



The GAZETTE

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**JOHN CARPENTER CLUB
ANNUAL DINNER 2013**

to be held on
Thursday 21st March

in the City in the glorious surroundings of the
Honourable Artillery Company

with guest speaker
Assistant Commissioner Cressida Dick QPM

BOOKING FORM ENCLOSED

Furniture from Victoria Embankment



Old Cits who have taken up carpentry!

Have your own CLS souvenir. A former pupil and teacher is downsizing, and must urgently dispose of several items of CLS memorabilia, free of charge.

Damaged and in need of repair are:

1. a teacher's chair, as used in 1950s
2. a Victorian teacher's chair, probably from the original Victoria Embankment furniture
3. a Gothick style dining room chair, ditto,

and one intact piece:

4. Percy Copping's high chair, used while playing in the school orchestra in the 1970s.

These are available from Richard Pearce,
in London NW5.

If you can give one of these a home
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For Sale

Old wooden desk with seat,
originally from City of London
School.

Was lovingly polished and
used by family, but now
downsizing.

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Edinburgh:
janejowitt@waitrose.com



Editorial



Welcome to another issue of The Gazette. Our cover story can be found on page 13, which details the astounding achievement of Jack Crawford in being picked by a premier football team. If you happen to know of any other Old Citizen over the years who has managed to become a professional footballer of any kind, do write in

and let us know! The School was extremely grateful to OC Julian Barnes, who, less than a year after winning the Man Booker Prize, came to talk to CLS boys. He was generous with his time and insight, some of which you can read on pages 4-5.

Some events have been reported in this issue, but there are always more taking place! For example, I was delighted to meet many of the 2010 leavers who gathered at the Cheshire Cheese pub on Fleet Street – a location which may hold memories for some of you. I gather it used to be the preferred watering hole of CLS teachers, until the (older) pupils started to frequent it, necessitating a migration. Nevertheless, staff and former students were happily reunited there back in September.

The JCC won admiration from the Association of Representatives of Old Pupils' Societies when we hosted their AGM and Dinner at the School in October. The Headmaster impressed them with a summary of the School's achievements and ethos, Sir David Walker wowed and entertained with descriptions of life working for the Queen, and, getting down to business, Bruce Todd explained how the JCC managed the transition from being an entirely voluntarily run club, to employing staff, setting up a database and integrating more with the School. Other alumni societies were keen to take advice and follow suit.

Many reunions are amongst friends and so, understandably, informal. However, if you do meet up and take any photos, feel free to send them to me! Equally I can help to put you in touch with more invitees beforehand.

For some of you, particularly if you live far away, I know that attending events is impossible. However, if you are passing through London, you are most welcome to simply drop by. I'm usually in the office, so can give you a quick tour of the New School, although obviously it's best if you can check in advance.

Best wishes for 2013.

Sarah

Sarah Jenks (Miss)
Alumni Relations Officer



Bernard Silverman

NEW JCC PRESIDENT

I am delighted to take on the role of President and continue the tremendous work of past Presidents and Club Officials in previous years.

My education at CLS gave me the foundation for a fascinating life and career. I was fortunate enough to have had most of it financed by a Carpenter Scholarship, and I am really keen that we should extend the current programme of bursaries which make it possible for students from less affluent backgrounds to benefit from all the School has to offer today – and to ensure the social inclusivity which is essential for everybody at the School and which has been one of its hallmarks since its foundation. I am delighted that we already support five boys at the School and I very much hope that this number can be increased considerably in the years to come.

I started at City of London School in 1961 at the age of 9. My time at the School was extremely happy and fulfilling, both for the academic side and also for the very varied extra curricular activities. Not surprisingly, some of the friendships I made have lasted more than 50 years.

Some of my most remarkable teachers were those who had started at the School in the 1930s and spent their whole careers there. There was a very strong mathematical tradition led by C. G. Nobbs, who was not only a most inspiring teacher and human being, but also had written most of the text books we used, some still available from Amazon! The atmosphere of the School changed remarkably (and for the better, I have to say) when Dr Barton retired in 1965 and was succeeded by James Boyes, who was only 41 and really moved the School into the modern age.

From School I went to Cambridge to study Mathematics. My tutor was Old Citizen Derek Taunt (who had been one of Nobbs's first pupils, while I was one of his last). I ended up specialising in Statistics for my higher degree and later research, and I also spent a year in the 1970s working for Clive Sinclair (well known for his later forays into electric cars) during which I designed probably the first pocket programmable calculator. After getting my PhD in 1977, I followed an academic career which has taken me to a number of universities in the UK and abroad. I was a professor of statistics at Bath and then Bristol Universities, and was Master of St Peter's College, Oxford. Since 2010 I have been Chief Scientific Adviser to the Home Office, which is a fascinating post with matters as varied as the DNA database, protecting us against terrorism, advising on the harms of drugs, managing queues at airports and the ash dieback epidemic.

I am greatly honoured to have been elected as President of the John Carpenter Club.

AGM & DINNER

2012

Over 40 Old Citizens gathered at the City of London School on 21st November for the John Carpenter Club's AGM, during which it was unanimously agreed that Prof Bernard Silverman should take over as the next President of the Club, and Sir David Walker was thanked for all his hard work over the past year.

We were then joined by several guests for drinks and dinner, including the School's new Chairman of the Board of Governors, Deputy Dr Giles Shilson, and two teachers. The "Five Wise Men" (Senior Prefects) and the Chairman of the School Charity Appeal were also in attendance: Head Boy Arthur Lewis delivered an impressively assured and inspiring speech as he introduced his deputies, each of whom described their responsibilities.



Julian BARNES



Julian Barnes (57-64) hadn't been back to City since he left nearly fifty years ago, yet one day during the Autumn Term this changed: he had lunch with the Headmaster, before giving a reading and taking questions in the Great Hall for staff and students from both the boys' and girls' schools, after which he signed copies of his works in the John Carpenter Bookshop. So what made him return?

"It's very strange to be back, not that 'back' is here, because of course I was at the old school on Victoria Embankment. I guess when I left I thought I would never come back" were Barnes' opening words. He had received a letter from a boy, James Waddell in Senior Sixth, asking him to talk to the school's literary club, the Barnes-Amis Society (run by Mr G Phillipson). Despite the society being named twelve years ago, this was the first Barnes had heard of it, and he was so flattered that he couldn't refuse the invitation. He particularly relished the boys' "not sticking with pedantic alphabetical order" by placing his name before that of fellow Old Citizen Kingsley Amis!

Barnes read an extract from his 2011 Man Booker Prize-winning novel *The Sense of an Ending*, during which his witty portrayal of classroom dialogue provoked laughter from the audience. The book is "mostly adult, but it has to start at school" for the themes of time and memory to take shape. This was the second time Barnes had used the school:

"The first time was in my first novel *Metroland*, where the first third of the book is about schooldays. I drew pretty heavily on what I remembered, because that's what it's like when you start writing fiction: you write about what you know, and in the course of the book you gradually learn how to imagine, how to invent, and how to lie. That was in 1980, so it's taken a long time for me to actually need another school in my fiction. I've never seen the need for school since that first novel. Until this book.

"Evelyn Waugh said PG Wodehouse was a genius for many reasons, and one was that he never killed off a character, so all the characters he had invented were available for whatever use he might want them for in

the future. I thought, well, I haven't killed off, I haven't bombed City of London School, so I'll go back there: I'll use it for three or four short scenes."

One such scene is "a history class with Old Joe Hunt, wryly affable in his three-piece suit, a teacher whose system of control depended on maintaining sufficient but not excessive boredom." The choice of name for the teacher provoked excited recognition and conflicting responses from Old Citizens, some of whom wrote to Barnes. One insisted, "He wasn't called 'Old Joe Hunt', he was called 'Uncle Joe Hunt'!", whilst another gushed, "What a brilliant description of Joe Hunt's A-Level classes." However, both views bemused Barnes because he maintains that he doesn't base his characters on real people he has met, though he may borrow their names. "I went back to my schooldays in my memory and there was this history master called Hunt. I just came across the name: I didn't even remember what the history master looked like or how he talked. I just imagined the way he might teach". In any case, he couldn't have known because, he says, he didn't take A-Level History! Barnes advised the boys, "Broadly, it's better to invent the characters than to just use people that you know, because it's much easier to mould and change a character that you've invented than it is to look at your next door neighbour and then decide that he's going to join the SAS."

Barnes does not have fond memories of studying set-texts at school, and it is partly for this reason that he has mixed views about now being a studied author at schools and universities. "You remember those writers who you were forced to read at school or university and once you've done the examination you think 'Oh, I don't have to read that bastard again!'. When I was at City of London there was a short story by Conrad called *The Secret Sharer*, which we were all forced to read. I remember – you know that state of boredom when it's actually physical? And you feel you're not in your own body anymore? – that's what I felt like reading Conrad. I read my first Conrad book again about six months ago and so I fear (and it's bound to be the case), that someone will read me and be put off my work forever."

Barnes is "a great believer in not finishing a book if

Below:
Sixth Former James Waddell
leads the question and answer
session with Julian Barnes.

Right:
Julian Barnes signs copies
in the John Carpenter
Bookshop with its manager,
Tim Osborne.



you're not enjoying it, or even reading past page ten if you think it's rubbish". The books he did choose to read, however, were what inspired him. He resented being forced into the CCF and remembers reading *Crime and Punishment* whilst on camp, and thinking "This was what was telling me about life; it wasn't the regimental Sergeant Major telling me to do doggy crawl through mud, hide behind a bush and then pretend to fire my gun: that was obviously not true, that was not life. The book's telling the truth."

Such is his emotional attachment to certain books, that he once not long ago had to ask a friend to leave his house immediately when they expressed their disregard for *Parade's End*, a particular favourite of his.

"I don't think there's a more intimate artistic relationship than between a solitary reader, alone by themselves, and a novelist speaking to them – to their ear, their mind and their heart. In a way I'm always trying to get closer to the reader."

It is not only the relationship between the author and

reader which attracts Barnes to novels: it has also "always been a very loose and generous form", so it is less constrictive for a writer. Barnes likes to resist categorization, and for this reason also finds being studied and analysed "inhibiting". To be an author of set-texts is somehow, he feels, "an intimation of acceptance, normality", as though once you are part of the establishment you are expected to stagnate. He says, "I don't think back on my previous novels very much, I'd rather think about the next one. I'm not interested in writing the same novel again."

"Category doesn't arrive until after you finish working on the book. I've just finished writing a book and I know that when I give it to my publisher, they won't know what words to put on the back: is it fiction, non-fiction, biography, auto-biography? I don't think when I'm writing it, 'What category is this book going to fit into?' I just think, 'This is the book I have to write and want to write.'"

Levels of Life comes out in early April. We look forward to reading it.



30 Years of Inspiring Fundraising



Pupils at the City of London School have raised over £64,000 for Great Ormond Street Hospital Children's Charity over the last year, enabling the Hospital to buy a nutrition machine for parenteral nutrition.

This year's fundraising harks back to the incredible achievements of its pupils in 1981, when they first raised money for a dialysis machine and a monitoring machine.

It is the largest sum City of London School pupils have ever raised for any charity throughout their long history of fundraising.

From 1981 to 2012

Thirty-one years ago, the school's pupils raised £13,000 for Great Ormond Street Hospital Children's Charity through a sponsored walk and a gala night with the stars.

17-year-old Ronel was then chairman of the appeals committee of City of London School and helped them smash their original target of £6400 for a dialysis machine. After six months of incredible fundraising, they'd raised enough for the dialysis machine and a monitoring machine with £3000 spare for other equipment.

Twenty years later in 2001, the school outdid itself by raising over £28,000. Now, thirty years on from his original fundraising achievements, Ronel Lehmann, now a governor of the school, was present for the unveiling of the incredible new cheque.

This year the pupils aged between 10 and 18 raised the cash through a number of fundraising events and activities, including sponsored walks and swims, Christmas and summer fetes, entertaining lunch-time events such as Teachers' Blind Date and a year 12 venture selling refreshments to the public during the Thames Jubilee Pageant.

They also demonstrated their stamina during a 48-hour sponsored row, which alone raised over £13,000.

A thank you to all involved

Tim Johnson, Chief Executive of Great Ormond Street Hospital Children's Charity went along to the school to receive the cheque on behalf of the charity, thanking the pupils personally for all their fundraising efforts: "I was honoured to go along to the City of London School to meet those who have given up their time over the last 12 months to fundraise for the charity. We are delighted when schools get behind the hospital."

"The feedback we often hear from teachers and parents is how impressed they are by how committed students become to raising money as they recognise that people their own age often depend on the hospital to get better."

Julia Jones, Tutor in charge of the School Charity Appeal said: "The City of London School draws talented boys from across London and reflects the cosmopolitan nature of the capital. The school is elated by its success and very pleased to be able to contribute towards the purchase of life-saving equipment for seriously ill children."

Above:
The original Evening Standard article about Ronel's fundraising from 10th July 1981.

Right:
The cheque is presented outside the school from the pupils to Great Ormond Street Hospital Children's Charity. Pictured on the left is Ronel Lehmann.

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Asquith Society Dinner 2012

The Asquith Society, comprising OCs who are part of London's legal community, convened at the historic Athenaeum Club on Monday 12th November 2012. The Society is a forum for discussion and socialising, with past after dinner speakers that include Sir Francis Jacobs QC, Lord Anthony Lester QC and Princess Diana's former lawyer Anthony Julius.

The Athenaeum Club is a magnificent private Club in Pall Mall, with former members that include Prime Ministers Winston Churchill and HH Asquith, as well as writers Sir Arthur Conan Doyle and TS Eliot.

The Asquith Society was founded by City solicitor Martin Day and over the years the Society grew in popularity and profile. It was then handed over to international businessman Isaac Livne, who was accompanied by Tasmin Golding, star of Britain And Ireland's Next Top Model.

The evening's speakers were Rev. Stephen Haines and leading City solicitor Ronnie Fox.

Rev. Stephen Haines, former Chairman of the Governors of the City of London

School, spoke fondly about his time at the school and praised the moral and enthusiastic character of students that the school produces.

Ronnie Fox is the Principal of Fox Lawyers. He qualified as a solicitor at the City of London law firm Herbert Oppenheimer, Nathan & Vandyk. Ronnie founded and became the first senior partner of Fox Williams in 1989. He left that firm in 2006 in order to found Fox Lawyers. He is well-known for his expertise in negotiating departure arrangements, acting for employers and for employees, for professional firms and for individual partners. Many of his employment clients are in the financial services sector and most of his partnership clients are themselves lawyers. After the dinner, he addressed the Society on how the legal profession has changed through the years through increased regulation and the proliferation of technology in communication with clients.

The evening was a great success, with the Society's members commenting on the good atmosphere and lively discussion.

If you would like to be invited to future events of the Asquith Society, please be in touch with Isaac Livne (for contact details, email sarah.jenks@clsb.org.uk).



An end to the debate?

Andrew Murray, who taught History at CLS from 1967 to 1981, has written in putting an end to the speculation about this image. It was he who took this photo, during a school trip to Italy which he organised for eight pupils — the first year of the History Sixth. It was taken in the first week of April 1973 in the Porta San Miniato, at the town gates in the wall around Florence, and looking up the hill to San Miniato. The boys pictured are, from left to right: Michael J Burgess; Nigel P Kemp; James D Bond; John P Preiss; James Steele-Kendrick; Graham N Jones; Michel DA Syrett; Benedict A Plouviez. Many thanks also to Ivor Fried (68–74), who corroborated some of these names. AVM Murray now lives in Edinburgh and is the Archivist at Fettes College.



International Ties

Following a summer of sporting success for the whole nation, three CLS boys have been recognised for competing at international level. Oliver Griffiths 6AJH has won second place for sailing at the London Youth Games for two consecutive years and has crewed a two man dinghy competing in the world championships of its class. Parris Ikuomola 4C is a red belt in Taekwondo and recently won a silver medal for special

technique at the International Taekwondo Federation World Cup. Jake Hung 4C played chess for England against France this summer, resulting in one win and one loss. The John Carpenter Club continues to honour such achievements by awarding special ties, which can be seen above. We are grateful to Bruce Todd, former President of the JCC, for visiting the school to present the ties.

Lord Mayor's Show Accompanies CCF Band



On 10th of November, the City of London School CCF band took part in the Lord Mayor's Show procession. We arrived at school early in the morning, the closed-off roads and deserted streets resembling something out of 28 Days Later. However, as we walked to the Barbican, where our procession began and ended, it became clear to us that the public was going to turn out in their thousands. The trepidation, apprehension and excitement of performing on the world stage were not even diminished by the long wait as 114 floats set off before us.

Hemmed in between the world's largest nodding dog, and a float portraying an 80s disco, this was the height of the CCF band's public fame. The streets were lined several rows deep, with excited members of the public trying to get a glimpse of us, or at least a listen. We obliged with three hours of classic military tunes, and fan-friendly film scores. We beat away stiff competition from national cadet bands and professional marching bands, many



of which dwarfed our band in size, but were no match soldier for soldier. When a particularly large crowd cheered us on, Sgt Haskew made sure to spur us on from the front, even if it was our fifth rendition of "When the Saints Go Marching In," that day. Nevertheless, the CCF band carried out their duty with pride and honour. Despite the torrid conditions, the electric atmosphere guaranteed the enjoyment of the band and the livery dignitaries who were lucky enough to share our float. Sgt Haskew must be praised for his continued efforts in organising the band, and ensuring we maintained our high standards set in the Remembrance Day service at school. We would also like to thank UO Harrison for his help, and ensuring the band was well turned out.

**Corporal Oscar Emanuel
and Flight Sergeant Neil Connell**



Dov Katz (85–92) is now rated by The Legal 500 as a Leading Individual for small and mid cap flotations. It wrote: “Howard Kennedy’s head of AIM Dov Katz has ‘outstanding interpersonal skills’ and is ‘technically brilliant’. [He] advised Hurlingham plc on its AIM admission after the reverse takeover of Manroy Systems.”



Rev. Brian Shepherd (53–56) took a Chester Degree in History and Heritage (Archaeology) with Manx Studies in 2011, and a TSG (GCSE equivalent!) in the Manx language in 2012. He regrets having missed the OCPF Prayer Meeting and the Dinner, as he can’t leave the Isle of Man until later this year.

Sofia Mary Sachariew Wingate (left) was born six months ago in Mexico City. She is both the granddaughter of **Tom Wingate**, who retired from being Head of Year 9 and teaching English at CLS in 2007, and the niece of **Nicholas Lee**, who also taught English at City.



W. Andrew Mudie (55–59), known as “MUD” at school, became a professional civil engineer, has written four novels with one published and worked all over the world. He has four grand children and will shortly be celebrating his Golden Wedding Anniversary with Lynne. He now lives in Mt Tamborine, Queensland, Australia and invites any Old Citizens in the area from around his era to visit (ask Sarah Jenks for contact details).

Very many congratulations to **Terry Heard (53–59; teacher 67–97; Archivist to present)** (left), who was named a Member of the Order of British Empire in the 2013 New Year’s Honours as the “Co-Founder, UK Mathematics Trust” and “for services to the Teaching of Mathematics”. We hope to bring you a fuller report following investiture.

We are sorry to report that **Peter Young (44–48)**, long standing former Treasurer of the JCC, suffered a series of strokes in October 2012 and was in hospital for over three months. He has now been discharged, but is unable to return home at present and is currently staying at Pinehurst House Nursing Home in Sevenoaks, Kent. His mind is as active as ever, although his speech is still affected and he is not yet able to move around unaided. Nevertheless, he remains mainly cheerful. His son **David Young (72–79)** tries to keep him up to date with what is going on but both he and his brother **Richard (75–82)** know that Peter would welcome information and contact ‘first hand’ as well; visitors at Pinehurst are always welcome. David would be pleased to pass on any messages to Peter and can be contacted at davidyoung62@gmail.com.

65 years on...

Members of the MIVa class in 1948/9 gathered in November at Rules restaurant in London, where they enjoyed “an excellent lunch and prolonged reminiscence about our school days”. Those present were, from left to right: Geoffrey Gelberg, John Stanton, Hugh Courts, John Elliott and Geoffrey Thompson. Brian Gale and Dudley Bryant are in touch but were unable to attend on this occasion. The group is keen to know if there is anyone else from this form and year. If so, please contact John Elliott on yrmanldn@aol.com or 020 8642 7768.



JUBILEE FLOTILLA



Photo courtesy of "Capture the Event"

Adrian Birtles (51-60) wrote in response to the the article on the Jubilee River Pageant in the previous Gazette:

"Chris Gooderidge and Oliver John were not the only Old Citizens to take part in the Jubilee pageant; I was another (and I should quite surprised if there were not others too).

"I was participating as Second Engineer on the 35-foot open steam launch "Kariat", which was an official representative of the Isle of Wight, where I live these days. We were carrying the Lord Lieutenant of the Isle of Wight (Major General Martin White) and other representatives of the Island as well as, of course, the Isle of Wight Flag. My selection for this duty arose from my own steam boating activities. "Kariat" was built in 1897 in Cowes, Isle of Wight, and is still based there;

her present owner, and skipper on the day, is John Power, who lives in Cowes (an Old Etonian!)

"Chris commented on the lack of decorated buildings on the route, but the crowds were thick and enthusiastic on both banks all the way from Hammersmith to downstream of Wapping, the heavy rain notwithstanding. I too was proud to see (albeit, through the murk) the School as we passed, and to salute the Queen at her Wapping saluting base. It was indeed a great occasion, not to be missed and well-worth a wetting. For me it also rather completed a circle, as I had been fortunate enough to have a seat overlooking the Coronation procession in June 1953."

Adrian can be seen in the photo above "in a white boiler suit with arm aloft acknowledging some greeting from the crowd".

BOOK REVIEW

***Britain in India, 1858-1947* by Lionel Knight**

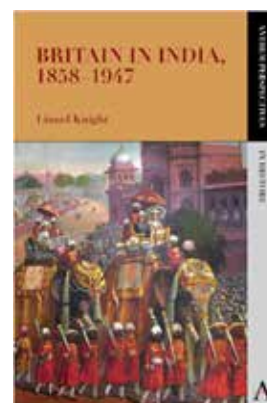
Reviewed by GS Griffin, Second Master and member of the CLS History Dept.

As many readers will know, Lionel Knight, MBE, is the retired head of History and Politics at CLS. He wrote this book over the past two years and it has received critical acclaim. Professor Francis Robinson, Royal Holloway, University of London wrote:

"This is a well-written and thoughtful narrative of British rule in India from 1858 to 1947. Composed unapologetically from a British point of view, it offers a balanced treatment of the main historiographical debates, supported by good guidance to further reading. This book will be of

great value for sixth form and first year university teaching."

It traces the last 90 years of British rule in the light of modern historical debates, examining the ambiguities of British rule that followed from the post-mutiny settlement. The volume analyses the tensions, the themes, the imperial interests and the desire for self-rule, through changing international relations and world wars to Indian independence and partition in 1947. Strongly recommended to those with an interest in modern history and historiography.



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INSIGHT: THE REPUBLIC OF CONGO

*Few of us can claim to know much about this country, not to be confused with its troubled neighbour. It's nearly a year since **Stefan Vukcevic (03-06)** travelled to Congo seeking business opportunities and he has not been disappointed. Here he gives us the insider's view on the modern reality of this fast-developing land...*

As some of my teachers may remember, I have not always been one to do things by the book, so to speak. This was never more the case when it came to finding a job after finishing university.

I studied Russian & French (UCL) and was trying to find a job in mining or energy, on the ground in Africa or Russia. A slight obsession with the Congo, especially former Zaïre, led me to pursue this area of the world more than others perhaps. A few months before graduating last year, I was offered a job as the assistant camp manager in a nascent gold mining project in Kakamoeka, Republic of Congo, the small country across the river Congo to the west of the DRC. Shortly before arriving, I was told I would be managing the operations of their sister company instead. We are a logistics company whose fleet of trucks is 20-strong and growing.

Having lived for half a year in a former French colony (Martinique), I was somewhat prepared for the bureaucracies and norms of both the business and social sides of Congo. French is the official language, although a handful of local dialects do exist, some more prominent than others depending on where you are. English is hardly spoken at all, and not speaking the language is indeed a great hindrance. I say this from experience as I work for an Anglophone company where I am the only person in the management that speaks/ writes French at an acceptable professional level. This does not mean that business cannot be done though and that the locals are not prepared to make an

effort – on the contrary, they are very welcoming and warm people.

Congo's population is just under 4,000,000. About half of its people live in the capital Brazzaville, with around 700,000 living in the commercial capital of Pointe Noire, which is my base. 90% of GDP comes from oil revenues, with Congo averaging around 255,000 barrels of oil a day for the last decade. The main presences in the industry are TOTAL (formerly Elf) and ENI, although there are some other small players with allocations, such as Murphy, Tullow and New AGE. There is a small refinery not far from Pointe Noire, but otherwise all refined products are imported.

Logistics are a huge obstacle in Congo, predominantly due to the appalling state of the roads, which have been forever on the verge of improvement. Having travelled numerous times across the country with our convoys, I can say that they are finally getting there. Most of the works are being done by Chinese companies, although there are others like SIPAM, who are making laterite roads and have maintenance contracts thereafter. The road to Brazzaville which is less than 600km long takes 3 days at best for a truck and a 40' trailer loaded with 30 tons. Only 2 years ago this could take up to 2 weeks in the rainy season.

The port is a hub of productivity and progress, which is a huge reason behind the country's phenomenal economic growth rate of 10%/annum. Despite the unbelievable corruption, the

operation is expanding all the time and is constantly attracting more business around it.

Mining is a very interesting business sector in Congo as there is a lot of money already invested and there are some very big names behind some of the projects, although not much has really got off the ground. There is everything one would expect in the region, from potash to gold to diamonds to copper to iron ore. As with many sectors, and indeed the private lives of those living here, much is attempted to be kept in secret, but this word does not really feature in the Congolese version of the French dictionary, and very quickly things are the talk of the town.

This has its benefits too. It does not take long to find out who is who and often to meet those very people. Business is done in a very different way here as I am sure anyone who has done or endeavored to do any business in Africa will confirm. "C'est l'Afrique – on s'adapte". These were the words of a wise taxi driver during my first month here. Versatility and proactivity go a long way. There is no shortage of money here and with the right experience and connections very successful businesses can be started and grown.

If you have any queries, either formal or informal about Congo or indeed anything else, please do not hesitate to contact me. I travel back to the UK frequently.

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SMITH BROTHERS IN THE MEDIA



Daniel Smith (07-09) appears on prime-time BBC to test a new bike for the blind as part of Richard Hammond's Miracles of Nature series.

Michael and Daniel Smith are building up regular appearances in the media. Since they lost their sight from a rare genetic disorder not long ago, they have been an inspiration, taking on various challenges and fundraising activities. The Gazette last reported on them in Summer 2012 Issue 303, after they had raised over £16,000 for Blind in Business by cycling in tandems from London to Amsterdam. This time Dan was back on his bike for an experiment, but this time riding alone.

Richard Hammond was looking at how nature's capabilities can inspire solutions to human problems, and one challenge was how to see in the pitch dark. He observed how accurately bats can navigate through small spaces using echolocation, and then met Professor Brian Hoyle, who has developed a type of white stick – the “UltraCane” – as a mobility aid for the visually impaired. It sends out ultrasonic signals, which, when they bounce back from a nearby object, are relayed to the user as vibrations on the thumbpads of the handles and thus allow their brain to build up a picture of their surroundings.

Hammond took this idea a stage further, and decided to adapt a mountain bike by attaching UltraCane sensors and handles – the “Bat Bike”! Amazingly, after only a short practice, Dan managed to follow all the twists, turns and bumps of a narrow woodland cycle track. He commented, “It’s very good to be back on a single bike again”.



Call for Musical Instruments

The Music Department at City runs a very successful scheme in which boys in OG and First Form are given the chance to learn an instrument for two terms. This enables them to try an instrument they may not otherwise have had the opportunity to play, and to gauge their potential. However, for some of the more expensive instruments demand is currently outstripping supply, and boys are sharing instruments, meaning they are not able to keep up with regular practice at home.

Do you have an instrument you no longer use? Would you be willing to donate it to the school, or to offer it on a long-term loan basis? Oboes and bassoons in particular are in shorter supply than most other instruments because of their cost, but any orchestral instrument plus saxophones or guitars, either working or in need of (minor) repairs would be gratefully received.

In addition, if you have an instrument at home which was provided to you by the school, and somehow never got returned, please do return it - no questions asked!

For more details, please contact Paul Harrison in the Music Department on the main school number or at ph@clsb.org.uk

JACK CRAWFORD: OAKLAND RAIDER



Born in London, Jack Crawford, known as “JJ”, attended City 2001-2005, where he played basketball. Towering at 6’5”, it’s not hard to see why. He made the national under-16 and under-18 teams, and travelled to compete against different countries all across Europe, which he says was “a great experience”. Then a coach spotted him and suggested he try playing basketball in the USA, so, at the age of 16, he moved to New Jersey and completed High School there. Since his family still live and work here, he had to live with the family of another team member: “I would’ve easily gone home because I was homesick: I just wasn’t happy being over here at first. So the support that [the host family] gave me really kept me pushing through everything [...] and I definitely owe a lot to them.”

However, there he discovered American Football: “It was an exciting sport once I started to learn the rules [...] I just decided I wanted to give it a try”. Watching high school games, he thought “I could do this. I could play this game”. Despite his having a very modest opinion of his first attempts (“I was pretty bad at it, actually”), it soon turned out he had great talent: in his final year at school, having only been playing the sport for just over a year, he was rated 15th best “defensive end” in the country by Scout.com. When offers came flooding in from the best university teams, he says “I didn’t know what I was doing right, but I knew that I had to keep going and try and do better”. He chose Penn State, and whilst there competed in the Big Ten Conference – part of the first division of varsity sports. “To play at that level is something that is not the same as playing in the NFL, but it definitely



prepares you at a good college level to come in and have the same kind of work ethic; it gets your mentality right”.

Then in the 2012 National Football League Draft he was picked by the prestigious Oakland Raiders. He describes the Draft as a “scary experience”, but when he got the call from Oakland, it “just clicked: this is going to be my future”. Based in California, they are one of the top professional teams, having won numerous titles, Super Bowls and Championships. Growing up, Oakland Raiders was JJ’s favourite team, admittedly by virtue of the fact that they were the only one he had really heard of! Nevertheless, suddenly being in the same locker room as people whom he had seen and admired on television was “like a dream come true”.

JJ is now enduring a tough training schedule as he works to try and make the transition from rookie reserve to being on the 53-man roster for the team. To our knowledge, he is the first Old Citizen to have become a professional footballer, English or American. We are extremely proud and wish him the very best of luck!



FOOTBALL



Above:
Action from Old
Foresters' visit to Grove
Park. The Cits recorded a
9-0 victory.

The OCs are hoping it will be a case of third time lucky as they once again go into the turn of the year in a good league position. With the top two spots gaining automatic promotion, football in division four remains a very realistic prospect for next season. We have recorded 6 league wins out of 7 so far, with the other game a 3-3 draw against our current rivals for the top spot, Old Malvernians. A goal difference of plus 32 illustrates how impressive some of our performances and margins of victory have been. Right from the start of the season we have been battling for top spot with Old Malvernians, who currently occupy the position, due to the marginally superior goal difference, but a surprise defeat, means that we now have a game in hand on them.

Special mention must go to striker Finn MacCabe who tops the goal scoring charts at this stage and is comfortably in double figures for the season, as well as Will McKenna who continues to marshal the defence at the back.

In the Arthur Dunn Cup we were unfortunate to draw one of the big guns from the Premier Division in the first round. Indeed, with key players missing, we still put up a valiant display against Old Etonians 1st XI, and held them for a long period in the first half, and were unlucky to go behind at the break. In the end their superior fitness and finishing showed in the second half as the opposition ran out comfortable winners.

The season starts again in January and with seven league games left and the Junior League Cup to come, there is much to look forward to. Indeed as the squad expands, the possibility of a second side becomes realistic so if you want to get involved please get in contact. Support is also always welcome, with home matches usually played on Saturday morning at Grove Park, whilst away games are usually within the M25. Details can be gained from Rob Harris (rmharris@edwardswildman.com) or the Arthurian League website.

FENCING

We have not been able to organise a match against the School this year, though a number of OCs have declared themselves available if a date can be found for 2013. Charley Elliott is working at it, and we remain hopeful.

Meanwhile, although we do not get together for our sport, our paths do cross from time to time. I saw Fahim Adam fencing Epee at the Hampshire Open (I think that was it) early this year, and have heard that Jonathan May and Josh Cockcroft are still fencing. Jonny Holmes has been travelling the world, but now seems settled in Cambridge for a

little while, so we might be able to coax him back.

Alex Upcraft continues to annihilate much of the competition, having won the Paris Open Epee a few months ago, and being currently 38th in the UK Rankings Epee table. Alex currently lives in Paris.

And Brian Millo, simply by surviving to a great age, managed to win GB selection in Foil and Sabre for the veterans' Worlds in Austria this year. But that was all that he did win, finishing (in his age-group) 21/28 in Sabre, and 12/30 in Foil.

The Old Citizens Golfing Society enjoyed a successful year in 2012. Our fixtures started with the Halford Hewitt Cup at Royal Cinque Ports Golf Club in late March. We were drawn to play Merchant Taylors in the 1st round. A very tough draw against the beaten Finalists from 2009! So we moved fairly swiftly into the Plate Competition at Prince's Golf Club and came very close to beating Downside. Downside went on to be beaten in the semi-final so we hope for better luck and a longer run next year. Mark Stockton announced his retirement as Halford Hewitt Captain. Alex Tapp has agreed to take on the role and we all wish him the very best of luck for the future. I am sure the new and younger talent of Adam Jones and Jamie Spencer will help us progress but we do need better luck with the draw! Each year we seem to end up playing past winners or schools ranked in the top 10.

Our Spring meeting was held at Worplesdon, one of Surrey's finest courses and very good value. It also provides us with some additional practice for the Cyril Gray Competition held at the same venue in late June. Our Society Captain Paul Marsh won the Pollard Cup on a count-back over the last 3 holes from The Secretary. This was in spite of the fact that he had his club handicap reduced due to his many Society wins in 2011! The Spring Meeting success resulted in a further reduction of his handicap but that didn't seem to hold him back!

We managed to organise a match against the School at Old Fold Manor in June, after the exams and before the Summer break. This year the Old Citizens managed to retain the Law Robertson Bowl presented many years ago for this fixture. We did have Jamie Spencer (a comparatively recent school leaver) playing for us which helped. We hope to unearth more golfing talent in the school and this is one of the best ways of achieving that aim.

The Cyril Gray tournament at Worplesdon passed uneventfully, and resulted in narrow defeats in both round 1 and the Plate. We could put out a stronger team in this tournament and I do hope that some of our members who are now over 50 years old and therefore qualified to play will consider doing so! It would make the selector's life easier. If we could deploy a stronger team, I am sure we could move through further stages of this popular tournament.

Our usual Summer Meeting at Swinley Forest Golf Club was largely ruined by rain! Only the first 3 pairs managed to complete the course before the rains descended and flooded the greens to the extent that putting became impossible. I suppose that is the origin of the phrase rub of the green! Anyway the scores in the first and second pair

were worthy and I do not think anyone else would have bettered them, rain or shine. Terry Bridle won the Spice Bowl with a gross score of 4 over par 72. Paul Marsh (again) won the John Carpenter Cup with a gross 76, net 70 from his handicap of 6. In fact Paul's club handicap is nearer 11. Paul Marsh presented Bev Taylor with an engraved Claret Jug to recognise and celebrate his 50 plus years as a member of the Golfing Society. This is a remarkable achievement. Bev has served the Society well in many and various ways from Secretary, HH Captain, Society Captain and so on. He is still responsible for organising and cajoling players for the Cyril Gray Tournament. I am sure Bev will continue to support the Society for many years to come.

The Captain's Day in September was held at Hadley Wood Golf Club. The turnout was a little disappointing but we enjoyed the course and company. It was good to see Nigel Weekes join us for the day. Paul Marsh provided some excellent mementoes of crystal glasses and we played for the Centurion Trophy kindly donated by the Stockton Family. This was won by Clive Lewis making a return to golf with the Society. I suppose we shouldn't be too surprised as Clive was a past member at Hadley Wood. It was good to see Clive back and we hope he plays in more events next season. It was also good to see Len Dowsett in the bar after our morning round. Len still plays a few holes with his friends at Hadley Wood.

It was a shame that we didn't manage to put a team together for the Match against St Paul's. Their organiser has already contacted me about the fixture for next year and suggested 8 per side. I do hope we can produce a team, as this fixture will likely cease if not.

We do extend a warm welcome to all Old Citizens to our golf days. You do not need to be a member of a club or have a recognised handicap but a reasonable level of golfing ability would be helpful. Please contact the Secretary for details.

CRICKET

Floods – but cricket wades through

We reported in the last issue that wet weather forced the highest percentage of rained off cancellations in more than fifty years. August and September were considerably less damp fortunately, and we had quite a good final couple of months of the season. Sam Packer and Saad Syed had good innings and Steve Ringer also got into form with an eighty. Match reports follow.

Overall results were good. We won 7 Drew 6 Lost 3 (cancellations 11)

Vs Ivanhoe – August 18 – Drawn

Old Citizens 189 – 7 dec.

Ivanhoe 114 – 8

Opener Allan Saldanha scored 80 and Sam scored 32, with Birdseed contributing 35, we set a challenging target. Ivanhoe lost their third wicket on 23, and when they then slid to 36 for 6, a win was out of the question for them. Sam took 4 for 11, and Junky 2 for 9. Ivanhoe avoided defeat after adding 57 for the seventh wicket.

Vs Arkley – August 25 – Drawn

Arkley 80 – 8 dec.

Old Citizens did not bat

Uzair and Saad both took 2 for 17 and we were heading for a win, when there was a deluge at tea which stopped further play.

Vs Southgate – August 27 – Drawn

Southgate 200 – 7 dec.

Old Citizens 155 – 6

Seven Southgate batsmen looked set by reaching 20, but none of them passed 35. Sam took 3 for 36. Mike Knight was the mainstay of our batting scoring 74 undefeated. But although Gaj scored 32 and Birdseed 24, we could not score fast enough, and the match was drawn.

Vs Mayfield – September 1 – Won (40 overs)

Mayfield 177 – 7 dec.

Old Citizens 179 – 4

On a fine but overcast day at Winchmore Hill, the visitors compiled a decent total. However, we batted well, Sam 45, and Saad 29, including seven boundaries, was followed by 80 not out by Steve Ringer, which saw us home in less than 30 overs.

Vs Ilford Catholic – September 8 – Won (40 overs)

Old Citizens 220 – 6 dec.

Ilford Catholic 103

A new fixture. Mike scored a half century and there were confident contributions from Allan and Saad. Uzair and Birdseed opened our attack, and Ilford found runs hard to come by. But it was the slow bowling of Junky 3 for 24, John Harris 4 for 15, and Saqib Mirza who took the wickets for a comfortable win.



Vs Aldenham – September 15 – Drawn

Aldenham 240 – 9 dec.

Old Citizens 221 – 8

The strong Aldenham side scored well in spite of a couple of early hiccups, and we were asked to chase a big total. Wickets were shared around, Sam 3 for 34, Saad 2 for 15, Uzair 2 for 54, with Birdseed and Ash Dhahi the other wicket takers. We replied strongly with 80 from Sam and 69 from Saad in a second wicket stand of 139 runs which worried Aldenham. In the end we ended up with another honourable draw.

Vs Mountnessing – September 22 – Won

Old Citizens 143

Mountnessing 91

In good weather conditions our total appeared rather light at the attractive village ground bordered by a windmill. Gaj's 40 and Dan Grendowicz's 31 were our two best efforts. There was support from skipper Richard Hillman and Birdseed. James had early success with the ball and the home side found themselves on 20 for 3. We saw the possibility of a win at this stage, but Mountnessing rallied to 69 before Richard Saldanha struck. Richard then took a further three wickets partnered by Birdseed who took three wickets at the other end. Together they bowled us to a win by 52 runs.

Vs Bohemians – September 29 – Lost (35 overs)

Bohemians 155 – 8 dec.

Old Citizens 126

Although the weather was all right, the pitch at North London CC was still damp from previous rain, resulting in a bit of variable bounce. James and Mike got us off to a useful start in the bowling department, but missed chances in the field resulted in the opposition building what turned out to be a match winning stand of 88 for the fifth wicket. We welcomed Graham Rolt back playing for us, and he took 3 for 38. Sam was bowled for 28, and Steve top scored with 33, if either had continued we might have won. Graham was 20 not out when we ran out of overs.

BATTING AVERAGES 2012

Name	Inns	NO	HS	Runs	Aver.
Sam PACKER	6	0	90	288	48.00
Saad SYED	3	0	69	126	42.00
Michael KNIGHT	10	1	74*	334	37.11
Allan SALDANHA	5	0	80	138	27.60
Dan GRENDOWICZ	5	0	65	128	25.60
Shahil SOMANI	4	1	37*	65	21.67
Karthi SRIKANTHAN	3	0	40	64	21.33
Gajan SRIKANTHAN	9	0	40	162	18.00
Steve RINGER	14	2	80*	211	17.58
Richard MILLETT	11	1	35*	141	14.10
James GLEADOW	10	3	38	76	10.86
Richard HILLMAN	13	6	16*	62	8.86
Ash DABHI	3	0	19	20	6.67
John HARRIS	8	2	16	23	3.83

Also Batted (<3 completed innings)

John ELMES 2 - 0 - 69 - 84 Saeed HATTEEA 2 - 1 - 66* - 66 Mark SIGNY 1 - 0 - 38 - 38
 Richard SALDANHA 3 - 1 - 24 - 34 Omar HATTEEA 2 - 0 - 16 - 24 Uzair CHIRAGDIN 4 - 4 - 16* - 23
 Graham ROLT 1 - 1 - 20* - 20 Saqib MIRZA 1 - 0 - 11 - 11 Jamie PATEL 1 - 0 - 9 - 9
 Mike SHANNON 3 - 2 - 5* - 6 Tony SAWELL 3 - 2 - 4* - 6 Michael OKUN 1 - 0 - 4 - 4
 Dinesh PANCH 1 - 0 - 3* - 3 Moe CHIZARI 1 - 0 - 3 - 3 Ameer ANJUM 1 - 0 - 0 - 0

BOWLING AVERAGES

Name	Overs	Mdns	Runs	Wkts	Aver.
Sam PACKER	48	10	165	15	11/00
Graham ROLT	7	1	34	3	11.33
Richard SALDANHA	33.5	2	140	12	11.67
Jamie PATEL	7.2	0	47	4	11.75
Saad SYED	16	1	62	5	12.40
Tony SAWELL	25	3	93	6	14.50
Mike SHANNON	65	10	274	14	19.43
James GLEADOW	81	19	294	14	21.00
Richard MILLETT	93.2	16	375	16	23.44
Michael KNIGHT	63	11	205	8	25.62
John HARRIS	28	2	165	6	27.50
Shahil SOMANI	32	2	155	5	30.40
Uzair CHIRAGDIN	30	4	159	4	39.75

Also Bowled (<3 wickets)

John ELMES 5 - 1 - 33 - 2 Dinesh PANCH 7 - 0 - 42 - 2 Saqib MIRZA 2 - 0 - 3 - 1
 Ash DABHI 16 - 1 - 79 - 1 Moe CHIZARI 2 - 0 - 6 - 0 Ameer ANJUM 7 - 1 - 30 - 0
 Omar HATTEEA 4 - 0 - 40 - 0

FIELDING

Wicket-keeping

Richard HILLMAN
 Victims 9 (3 stumped, 6 caught)
 Steve RINGER
 Victims 0

Catches

A. Saldanha 4, Somani 4, Ringer 4, Packer 3, O. Hatteea 3,
 Dabhi 3, G. Srikanthan 2, Gleadow 2, Knight 2, Millett 1,
 K. Srikanthan 1, Sawell 1, Shannon 1, Grendowicz 1, Panch 1,
 Mirza 1, Elmes 1.

FIVES

A top-half position in the national second division, (a bottom-half position in the national third division), two pairs in the old boy/schoolboy tournament and a player in the top six of the new national rankings all speak of the thriving concern that the OCEFC has once again become since the turn of the millennium.

And that's without a very eventful Wood Plate, our season-starter, which saw Jonny Powell and Nick Gill win the silverware, Stephen Kelly earn the soldiering-on-alone award and Les Jacobs qualify for membership of the Wood-Plate-and-Adams-Cup Casualty Club (WPACCC) which includes two players who died on court.

The runners-up that October day were Stephen Kelly and Les Jacobs, who dislocated a finger in the middle of the crucial game. He jammed his right hand against the upper side wall of the court as his pair was winning 5-4. As Les was taken to hospital by his sister-in-law, Rachel Douek, Stephen carried on regardless – rules were tweaked so he had two serves, and cuts to him had to be heading towards the buttress. Stephen has improved both his cut and return of cut in recent years so it could be

said that playing alone means that the set piece gives him a strong platform to compete against any side which is not so accomplished in those areas although obviously after that he's out-numbered. Stephen played some tenacious fives but couldn't overcome the odds and lost the game 5-9.

Les was taken to the Whittington Hospital and had the finger x-rayed, relocated and splinted. Les joined the rest of us at the Wrestlers on Highgate North Hill to a standing ovation later in the afternoon. Les is now one of a small band of distinguished fives players who have become Adams Cup or Wood Plate casualties: a band led by GNL Harris and GHC Lewis, who both died on court as they were competing in the Adams.

Some seven pairs competed for the solid silver trophy, donated by Tom Wood in the 1970s as a prize for those knocked out in the first round of the Adams Cup.

We welcomed for the first time Jivan Navani from CLS who has only been playing Eton fives for a year but has obviously benefitted on Wednesday afternoons at Westminster from the coaching of former Kinnaird champion Matt Wiseman.

Below:
The Wood Plate
ensemble (minus the
brothers Jacobs)





Above: Old Cit and German resident Martin East visited west London earlier in the year and introduced her to the game.



Above: Dan Floyd in Wood Plate action watched by John Gee-Grant, John Reynolds and Max Twivy.

Our second division side was at the time of writing in fourth position of the eleven-team competition, having won two out of three matches, beating the Old Salopians 2-1 and the Old Westminsters II 3-0. If organiser Nick Gill keeps this up, it would represent a massive improvement on last year's bottom-three placing.

Third division match manager Alex Nice oversaw several close matches but points were proving hard to come by and had amassed just two by early December. One possible consolation is that there's no risk of relegation from Division Three.

For the first time in several years CLS and the OCEFC entered two pairs for the Graham Turnbull tournament. The competition is held at Eton and pairs must consist of a current schoolboy and an old boy.

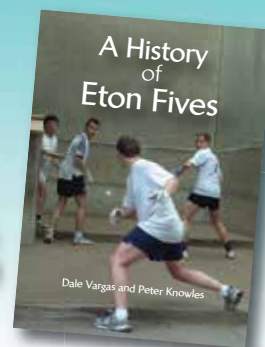
Current pupils Ben Lee (senior sixth) and Jivan Navani (junior sixth) entered, partnering Nick Gill and Alex Nice respectively. The tournament was a valuable experience, allowing both current boys and Old Cits to compete against players of highest level.

Eton Fives National rankings were compiled last year for the first time and club captain John Reynolds - thanks to a couple of recent semi-final appearances in the games big three tournaments - has risen to the giddily implausible No6 spot. It won't last.

The club is still enjoying jovial knockabouts every Thursday at Highgate. If anybody would like to come along, especially if you've not pulled on the gloves for a while or are recent school leavers, please contact Alex Nice at asfnice@hotmail.com.

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JCC Sports Reminisces & Drinks: Where are they now?

A while ago we had a couple of Old Cits sportsmen visiting the London area and Tony Sawell, Peter "Fuzz" Stiles and John Petzold, managed to meet up with them to find out what has happened since they were last playing cricket, fives and rugby with the old boys. The chosen venue on each occasion was the Red Lion pub at Betchworth, which has a cricket ground at the back where we used to play Reigate Pilgrims CC.

We met up with Chris Dicker and his wife Ann who had come up to visit family in the Brighton and London areas. Chris was a very regular performer for all three sports, especially cricket and rugby. He stopped playing for us when work with Honeywell Controls took him to Belgium where he was based for a number of years, and he continued to keep in touch with OC Tony McPherson who was in Belgium too. On his return to England he fell in love with Devon and moved there permanently; owning and running his own business making and selling specialist equipment for soldering. He has now retired but is very recognizable as the old Chris. Tony reminded Chris that he was responsible for getting him to

play for the OCCC many years ago, when all the Sawells used to play for Wilmington CC which was their local village team. Chris said that the OC cricket was in danger of disbanding at that time and desperately needed players. He had played for Tony's third eleven at school and remembered how Tony had started the school thirds using spare players from younger sides, tennis players, swimmers, and indeed anyone else he could get to play when they were not playing their other sports. He arranged the school's third eleven fixture programme, craftily avoiding dates where the second eleven were playing where possible for good measure and better availability.

Colin Keeler was another visitor from across the pond who enjoyed visiting a proper pub once again. Many will remember Colin as a keen fives player who developed as a useful cricketer for the club. Colin went to the USA where he continued to work in the field of paper manufacturing and sales. He has just reached retirement age but has decided that he wants to continue to work, and is looking at the possibility of a franchise to purchase. His family are all settled in America now so he is staying there, but had come back to visit his mother. Those who knew Colin previously would recognize him at once, and he is as fit as he ever was. He hired a car for his UK visit and Fuzz said he hoped Colin's driving had improved, as he can well remember getting a lift from Colin to a cricket match and flying a handkerchief out of the open sunroof after a hairy bit of driving. Colin managed to time his visit for the seventies reunion at the school, where he met up with several old form mates.

Left:
Colin Keeler with Fuzz
Stiles. Is that the same
pullover Colin used to
wear?

Below:
Ann (Chris' wife), Fuzz,
Chris, and the top of
John Harris



His Honour, Judge P V Baker, MA, BCL, QC

By Ian Cameron-Black (49-58)

It is very sad to have to record the death on August 28th 2012, at the age of 89, of Paul Baker, President of the Club for the year 1982-83 and for many years a member of the JCC Committee and a trustee of its charitable funds. The son of an Old Citizen, he started at CLS in 1935 in Classical III A under Mr JEB Marsh ("Boggy"). He was a member of Abbott, and he took a small part in the School Play, "Julius Caesar", in 1940, but otherwise he appears to have kept a low profile – certainly in comparison with his subsequent distinguished academic and legal career. He had a year of the evacuation at Marlborough, which he did not enjoy, and left from the Senior Classical Sixth (Mr Oakley) in 1940.

On leaving school he initially joined his grandfather's firm as a stock-jobber but, as soon as he was called up, he asked to go into the RAF, hoping to be accepted for aircrew. This was refused, however, and he was assigned to ground-crew. Having learned Morse at Blackpool, he again applied to become aircrew, was accepted and was sent to Canada to train as a wireless operator/navigator. He rose to be an instructor and returned to Great Britain just in time for VE Day. With the rank of Flight Lieutenant he was then posted to Singapore just in time for VJ Day. It was while there that he shared a room with the brother of his future wife, Stella, although their marriage was not for another ten years. He was demobbed in 1946.

Paul had no wish to continue as a stock-jobber, but, prompted by an uncle by marriage, who happened to be permanent secretary of the Board of Trade, went up to University College, Oxford, to study jurisprudence. He graduated BA and then Bachelor of Civil Law, and in 1950 was called to the Bar of Lincoln's Inn. He joined the chambers of Sir Robert Megarry QC, whom he assisted in editing the work of legal reference, "Snell on Equity". Meanwhile at weekends he returned to Oxford to take tutorials and also to assist Professor Arthur Goodhart in editing the "Law Quarterly Review". In due course he became editor himself. In 1972 he took silk and in 1979 he became a Bencher of Lincoln's Inn.

Paul was no way an extrovert character as many senior barristers seek to appear. He was a somewhat nervous speaker and his work was chiefly practised in chamber, producing scholarly, detailed and lucid opinions. In 1990 he became a circuit judge in the Chancery Division, sitting at the Bromley Country Court and latterly at the City of London Court. He was renowned for his judgements and for his courteous and patient manner. One of his

judgments is quoted on Google. It concerns the ownership of the copyright of words and then the same words when set to music by someone else.

"It is misleading to think of words and music in mutually exclusive compartments. The words themselves are or may be the subject of literary copyright. But those same words when sung are to me part of the music."

After retiring from the Bench, Paul edited the Black Books of Lincoln's Inn, producing many pages of meticulously researched scholarship on the recent history of the Inn.

There was a service of thanksgiving for Paul's life in the chapel of Lincoln's Inn on November 5th. The chapel was very full, and the address was given by a friend from student days, the Rt Hon Sir David Edward, KCMG QC.

The Club extend its deep sympathy to Stella (herself a distinguished ophthalmic surgeon) and to their son and daughter, Ian and Alison.



Stewart Millman 1948–2012 (CLS 1960–67)

By Alan Shackman (60–67)



Stewart Millman was that rarity in this day and age, a genuine all-rounder: Science 6th at CLS, open scholarship to New College, Oxford to read chemistry, and then straight into merchant banking as an investment manager at Lazards, followed, unusually, by switching to the other side of the table into corporate finance and venture capitalism.

Stewart, the man, was no less an all-rounder. He could talk on so many subjects with knowledge and personal experience. Never short of an opinion but, never opinionated or anything less than fair to his fellow man. “So-and-so, a nice chap!” was his unconscious catch phrase. His only unreasonable prejudice was for a certain Manchester football team.

Director of Lazard Securities, Managing Director at de Zoete & Bevan, Managing Director for Equity Primary Markets at NatWest give a flavour of his status in the City. His reputation was international. It is to Stewart that a number of Israeli and other overseas high tech companies have been turning in recent years when looking to raise capital in the UK. This singular success in the financial world has not simply been due to business acumen and knowledge of the markets. Let me quote one of his colleagues, “He was extraordinarily engaging with clients. He often drove me crazy when we went on business trips together – we would have a tight schedule to keep but Stewart would spend as much time as it took to establish a bond with the client before turning to the business of the day.” People trusted him. With Stewart as your adviser you had not only expertise but also absolute commitment.

Everyone was treated the same irrespective of their position in life. Even as a boy he had no fear of authority figures, treating them simply as fellow human beings. Our redoubtable headmaster, Arthur Barton, was less than pleased one Wednesday lunchtime to find three boys hanging around on Victoria Embankment by the school’s main entrance. Stewart was unfazed, explaining that we were just waiting for his father who was going to drive us down to Grove Park to watch the Masters v. First XI cricket match. “Would you like a lift sir?”

There were no airs and graces to Stewart – a disinclination to formality in which he was unwittingly indulged by CLS. ‘Boggy’ Marsh, the form master of 3A in the early 1960s, had a delightfully patrician delivery that made it hard to differentiate between his enunciation of the names Milner (Michael of that ilk) and Millman. Call for one and as like as not the other would answer. Finally, in frustration, Boggy decided he would use first names instead. Astonishment all round! Boys in public schools of that era simply did

not have first names, certainly not until they reached the 6th form, and even then never used by the masters. Nonetheless the names Stewart and Michael resounded around Room 16.

Soccer and cricket played a large part in his life both as player and spectator. Only rarely did he miss a Man U home game, totally undeterred by a 400 mile round trip. My own initiation to the sportsman came one Wednesday afternoon when I found myself captain of a scratch team in some inconsequential game. The 13 year old Stewart pleaded to have a bowl. Never having seen him play I demurred: his was not a shape that suggested sporting prowess. But eventually I gave in. None too soon. Three paces led into a highly original straight arm heave miraculously directed at the stumps. Wickets tumbled. (In later years, this action was, to my eyes, exactly emulated by Jeff Thomson, the great Australian fast bowler, to whom I say, “Good on you clobber but you were only copying Millman”.)

Stewart rose to the rank of sergeant in the RAF section of the CLS Combined Cadet Force, driven, it must be said, less by military fervour than by the opportunity to fly. Travel became one of the passions of his life both on business and for pleasure. He indulged his family in this passion too. Woe betide a niece or nephew with a long vacation coming up: a glint would come into Stewart’s eye and off they would be whisked to a remote corner of South America, probably with the added bonus of hours on a rickety bus crossing the Andes.

A confirmed bachelor, Stewart nonetheless was very much a family man: his sisters and their children could not have been more important to him. He was of immense support to the younger generation in the widest sense, as a mentor and as a London home for the out-of-town contingent.

Stewart was generous with his money and just as important with the giving of his time. In November his beloved New College held a memorial service. Professor Sir Curtis Price, the Warden, spoke movingly to a large congregation of a friend who had done so much for the College, not least the endowment of a Stewart Millman Fellowship in Management Sciences together with a bursary to support postgraduate students. As a long serving Trustee of the New College Development Fund he has been providing right up to his untimely death an invaluable hands-on steer through these current turbulent financial times. Oxfam was another of his passions, perhaps because he had seen some of their work first-hand during his travels. One could continue.

A remarkable man! I suspect we’ll never know the half of it.

It is with sadness that we also note the passing of: MF Jones (42–50), Dr JM Nocton (46–55), AC Parsons (38–39), JL Stanton (44–53), Prof JW Thompson (36–43) and BF Catt, (Chairman of the Board of Governors 96–99).

Rev. Peter Amies 1927–2012 (CLS 1938–40)



Peter Amies, who became the South West's representative of the Baptist Missionary Society, died in September aged 85.

Whilst at CLS he was evacuated to Marlborough. After school, Peter was enlisted in the Army and flown to the Middle East, where he became the youngest captain in the Palestinian Army Service Corps.

He also met his wife-to-be, Stella, who was stationed in Cairo. On his missions to Cairo, Peter would pick her up on his motorbike and take her out to parties as their relationship blossomed. However, it wasn't easy as she had to dress as a male soldier in order for him to whisk her away undetected.

Peter returned to London after the war but, deciding that a job in The City wasn't for him, he enrolled in Spurgeon's Baptist College where he studied theology until he was ordained in July 1955. He worked in various churches around the country, but settled in Clevedon. He was involved in working together with other churches and he was instrumental in the creation of the Clevedon Council of Churches which later became Churches Together.

Peter was known for his enthusiasm for outdoor activities, his kindness and sense of humour. He is survived by a large family of children and grandchildren.

Seamus Potter 1955–2012 (CLS 1964–72)

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Seamus Potter, chief sub-editor of the Evening Standard's international pages, has died at the age of 57.

A Fleet Street veteran who enthusiastically upheld all its traditions, Seamus was the eldest son of Daily Mirror features executive and author John Deane Potter and Mirror fashion editor Eve Chapman, who was also the News of the World's agony aunt in the Eighties and Nineties.

Brought up in Chelsea, Seamus added a literary and arty élan to the Evening Standard on his first tour of duty in the late Seventies.

In 1987, he was transferred from the middle-bench of the paper to become deputy editor of the revived Evening News, as Lord Rothermere sought to squash Robert Maxwell's newly launched London Daily News. The move was a success — and the Evening News was closed soon after it had helped the Standard successfully scupper the opposition.

After a stint heading production at the Sunday Telegraph under Charles Moore and Dominic Lawson,

and spells on the Daily Telegraph's back-bench and then as Scottish editor and City chief sub-editor, Seamus launched The Sportsman as production editor.

When the paper ran out of cash and folded, he returned to the Standard and supervised the foreign pages, dispensing wit and wisdom and offering friendship and support to younger sub-editors and editors alike.

In his early days on the Western Daily Press, he was a founder member of the "Hole in the Head gang", a group of maverick young Turks. He jumped off a ferry in the Irish Sea miles from Liverpool to save a cartoonist fellow member who dived overboard for a wager. In his early twenties, Seamus was named among the top 20 most eligible bachelors in London by a society magazine.

A man of firm views, Seamus was a loyal and committed journalist and friend who accepted the onset of throat cancer with dignity, stoicism and a complete lack of self-pity. His son Luis and his sister Lucinda were by his bedside during his last weeks in Trinity Hospice, Clapham.

EVENTS

Thursday 31 January, 5pm
CLS Careers Fair
Many thanks to those of you who agreed to help.

Tuesday 12 February, 6pm
JCC General Committee Meeting

Thursday 28 February, 6.30pm
Silent movie *Safety Last* with live accompaniment by concert pianist Costas Fotopolous
CLS Great Hall. Organised by the Parents' Bursary Committee.

Monday 11 March (for 4 days), 7.00pm
(except Wed 4.30pm)
School drama production: *Macbeth*.
Tickets available from reception. Evening performances preceded by a reception in the Asquith Room at 6.15pm

Monday 18th March, 7pm
Old Citizens' Water Polo
CLS Swimming Pool

Tuesday 19th March, 6.30pm
Joint CLS/CLSG Concert
CLS Great Hall

Wednesday 20th March, 6pm
JCC Executive Committee Meeting

Thursday 21 March, 7 for 7.30pm
JCC Annual Dinner 2013
Honourable Artillery Company, London

Friday 5th April
Sports Dinner
In central London. Contact Bill Barnes for details: bill.barnes@hymans.co.uk

Thursday 23 May 2013, 6.30pm
Joint JCC and Parents' Bursary Committee Reception, CLS

Wednesday 3 July 2013, 6.30pm
JCC Retirement farewell for teacher Jonathan Keates
At CLS, details tbc

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Tues 8 Jan - Wed 27 Mar
(half-term 14–15 Feb)

Summer term 2013
Thurs 18 Apr - Fri 5 July
(half-term 27–31 May)

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Tues 3 Sept - Fri 13 Dec
(half-term 21–25 Oct)

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