue no. 298.

In that issue no. 17 was incorrectly identified as M.Epstein, who was in fact sitting just behind in the no.19 position, although as Mr Epstein pointed out in the last issue (no. 299) he later changed his name to Estinel, which is how he was identified in Issue 298.

# City of London School 'exceptionally successful' says Inspectorate report

City of London School was inspected in May 2011 by the Independent Schools Inspectorate. Their report's main finding is that 'City of London School is exceptionally successful.'

It goes on to praise the 'excellent and challenging curriculum', the 'exceptionally wide range of high quality extra-curricular activities', the 'excellent teaching' and the pupils' spiritual, moral, social and cultural development, which is 'outstanding'.

The leadership of the School, under the direction of Headmaster, David Levin, is also rated as 'exceptional', whilst the 'high standards of care' benefit the pupils in this 'exceptional intellectual and cultural community'.

According to Headmaster David Levin, "This is one of the most positive inspection reports that you are likely to read about any school. Everyone at City of London School is delighted with the findings of the inspectors."

A copy of the report can be downloaded from the School's website www.clsb.org.uk/inspectionreport in the 'City in the News' section.

# Inaugural piano recital on Steinway

World renowned pianist Joanna MacGregor gave an inaugural piano recital on the School's new Steinway piano on 11 May 2011, in front of more than 200 invited guests, boys and their parents.

On the afternoon of

the same day she gave a pianoforte master class, working with CLS's most talented pianists.These included fifth former Zizhou Zhang,



who is scheduled to perform solo at a charity concert, 'The Bear Necessities' in aid of the Lord Mayor's Charity Appeal, on 4 October, 6.30pm at St Lawrence Jewry Church, Guildhall Yard, London EC2V 5AA. In the audience will be the Ambassadors of the People's Republic

of China, Japan and the Republic of Korea, as well as representatives of the Corporation of London.

## 'Animal Farm' staged by Lower School

'A wonderful performance' is how CLS Second Master, Gary Griffin, described the latest Lower School drama production of 'Animal Farm', staged in the summer term.

"Those familiar with the Orwell novel, but not used to the stage adaptation, would have recognised his chilling and worrying message, excellently conveyed by the cast in the Winterflood Theatre. The whole ensemble was superb," he said.

"The acting, the choreography, the stage management, the costumes and the lighting contributed to a wonderful performance, expertly directed by Miss Dobson."

OC



On 20 March, the Old Cits Australian group met for lunch. The group around the table are, going clockwise from the front left - Molly Mackie, Dom Joseph [wife of OC Jeremy Joseph (CLS 1954 - 64)], Stella Hyde, Anthony Kingsley (CLS 1977 - 84), Mike Beadle (CLS 1976 - 84), Sian Beadle (Mike's daughter), Dawn Beadle, Tony (CA) Hyde (CLS 1942 - 48), Andrew Mackie (CLS 1978 - 84) and Nicky Mackie.

# Paul Ryb rises to the challenge

Old Citizen Paul Ryb (CLS 1984 -1989) is one of the City's high-fliers. He became a top-ranking telecoms sector specialist in a City investment bank in his 30s, and by the age of 40 was a Managing Director at RBS. What makes his success story remarkable is the fact that he is one

of the most senior people working in the City who is registered severely visually impaired.

Determined to overcome the challenges facing him, caused by myopic macular degeneration disease, a genetic condition which causes increasing loss of sight in both

eyes, Paul researched and sourced a range of sophisticated hi-tech equipment to allow him to do those things we all take so much for granted, such as reading emails and accessing spreadsheets.

He was the subject of an article called 'Blind in business: Cuttingedge seeing aids', which appeared in *The Independent* online on 16 December 2009, which described how from an early age he possessed the willpower to succeed against the odds: 'Paul has had problems with his eyesight for as long as he can remember, and has always tried to embrace imaginative solutions to the challenges he has faced. At seven, he became one of the youngest children in the country to wear contact lenses.' Paul worked successfully with severe myopia

until 2007 when this evolved rapidly into macular degeneration, causing him to lose his central vision.

Since that article was written, Paul has now turned things around from being in a very tough situation to sitting on the board of the RNIB (Royal National Institute for the Blind) and holding

Manager Director status at RBS. He also succeeded in winning three LTA (Lawn Tennis Association) blind tennis titles at the last national tournament at the Roehampton tennis centre in 2010.

He comments: "I left CLS with good qualifications but more than that I suspect it helped toughen me up to tackle such a challenge. I hope it inspires others who face tough situations that if you have the right attitude you can still compete at the highest level."

# Book to raise funds for charities

Old Citizen Robert Stevenson (CLS 1963 - 69) has published a book called *Out of Darkness ...and into the Love of the Father's Heart* to raise funds for childrens' charities that he and his family support.



The book tells the story of Robert's first three years in China between 1990 and 1993, after leaving his home in Basingstoke, and how Robert and his wife adopted

their daughter Sarah, from an orphanage in China.

Proceeds from the sale of the book will go towards charities such as The Bamboo School for Children, refugees from Burma, the Rainbow Homes of Hope in Yunnan Province, China, and Watoto, the home for orphaned children in Uganda, Africa.

You can purchase a copy of the book for £10 from The Good Rock Foundation, Barbury House, 8 Hardy Close, Nelson Court Business Centre, Preston, PR2 2XP, tel: 01772 440120, web: www.goodrock.org.uk.

# News in brief ...

Born on 30th May 2011, to **Christian Plowman** (CLS 1986-1991) and partner Danielle, a boy, Albert Leonard Mark Plowman.

**Steve Weatherly-Barton** (aka Barton, CLS 1957-65) is now Minister of Gosberton Baptist Church and presents a weekly show on Tulip Radio.

# Extracts from Jake Pittman's gap year travel blog

As our 2010 leaver Jake Pittman's year of travelling comes to a close, here are some of the highlights from his travel blog, published in full on the JCC website.

#### Zdiar, Solvakia - July 2010

An 8 hour journey yesterday [from Budapest] brought us up into Slovakia to the High Tatras where we're staying in the incredible Ginger Monkey hostel in the lovely town of Zdiar. I'm off to fulfil my hunger by taking on the Ginger Monkey challenge and attempting to eat the gigantic 50cm pizza that they make down the road... I did indeed manage to eat that pizza, becoming the 27th English guest at the Ginger Monkey hostel to do so!

#### Berlin – August 2010

We were extremely excited to arrive in Berlin and snoozed away the four hour train journey from Prague. The New Europe free walking tour was given by a German historian so he certainly knew his stuff – we heard such stories as Hitler's crazed plans to build an Imperial Palace 35 times the size of the Riechstag with a dome to hold 250,000 people (apparently the perspiration and heat of all those people would condense on the inside of the glass dome to produce a constant stream of rainfall inside the dome...not that Hitler would hear anything of it).

#### Tasmania, Australia – March 2011

My next destination within Australia was the little spoken about, often ridiculed and off the beaten track island state of Tasmania. A highlight of the tour included climbing to the summit of the dramatic 5000ft Cradle Mountain. I was joined at the top of the climb by a young Japanese traveller who, upon asking me to take a photo of him on the summit, stripped off his shirt, trousers, thermal underwear and finally, his boxers, so that all of a sudden I was taking a photo of a stark naked Japanese guy on top of a remote mountain in Tasmania. Apparently it's a Japanese tradition. Suffice to say I politely refused his offer of taking a similar picture of me.

# Aotearo, New Zealand – March 2011

I travelled to Rotorua with my family

who wanted to take advantage of the many adventure activities on offer. I soon found myself whizzing down the giant luge, drift-karting, power boating and finally, for the first time in my life, bungee jumping! The staff shouting 'Wait! Wait!' as I jumped did nothing to ease the undeniable sense of terror I felt during the free fall, though after the bungee cord reassuringly catches you it soon turns to joy and one of the coolest rushes I've ever felt.

#### Buenos Aires – May 2011

Buenos Aires has definitely lived up to my expectations and the hype is totally justified. The undisputed highlight so far has been going to the La Bombonera, the home ground of Buenos Aires-based football team Boca Juniors, to watch a local derby between Boca and nearby Tigre. Never have I seen a stadium so full of colour, as more and more blue and yellow banners were unfurled as kick off got closer, climaxing with an explosion of Boca coloured streamers, ticker tape and strips of torn up newspaper which rained down on the pitch as the players came out.

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# A visit to a nonagenarian Old Citizen

It's not often one comes away from visiting a ninety-year-old feeling younger than when you went. The Secretaries of the Old Citizens Prayer Fellowship try to keep in touch with some of our older members who cannot get to our annual meeting. Earlier this year our Gazette featured Bill Young (CLS 1931 to 1935). He managed to combine his missionary activities in East Africa with playing rugby for Scotland.

Recently my wife and I had the pleasure of visiting Bill Young's contemporary and friend, Hugh John (CLS 1926 -1937) who moved to Cumbria a few years ago after his wife died. He is a remarkable Christian. He served the young people in the Hutton and Shenfield Union Church (in Essex) for more than 50 years. When he left the leaders established an annual Award in his memory for the member of the Young People's Group who had contributed most to the work of the church in the preceding year.

I was particularly interested to meet Hugh as I have been researching the history of the Stoke Newington Boy Crusader Class in the 1930s. Hugh was one of the leaders of that successful group, which ended suddenly in 1940 with the increased bombing in Central London. Hugh lived in Highbury and after graduating from the Imperial

#### by John Martin (CLS 1945 - 53)

College of Science, he joined May & Baker Ltd. of Dagenham in 1940. With other graduates he made a significant contribution to the wellbeing of the Eighth Army in North Africa by the supervision of the manufacture of the drug Meparcrine as a protection against malaria.

He was also one of the Gas Identification Officers, a little known branch of the Air Raids Precautions Fraternity; they were chemists whose task it was to detect and identify poisonous gas, if the enemy should drop any. 'Since they did not,' Hugh said, 'we weren't worked hard, but we had to be trained for the task, and were entitled to wear bright yellow tin hats! After the War, he remained at May & Baker, where he did research into chemicals for use in photography and radiography. He gained six patents, and eventually became a Fellow of the Royal Society of Chemistry.

His self-effacing modesty in speaking about this and other aspects of his work made me realize that we were talking to someone as notable as Bill Young.

Hugh gave me a copy of his latest achievement: *Four Centuries of the Authorized Version: a Survey*, 17,000 words telling the history and significance of the 400th anniversary of the King James Bible. It is a brilliant account of the origins and history of the Authorized Version of the Bible. In fact, in my opinion, Hugh's careful research is more helpful than some of the recent publications about the KJB by better known authors. I would be glad to send a printed copy to any who request it.

His story of the KJB concludes with this pithy summary: 'There must be very few earnest English-speaking Bible readers who would not be satisfied by one of the three most widely distributed translations – Good News Bible for the simple, New International Version for the student and New English Bible for the scholar. We are left to wonder what new manuscripts and what new translations this new century will see.' I feel Hugh's excellent work deserves to be published.

His current task is writing the history of St Michael's Rampside, the church he attends in Cumbria, not far from Barrow-in-Furness. He lives on a farm in a 200 year old house with his married daughter. He has adapted remarkably well to a new lifestyle but finds the local Cumbrian dialect a big obstacle to communication.

There cannot be too many pre-Marlborough O.C.s still around. To be sure, Hugh John is a most remarkable one!

### Robert Paul - 'the Father of the British film industry' Prominent Old Cits

Old Citizen Robert William Paul



(CLS 1883-85) was born in Highbury and on leaving CLS continued his studies at Finsbury Technical College.

Paul was always primarily interested in electrical

engineering and became one of the principal agents of the spectacular developments in this science at the turn of the century. He has been compared to his contemporary the

#### by David Rose CLS Librarian

great American scientist Thomas Edison.

Paul had a successful instrumentmaking business and began working on the development of his own cinematographic camera.

The resulting device was successfully used to produce some of the earliest films in Britain, including the first motion picture recording of the University Boat Race.

A lengthy biography of Paul by John Barnes, author of 'The Beginnings of the Cinema in England, 1894-1901', can be found on the web site Who's Who of Victorian Cinema at www.victorian-cinema.net.

This is an extract. For a copy of the full article contact the Alumni Relations Officer (details back page) or view a copy online at www.jcc.org.uk in 'About us/From the Archives'.



# Part II of C.E.B's 'Passage to Contentment'

Cyril Bond, who died in 1980 aged 72, was known to many generations of Citizens and Old Citizens. This second abridged extract from Cyril Bond's memoirs continues the story of his first four years at CLS (see last issue for first instalment). The full version can be obtained from Terry Heard at archive@clsb.org.uk.

Draper was leaving at the end of that term to assume the headmastership of Tollington Park School. Towards the end of that Summer term a rumour began to circulate that a certain L.G.Sach had been appointed by the Headmaster to succeed Draper. Sach had been on the Modern Side until 1919 when he had gone to St.Catherine's, Cambridge, to read History. He had an outstanding reputation as an athlete, a leader of uncommon ability, and for the members of his old House, Beaufoy, he was a very definite hero. That my next term was to be spent in Room 9 during Sach's first term at CLS and his first term as a teacher (for he left Cambridge only that Summer and did not take a teaching diploma) was to have results far beyond my wildest imaginings. Looking back I find it almost inexplicable that one term as a member of his form could make such an indelible impression, but the fact is that that Autumn term of 1922 was really the turning point in my school life, and hence in my whole career. He adopted several of Draper's ideas:

instead of writing out 'Le petit Savoyard' his choice of imposition was Goethe's 'Erlkönig', and I have to confess that I became word perfect because of the occasional punishment rather than because of my yet unawakened love of Goethe!

The next important move was to enter the Modern Lower Fourth by normal promotion. In Room 14, a smaller classroom than all the others on the upper corridor, Frank Bayley made his unparalleled contribution to the education of many generations of Citizens. Whatever the subject, Bayley approached it in a unique but always fascinating way; the dimmest could not help but learn and the guicker-witted revelled in the sheer delight of sharing his knowledge. His secret was that he treated us all as sensible gentlemen and we responded. If high spirits led us to overstep the limits, he took us gently by the arm and stood us behind the huge blackboard frame until we had regained our composure. One day he entered Room 14 and, having closed the door, stood for a moment and addressed us. "Dear friends, I want to warn you that tomorrow for the first time I shall be wearing reading spectacles. I tell you

this lest you should be so put off by the unaccustomed sight that you are unable to contain your mirth and so concentrate on the work in hand."

By some mysterious arrangement I could never fathom, the Lower Fourth Maths set was the top one of the fourth year. Thus in Maths I was to have Bayley for a whole year as my teacher. I found the first month hard going. Gradually, through application and Bayley's encouragement, light began to dawn and toil turned to pleasure as the



1926 Modern Sixth, showing Cyril Bond fourth from right

obscure problems yielded to now more readily grasped solutions. The year's work reached for me its zenith with the award not only of the normal Maths prize for the set but the Cuthbertson's Memorial Prize for geometry.

Apart from this growing involvement with Mathematics, I found every subject fascinating under Bayley's instruction. In German we committed long lists of nouns and prepositions to memory and we had plenty of opportunity to apply what we had learned by rote. The English lessons remain most vividly in my memory. We were covering the 19th century poets. I was now at an age when the music of the words made a direct appeal and was beginning to understand some of the thoughts that evoked the words. We had also started on European history with the Protestant Revolution. What a packed twelve weeks those were, and I believe there was a general election too to catch our boyish interest!

After Christmas I returned to find myself promoted to Leonard Gilbey's Upper

Fourth, a very different type of man from Bayley but to me a great teacher. Precise almost to the extent of oldmaidishness, old-fashioned in speech, dress and demeanour, courteous almost to wearisomeness, Gilbey taught us well, and by the end of the Summer term my French and German were quite equal to the test of our first public exam — the Lower Certificate of the Oxford and Cambridge Board.

The next year was to be in the Modern Fifth under Mr. Percy Sinclair Wilkinson.

He was extremely tall, held himself very erect, had an unflinching eye and at that time a very large jet black moustache with fearsome twirls at the ends. He strode down the corridor each morning, looking neither to the right nor to the left, and seemed to those who were unacquainted with him a fearsome and unbending character.

I was now sixteen, and had grown both physically and mentally in the last year. Certain courses were becoming clearer

to me, and I had to make up my own mind. Allied with my continued success with Maths came the desire to try my hand at Physics. This concentration of mathematical subjects left little spare time for anything beyond the essentials demanded by Mr.Wilkinson in French and German, and that was by no means small. Our proses were ruthlessly scored, and a grammatical howler cost us six marks at a blow. But it taught us to be continuously on our guard and to revise every word and sentence we wrote down. It proved a highly successful training.

That was a very full and exciting Summer term, and culminated with the School Certificate examinations, in which I had so many papers to take, having added Physics and Additional Maths to the full run of Modern subjects, that on several days I had to sit for three papers and I was much indebted to Mr.Oakley, for giving up his lunch break in order to invigilate for me on my own. The results, when they were published, were satisfactory; I had obtained credits in the subjects necessary for exemption in London Matriculation in addition to my main subjects.

Obituaries OC

# Professor John Flood 1925 - 2011

John Flood was born in South London in 1925, and entered the School in 1936 in C2A with an LCC scholarship. He continued on the Classical side until he reached the sixth form, although his real interests were more on the scientific side, and he was often to be found designing complicated wiring diagrams when he had the opportunity. He was evacuated with the School to Marlborough, and spent three years there before he left from the Mathematical VI to continue his studies at Queen Mary College, London.

From QMC he went during the war to the Admiralty Signal Establishment, where he worked on the development of radar, and after this joined the development laboratory of Standard Telephones. Later, he joined the Post Office Research Station at Dollis Hill, where he joined the Electronic Switching Group, who did much of the work leading to our modern telephone exchanges. His next post was with Siemens Brothers, later part of AEI, where he headed their work on electronic switching, and developed the reed relay switch, a major step towards the fully electronic exchange.

In 1965, John was awarded a DSc by London University, to add to the PhD he had gained in 1951, and became the first Professor of Electrical Engineering at the newly formed Aston University in Birmingham. Here he started a digital communications research group and a post-graduate telecommunications course, and became Dean of the Faculty of Engineering and Senior Pro Vice Chancellor. If you drive into Birmingham past the main Aston University building, glance upwards; the aerials on the roof owe their existence to the research carried out under John's leadership.

After his retirement, he became a visiting professor at Auckland University in New Zealand. He also chaired the Committee established to set technical standards for the telecommunications industry following its privatisation, and was awarded the OBE for this work in 1986. He also served on the Monopolies and Mergers Committee from 1985 to 1988.



John's favourite sport was swimming, and he got a lot of enjoyment from the new swimming bath opened at the School two years before the war. Marlborough, alas, was a disappointment here; the small College pool in those days was open air and usable only in the summer, and even then closed more often than not, since the water was taken from the River Kennet and frequently polluted. However when John and his family moved to Solihull in the Midlands he had an all weather pool built in his garden, much appreciated by the family and also by visitors.

The Club sends its condolences to his widow Phyllis and to his sons Nicholas and Stephen.

John Gracey (CLS 1966 - 72) & Douglas Quadling (CLS 1935 - 43)

### Norman Hills - passed away 12 June 2010

Norman Hills joined CLS in 1943 and returned to London to remain in the Modern Sixth until December 1950. He was the son of a policeman and after evacuation to West Sussex at the beginning of the war, he followed his brother Alan (and sister Eileen at the girls' school) to Marlborough. He was a distinguished member of the School and on leaving he obtained a commission in the Signals and spent most of his National Service in Essex. He was a long time member of the Territorial Army.

As befits an editor of the School magazine, he became a journalist with several London based industrial magazines before moving, with his wife Pamela, to Sheffield to join the local daily paper. He moved to Bristol where he formed the Bristol Evening Post. From time to time he played rugby for the Old Cits and could often by seen at the annual dinner.

I first met him when I joined CLS in 1948 and have seen him regularly during the years since then - up to a few weeks before his death.

After retiring in 1997, apart from travelling and gardening, he spent a great deal of time supporting his favourite sporting teams Somerset County Cricket XI, Bristol City F.C. and Bath Rugby XV (almost weekly) and never missed Bath XV at Twickenham at cup final time.

Cedric Fraser (CLS 1948-51)

In memoriam

Other Old Citizens who sadly passed away recently, include:

- Mr TK Williams (1929 35)
- Mr JRH Chalmers (1934 42)
- Mr A W Banks (1933 38)
- Mr IDC Williams (1923 27)
- Mr JW Vernon (1937 42)
- Mr RD Kennett (1928 33)
- Mr HB Grant (1932 39)

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



#### by John Reynolds

Two new names will appear on the Adams Cup after this year's trophy competition, which took place on Saturday, 16 April.

Mark Stockton (pictured here on the right) partnered former master-incharge-of-fives Robin Nagy (on a rare trip to Blighty from his new home in Sydney, Australia) to success in a final against septuagenarian David Cooper and club captain John Reynolds, winning handsomely 12-4.

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triumphant Division Three side this year. There were also several spectators, including club chairman David White, former club stalwart Peter Stiles, and theatre impresario and long-time club friend Joe Seelig, who learned his fives in Birmingham.

has played for our

The club has competed for the Adams Cup, a huge silver trophy officially called the Memorial Challenge Cup, since 1927. This followed presentation of the

boys, current boys and guests - we

were delighted to welcome Ronald

Pattison from the Carthusians and

Old Cholmeleian Paul Jefferys, who

Cup by the then president of the OC Athletic Union. Joseph E Adams, in 1926. These days we hold the event at Highgate. A complete list of Adams

Cup winners is published on the John Carpenter Club website, www.jcc.org.uk in the Sports Club section, under 'Fives'.

Paul Jeffreys (left) and John Reynolds



## Old Cits win the Thameside League Water Polo Cup

#### by Mr Silcock

Old Citizens recently played in the finals of the Thameside Water Polo League.

The semi finals and finals were incredibly close, both going to extra time. The Old Cits opened up a two goal advantage in the semi finals and won the final by a solitary goal. They claimed that the matches weren't as close as the scores would suggest, it's just that they wanted to spend more time in the water playing.

The team has been playing in the Thameside League for a number of years, and play approximately ten fixtures per year, outside of the Cup competition. The team for the finals comprised a good mix of youth and experience, with Neil Rissbrook (1977 - 1985), Paul Bryan (1974 - 1981), Jeremy Hill (1979 - 1986) who have been playing water polo for some years, Josh Brown, Nick Worsley (2009 leavers), Patrick Bennett, Dan Woolcott, Pierre Vila (2010 leavers) and Tom Bennett (who is still learning his trade at CLS).

With this kind of success for the Old Cits there are no excuses for retiring your water polo skills once you have left the school as Paul Bryan is always on the lookout for new players to join the Old Cits ranks.

Playing OC sport is a good way of making new friends and meeting old ones - football - cricket - golf - fives - fencing and water polo are active clubs that welcome new members. We are always looking to increase sports activities by restarting dormant clubs (e.g. tennis) or launching new ones.

See more on the JCC website or contact Tony Sawell on 01883 715949 or tony.sawell@ googlemail.com

captain, and Stephen Mullin, club medic, faded unexpectedly as the afternoon wore on.

tournament.

Early trophy

Sam Packer,

favourites

CLS fives

for reasons

perhaps not

unconnected with what Mullin had consumed the previous night.

This year the trophy attracted 16 old

In doing so they overturned the result

of their round-robin clash earlier in the

Sam Packer (left) and Mark Jacobs





# **OC Football Club comes** fourth in League

On 25th September 2010, following a

#### by Robert Harris

left back Nicky, gave the team a 3-2 win at

Old Harrovians and then the following week

with a 2-1 win against Old Wykehamists with

goals from Steve Stavrou and Keval Sangani,

was second in the team's leading scorer list.

who finished the season with 5 goals and

However those well fought victories were

followed by a drubbing to Old Malvernians

number of friendlies over the previous 12 months, competitive football for Old Citizens was resurrected when a strong team travelled to Chigwell to play Old Chigwellians for their opening Arthurian League (www. arthurianleague.com) Fifth Division fixture, an appropriate opponent given the Essex school are also a regular opponent of the school. Having warmed up a couple of weeks

earlier with an extremely tough game and narrow defeat against the current cream of the school in the now annual friendly fixture against the current school's



in a game when our usual reliable central spine was unavailable and the team was forced to field a makeshift defence. In the final game of 2010, and in a reverse of the opening day fixture, a much improved Old Chigwellians side managed

to take back a point with a 1-1 scoreline, the only draw of our season.

The season resumed in late January with one of the best games of the season when we won a seven goal thriller with a last minute strike from Debs Osekita against Old Malvernians. At this stage Old Citizens were second in the league and still well placed for promotion but injuries and unavailability led to three crucial league defeats in quick succession against Old Brentwood, Old Epsomians and Old Wykehamists which seriously dented our promotion prospects. Sandwiched between those league defeats was a Junior League Cup defeat against an Old Harrovians side, but the narrow margin of defeat bodes well for the future given the opponents were riding high two divisions above us. We finished the season with two games against Old Chomelians, which resulted in a win and a defeat; results that gave us a final league position of fourth and much to look back and be proud of but also plenty to build on and improve.

We will start again in late August and plan to play a friendly or two including the annual friendly against the school first X1 on Saturday 3rd September before the new Arthurian League season. So if you would like to be part of the squad from next season please email Rob Harris now at rharris@ steptoe.com.

# **Close match** between Old Cits and CLS boys

#### by John Featherstone

The Old Citizens Golfing Society have had a busy season thus far. We joined the cricketers and fives players at the Sportsman's Dinner in early April and had a most enjoyable evening. Our next event was the Annual Public Schools Golfing Society competition, The Halford Hewitt, where we were drawn to play Oundle at Royal St Georges. The course was in excellent condition as it is hosting this year's Open Golf Championship in July. We lost to a strong Oundle side in the first round and again to Ampleforth in the Plate Competition. It seems the standard of golf becomes higher every year and we do need to recruit some younger golfers to our pool of players. Although I was unable to attend this year due to another golfing engagement I understand that the usual convivial time was had by all.

We held a successful Spring Meeting at Worplesdon Golf Club in May. The winner of the Pollard Cup was Paul Marsh with 37 stableford points. Although Paul has won most of the other Society Cups this one had eluded him thus far and he was delighted to be able to take the Cup back home.

We played a Match against the School on the



29th June at Old Fold Manor Golf Club. The match is played for the Law Robertson Cup. I am pleased to report that despite a strong showing from the seven Old Citizens (Clive Lewis, Richard Jones, Graham Mason, Chris Messenger, Martin Lester, Alex Bennett and John Featherstone) we lost to the boys this time but it was a close match. Thomas Ross had an excellent score of 38 Stableford points and Adam Jones managed 35 points from his new handicap of 9. We hope to welcome them along to our meetings in future. Adam

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#### 1st X1, the team felt ready for regular competitive football and the performance didn't disappoint as Old Citizens ran out 5-2 winners. That victory was inspired by a central spine of centre back and captain Will McKenna, central midfielder David Dwek and centre forward Nick Brice. Indeed the trio's availability was key to results throughout the season, with McKenna's ability to read the game from the back, Dwek's tough tackling and Brice's approach play and finishing a match for any team in the league.

That opening day victory was followed by a thumping 7-1 victory against Brentwood with Brice, who finished top scorer with 7 goals, scoring a hat-trick and Martin Kimchi a brace. The following week an even better performance was reflected in a 9-1 scoreline with David Dwek's brother Isaac scoring a fine hat-trick and Keval Sangani a brace.

With 21 goals scored and three victories from three games recorded, Old Citizens were riding high and faced Old Epsomians in their next fixture, a team which also boasted a 100% record. Unfortunately something had to give and Old Citizens never recovered from a bad start, characterised by some poor individual errors, and the game finished with a heavy defeat. Pleasingly the team got back to winning ways with two hard fought wins in the next two games. Firstly in an away win when substitute Paul Stein, brother of regular



## Cricket season sees a return to winning ways

Last season was an enjoyable one from a playing point of view, although results were only fair. We did start and finish on a good note with wins over Northwood Town and Botany Bay but we struggled for strength too often in between. Special mention must be made of Michael Knight. He topped the batting averages, scoring over eight hundred runs, but also headed the bowling averages, and took the most catches for good measure. It was no surprise that he was awarded the Mercers Cup as Player of the Year at the annual dinner.

Gajan Srikanthan, Steve Ringer, Birdseed Millett, and Karthi Srikanthan, supplied most of the other runs, and Alex Bennett, James Gleadow, Birdseed, and Mike Shannon got most wickets.

The last match was not included in the match reports in Gazette 298; that was the final game of the season against Botany Bay on September 25th which we won by seven wickets. Suleiman Faruqi took 3 for 20, with Mike Knight, James, Birdseed and Richard Saldanha, all taking wickets too to dismiss the Bay for 83. Steve steered us home with an undefeated 43. The final playing record for the season was Won 7, Drawn 3, and Lost 11.



Michael Knight gets ready to bat at the Old Owens ground prior to scoring 59 not out

This year Richard Hillman took over the captaincy from Alex, and Winchmore Hill CC became our main home ground. We commenced the season with a win versus Hainault at Old Owens ground, Mike Knight guiding us home with an undefeated 59. Uzair Chiragdin, Sahil Somani, and Dan Grendowicz provided a very welcome younger element to the side. We then lost against Bamville who had a strong batting side, but returned to winning ways in a new fixture with Edmonton. So far we have started 2011 pretty well.



Uzair Chiragdin and Sahil Somani at Old Owen ground, where they both took wickets

#### vs Hainault Road - 23 Apr - Won Hainault 139 Old Citizens 140 - 5 Mike Knight struck early capturing 3 for 17, and Uzair Chiragdin 2 for 14 was the main other wicket taker, although Sahil Somani, Alex, and Birdseed shared the other wickets. Mike continued his good form of the previous year with 59 not out, although skipper Richard was required to give good support from the other end after we lost cheap wickets.

#### Double Wicket Competition – 30 Apr

Our first outing at Winchmore Hill turned into a house double wicket competition when Northwood Town failed to turn up.The partnership of Steve and James proved top dogs.

*vs* **Bamville - 7 May - Lost** Bamville 246 - 8 dec. (40 0vers) Old Citizens 121 - 6 The strong opposition batting lineup set a total we were not able to challenge, although we managed to bat out the forty overs, Gaj hitting 34.

#### vs Old Ignatians - 14 May - Cancelled

vs Edmonton - 21 May - Won Edmonton 167 Old Citizens 169 - 6 An opening stand of 70 gave our opponents a sound start, but the bowling partnership of mighty John Harris and Birdseed proved their undoing. Both John and Birdseed got

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a "fivefor" for 45. Mike only scored 34 this time and we were in trouble having lost half our wickets for 96. Richard Saldanha joined skipper Hillman to hit us to victory with an unbeaten stand of 73.

#### vs Essendon - 29 May - Drawn Essendon 231

Old Citizens 189 - 5 An honourable draw at the attractive village ground. Birdseed took 4 for 17 towards the end of their innings, but we faced a difficult total. Mike rose to the occasion with 86, and James hit 28 on his promotion to bat number three. Steve made a good effort to try to increase the scoring rate, but his 41 was not quite enough to get us on target. A good game.

#### vs Coopers - 4 June - Won

165 - 6 (35 Overs) Coopers Old Citizens 167 - 3 A visit to this delightful picturesque ground at Ashridge near Berkhamsted. Coopers' number three batsman contributed most of their runs scoring freely off Dinesh and an injured Junky Shannon. Uzair, James and a resurrected Nic Benardout kept the final score under control. At 41 for 3 the betting money was on Coopers to win, but we reckoned without our new batsman James and his partner Shay Sen both scoring debut fifties to hit us to a win, Shay 65\* and James 60\*.

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#### BATTING AVERAGES 2010

Name	Inns	NO	HS	Runs	Aver.
Michael KNIGHT	17	5	143*	810	67.50
Karthi SRIKANTHAN	7	1	70*	250	41.67
Richard MILLETT	10	2	95	251	31.38
Gaj SRIKANTHAN	16	1	86	401	26.73
Allan SALDANHA	6	1	43	125	25.00
Steve RINGER	16	2	67	324	23.14
James GLEADOW	8	3	45*	99	19.80
Jacob HOLDEN	3	0	25	53	17.67
Richard HILLMAN	13	4	26*	138	15.33
Alex BENNETT	9	1	23*	95	11.88
Saven SEN	4	0	20	32	8.00
Richard SALDANHA	7	0	18	48	6.86
John HARRIS	5	1	4	8	2.00

Also Batted

1-0-38-38 Will SHELDON 1-0-24-24 Roger HOLMES 1 - 0 - 69 - 69DABHI Tony HALE 1 - 0 - 24 - 24 Michael OKUN 1 - 0 - 21 - 21 G. YOUNG 1 - 0 - 20 - 20 Tony SAWELL 5 - 4 - 5\* - 16 David FIRTH 2 - 2 - 10\*- 16 Yousef RAMZAN 2 - 0 - 15 - 15 2-0-9-15 Jeremy FENN 1-1-11\*-11 Nadir GOHAR 1 - 0 - 9 - 9 Hasan RAMZAN 2 - 2 - 6\* - 8 Jamie SIGNY 1 - 1 - 6\* - 6 Tanveer PAWAR 1 - 0 - 5 - 5 Bill BARNES Dinesh PANCH 2 - 0 - 1 - 2 Mike SHANNON 4 - 3 - 1\* - 2 Suleiman FARUQI 2 - 0 - 0 - 0 Jack MALNICK 1 - 0 - 0 - 0

#### **BOWLING AVERAGES 2010**

Name	Inns	NO	HS	Runs	Aver.
Mike SHANNON	47	16	147	14	10.50
Michael KNIGHT	111.2	17	474	30	15.80
Richard MILLETT	71.5	6	415	19	21.84
Alex BENNETT	108.2	7	580	19	30.53
James GLEADOW	112.1	13	468	15	31.20
Gaj SRIKANTHAN	31.4	2	201	6	33.50
Richard SALDANHA	43	5	248	7	34.00
Suleiman FARUQI	18	0	105	3	35.00
Dinesh PANCH	30	1	207	4	51.75

Also Bowled

Jeremy FEE 15-0-85-2 Nadir GOHAR 4-0-23-1 Hasan RAMZAN 7-0-42-1Will SHELDON 2-0-45-1 Karthi SRIKANTHAN 7-0-65-1 Jacob HOLDEN 17-0-118-1John HARRIS 22-1-172-1 Tony SAWELL 2-0-21-0 DABHI 2-0-24-0Yousef RAMSAN 12-2-57-0 Michael OKUN 7.4-1-72-0

#### Wicket-keeping

Richard HILLMAN Victims 10 (3 stumped, 7 caught)

#### Catches

Knight 8, Bennett 5, Gleadow 4, G Srikanthan 3, Sawell 3, Panch 3, A Saldanha 3, Holden 2, Sen 2, Ringer 2, Millett 1, R Saldanha 1, K Srikanthan 1, Harris 1, Okun 1.

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has already attended our Spring meeting. We entered the Cyril Gray tournament at Worplesdon in June and lost to Berkhampstead in the 1st round by 2.5 to 0.5. We then played St Paul's in the Plate competition and lost by a similar margin. St Paul's were subsequently defeated by the

#### eventual winners, Whitgift.

Through our Society Captain, David Lidgate, we shall be holding Captain's Day at his club, Gerard's Cross Golf Club, on Friday 9th September.

FIELDING

Our final fixture for 2011 will be the match against the Old Paulines on Tuesday 20th

September at Royal Blackheath Golf Club. The day will include a tour of their famous museum. We hope that Mike Miller, the RBGC secretary and member of our Golfing Society will conduct the tour. Having attended one of his tour's last year I can vouch for the fact that it is very entertaining and Mike's knowledge of the artefacts and treasures held in the Museum is encyclopaedic.



#### Wed 19 October 2011, 6.30pm

CLS25 anniversary alumni reception and school tours (1960s leavers and earlier) To attend contact Alumni Relations Officer, tel: 0207 489 4766, aro@jcc.org.uk

Mon 7 November 2011 OC Cruising and Sailing Association Dinner RAC Club, Pall Mall Enquiries to Brian Day, tel: 01903 879274/07889 032608, email: brianday@uwclub.net; Paul Tout, tel: 01590 674669, email: paul@tout.org.uk

#### Mon 7 November 2011

OC Financial Services and OC Lawyers Dinner Bakers' Hall, EC3R 6DP. Cost: £59 Booking forms available from Alumni Relations Officer, tel: 0207 489 4766, aro@jcc.org.uk

#### Tues 15 November 2011 **CLS Autumn Concert - FREE**

Tickets from CLS reception

Wed 23 November 2011, 5.30pm JCC AGM & Dinner Booking form in Autumn issue of Gazette

#### JCC Officers

President: Cliff Hampton BA, FCA (CLS 1954 - 64) Secretary: Martin Israel, FCA (CLS 1965 - 73) Treasurer: Richard Jones, BSc, FCA (CLS 1954 - 62) Almoner: Daniel Morganstein (CLS 1983 - 91)

JCC Sports Chris Southgate DipArch (CLS 1956 - 1965)

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Tues 29 November - Thurs 1 December 2011 CLS Drama Production. Tickets (£5) from CLS reception.

Thurs 15 December 2011 CLS Carol Service, Temple Church. All welcome.

Tuesday 14th February 2012 (TBC) JCC Annual Dinner, Great Hall, CLS Details to be confirmed in next issue of The Gazette

#### Wed 28 March 2012, 6.30pm

CLS25 anniversary alumni reception and school tours (1970s & 1980s leavers) To attend contact Alumni Relations Officer, tel: 0207 489 4766, aro@jcc.org.uk

Thurs 14 June 2012 CLS Bursary Trust fundraising dinner, Tate Modern

Wed 4 July 2012, 6.30pm CLS25 anniversary alumni reception and tours (1990s & 2000s leavers) To attend contact Alumni Relations Officer, tel: 0207 489 4766, aro@jcc.org.uk

#### City of London School term dates

Autumn term 2011 Tues 6 Sept - Fri 16 Dec (half-term 24 - 28 Oct)

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

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





