

THE ZINGSMEN

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PO Box 163, Dunedin 9054 Email: office@kingshigh.school.nz Head: Old Boys' Association

A Message from the Chairman of the 75th Reunion Committee

Dusty chalkboards, squeaky desks and short trousers—some of the memories old boys may have of their days at King's High School. It is rare that anyone gets a chance to relive those days but a special time like our 75th Reunion is one of those times.

There is a strong team from the Association who has spent many hours in providing a set of high quality functions in keeping with the proud image of the School. We have tried to keep our costs down without lowering our standards. I am sure you will be pleasantly surprised by the results.

Our events Convener, Warwick Larkins along with Doug Jackson have chosen the Edgar Centre as the venue for our 'Informal get Together' and 'Formal Dinner'. Food and Beverage Manager Adrian Hollamby has provided excellent menus suitable for both functions. Wine is being provided by old boy, John Olssen from 'Olssens Garden Vineyard', Bannockburn. The Reunion winds up with a Church Service in the School Performing Arts Centre, followed by a luncheon.

Rector Dan Reddiex is keen to see that the School is right behind the various events and will work closely with us in the running of the Reunion. It has been pleasing to see so many early enrolments and old boys making use of our Website: www.kingshigholdboys.co.nz/moodle to find out

more about the Reunion and to download registration forms or register online.

Our School is an exciting place to be in our 75th year. The new building developments, the recently constructed Performing Arts Centre, and the impressive sporting and academic achievements make it a place to be proud to be associated with.

I urge you to come and join the ranks of those who have already indicated their intention to be part of the excitement at our 75th Reunion.

Contact your 'old boy' friends and encourage them and their partners to join us in what I am sure will be a most memorable event.

I look forward to seeing you Labour Weekend 22–24 October 2010.

John Barr (1957–62, Staff 1971–2008) Chairman of the 75th Reunion Committee



75th

Committee

Chairman: John Barr (1957–62, Staff 1971–2008)

Secretary: David Horne (1954–58)
Treasurer: Doug Jackson (1960–63)
Publicity: John Stinson (1964–68)
School Liaison: Brian Frost (Staff 1976–)
Registrar: Hugh Kidd (1950–54)

Reunion

Convenors

Registration/check in: Huia Ockwell (1949–52, Staff 1961–63, 69–74)

Informal Reunion and Dinner: Warwick Larkins (1960–63) and Doug Jackson (1960–63)

Group Photos: Huia Ockwell (1949–52, Staff 1961–63, 69–74)

Bowls: Ian Simpson (1954–58) Golf: Mack Stephens (1952–56)

Church Service:

Brunch: Warwick Larkins (1960-63)

Programme

Friday 22nd October 2010

2.00pm–5.00pm Registration/check in at the School Performing Arts Centre

6.00pm–7.30pm Registration/Check in at the Lion Foundation Arena, the Edgar Centre, corner of Portsmouth Drive and Teviot Street

7.30pm Informal Reunion at Edgar Centre (includes partners)

Saturday 23rd October 2010

10.00am–12.00 noon Registration/check in at the School Performing Arts Centre

10.30am

Roll Call at School Performing Arts Centre Group photos of ex-pupils—the School will be open for inspection

Afternoon Bowls, Golf

6.00–7.30pm Registration/check in at the Lion Foundation Arena, the Edgar Centre, corner of Portsmouth Drive and Teviot Street

6.30 for 7.30pm Formal Dinner at the Lion Foundation Arena, the Edgar Centre (includes partners)

Sunday 24th October 2010

10.30am Church service at School Performing Arts Centre (includes partners)

12.30 Brunch at School gymnasium (includes partners) To see more detailed information and to download a Registration Form or Register Online go to our **website:** www.kingshigholdboys.co.nz/moodle/

All enquiries to:

PO Box 163, Dunedin 9054, New Zealand or email: sps@kingshigh.school.nz

All Registrations and payments to: King's High School 75th Reunion, c/o Event Link Ltd, PO Box 7191, Christchurch 8240, New Zealand

Early bird registrations to be received by the 31st July 2010.

Publicity

Registration forms with information were sent with our March 2010 *Kingsmen* to members.

As stated it is available on our website. It is also on the school one, www.kingshigh.school.nz and the "Old Friends" plus "Facebook" websites.

Some advertisements have been, and are to be placed, but we have to watch costs. To this end we are using community notices and have requested where we have branches, plus some others, if they can help in passing the message on.

One of the best methods to do this is to contact others by the various means of communication that are available these days.

The National Sports and ZB radios Scoreboard programme on Sunday 16th May had Murray Deaker interviewing two guests. Being a talkback programme, shortly after these interviews Murray read out an email as follows:

How come Murray Deaker old boy of King's High School, Dunedin talks to Chris Laidlaw old boy of King's High School, Dunedin. Then Murray talks to Warren Lees old boy of King's High School, Dunedin about Brendan McCullum old boy of King's High School, Dunedin.

Signed Peter Montgomery old boy of King's High School, Dunedin.

He then followed this praising his old school and pushing the reunion. Well done fellows!

Our Website www.kingshigholdboys.co.nz/moodle

Our Website is an ongoing work in progress. It already contains almost 1000 photographs many of which are named. There is also quite an amount of written material. However, naming the early photos has proven to be a major task as none of the photos before the 1980s were named. Much good work has been done to help with the names by Bob Booth, Murray Dunbar and a large number of others. However much is still to be done. Your help in naming, contributing photos and providing information would be appreciated.

There is a section on the 75th Reunion showing the events, the venues and the programme. You can download a Registration Form here or Register Online.

Old Boys of the School are well catered for with the Form/ Group Photographs, School Sports 'First Teams', School Prefects and School Cultural groups being shown in the numerous photographs. There are 'forums' available for you to reminisce about your school chums.

In a like manner there are group photos of staff and a database of individual photos of staff members including notes about their lives and careers. There will be a 'forum' available for you to add your 'amusing tales' about staff members you enjoyed.

Our famous Old Boys are included with NZ Senior Sports Representative, All Blacks and a Roll of Honour for those that lost their lives in WW2. If you have a war story involving yourself or an old boy doing service in any theatre of war—like Vietnam, Afghanistan, Malaysia or the Solomon Islands for example—right up to the present day I would be pleased to hear about it.

There are other groups who will also be recognised in the near future. Your suggestions—like artists, High Court Judges, politicians, successful businessmen, scientists, writers, scholars ... could be helpful here for inclusion.

There is a video clip of the School Haka. This will be one of many video clips as I convert some of the old School Movies into a suitable format for website display.

From the feedback I have had the site is well worth a look. It is really becoming a very worthwhile historic document that you all can contribute to. It is not complete—in fact it never will be as new material will always be coming available—new material is added almost daily.

Your ideas and help with the provision of material are very much appreciated.

Please encourage your friends and associates who are interested in King's to visit the site.

Please contact John Barr barrnone@xtra.co.nz

Administration

Office bearers

Patron: Dan Reddiex (2008–) President: Doug Jackson (1960–62) Vice President: Warwick Larkins (1960–63)
Secretary: David Horne (1954–58)
Treasurer: Bob Glass (1948–52)
Registrar: Hugh Kidd (1950–54)
Committee: Graham Dalton (1945–48)

Fiona Duigan-McKay (1964–66) Irvine Duncan (1947–49) John Fitzgibbon (1973–75) Darren Munro (1979–84) Ron Paterson (1948–50) Neil Seaton (1978–81) Mack Stephens (1952–56)

Mack Stephens (1952–56)

Co-opted John Barr (1957–62, Staff 1971–2008)

Auditor: To be appointed

Newsletter Sub-committee: Bob Glass, Hugh Kidd

with contributions from Warwick Larkins

Subscriptions

These remain at \$20 while Membership for Life is \$400 (20 years current subscription), with the amount for anyone over 60 years of age on or before last 1st January 2010 \$200.

Please forward subscription payments to us at PO Box 163, Dunedin 9054, or Direct Credit our bank, the Bank of New Zealand, Dunedin Branch, account number 020900-0062936-00 detailing your name. This information is on the subscription invoice.

The Reunion has separate bank accounts, records, and Treasurers from the Association. Unfortunately the Registration form for the Reunion should have shown that the Association subscription could be added only by those wishing to join.

Ties and Badge

Any orders by Association members should also be forwarded and paid to the above, PO Box.

The Mark III version tie is available for \$30 delivered within New Zealand. An extra \$10 is required for sending overseas. It has our shield and motto within two narrow diagonal light blue lines on a dark blue background.

A lapel badge is also for sale at \$7 delivered within New Zealand and \$9 delivered overseas. This badge is silver coloured with the face of a lion, and is not the Arms and Motto as granted and given to the school for the Silver Jubilee in 1961. It is the Crest to be used as a badge which was presented to the school for the Golden Jubilee in 1986.

Photographs

Cricket Photographs of 1st XI's from 1936 to date have been hung in the school. Your Association plus a Pub Charities Grant has been responsible for this project. Other sports will eventually receive the same attention.

However, some years are missing (they may have never been taken) and magazine research has not revealed the following: 1936, 1937, 1939, 1944, 1963. Any help would be appreciated.

Membership

We wish to welcome the following who have joined up to the 31 May since June last year. The numbers have advanced to 932 from 915 at the 31/12/09, despite unfortunately some letting their membership lapse.

C. G. (Colin) Aldis (1973-77) USA, G. A. (Graeme) Brown (1959-61) Queensland, B. S. (Barry) Gosney (1944-48) Canada, W. D. (Bill) Gourley (1946-50) New South Wales, B. H. (Brian) McGrath (1949-52) USA, L. G. (Lewis) Larking (1950–53) Queensland, M. R. (Murray) McCracken (1938–41) Victoria, B. H. (Bernard) Montgomery (1959-61) Victoria, M. R. (Mervyn) Andrew (1959-62) Alexandra, M. R. (Ross) Bailey (1946-50) Christchurch, D. F. (David) Barham (1946-50) Havelock North, J. A. (John) Binnie (1951-52) Kawerau, H. J. (Harvey) Black (1949-52) Blenheim, A. N. (Allan) Bremner (1951-54) Dunedin, M. E. (Mervyn) Brookes (1948-51) Mosgiel, R. G. (Bob) Brownlie (1946-49) Alexandra, J. B. (John) Campion (1951–54) Inglewood, H. E. (Howard) Clay (5F 1948–50) Kerikeri, M. W. J. (Martin) Connell (1961–66) Dunedin, R. J. (Richard) Craddock (1948-52) Auckland, J. (Jim) Dodds (1950-51) Balclutha, R. G. (Roger) Duff (1950-51) Ashburton, P. B. (Peter) Duncan (1953-56) Dunedin, R.W. (Ray) Ericson (4F 1951-52) Waiheke Island, W. H. (Warner) Esquilant (1948–50) Wanganui, R. A. C. (Robin) Fastier (1949–52) Dunedin, S. J. (Stephen) Franklin (1964–68) North Shore City, D. E. (Doug) Graham (1947-48) Mosgiel, K. E. (Kerry) Gardiner (1960-61) Opotiki, D. A. (David) Handyside (1966–67) Pukekohe, W. J. B. (Barry) Inglis (1949– 51) Dunedin, B. F. (Bruce) Keys (1955–59) Waitakere City, J. J. (Jim) King (1948-49) Mosgiel, C. M. (Clive) Knauf (4F 1960-63) North Shore City, M. J. (Mervyn) Lattimore (1949-52) Dunedin, A. H. (Alex) Law (1946–48) Allanton, D. W. (Dan) Lyders (1950-53) Berwick, R. E. (Ray) McCracken (1945-47) Dunedin, J. R. (John) McDermott (1960-64) Dunedin, D. P. (Peter) MacDougall (1955-58) Millers Flat, R. M. (Roger) McMillan (1947–52) North Shore City, D. B. (Barry) Mayfield (1946–47) Dunedin, M. C. (Max) Morris (1959–63) Auckland, G. R. (Gary) Mowat (1959-62) Dunedin, E. J. (Jeff) Munro (1959-63, Staff 1969-70) Dunedin, R. C. (Ross) Murray (4F) 1948–50) Rangiora, B. J. (Brian) Nicholls (1959–61) Dunedin, P. R. (Peter) Pettigrew (1947–48) Morrinsville, P. G. (Gordon) Randle (1955-58) Alexandra, W. S. (Stan) Randle (1950-54) Alexandra, L. G. (Graeme) Railton (1948-50) Arrowtown, B. I. (Brian) Riach (1946–49) Tauranga, W. J. F. (Francis) Roulston (1963-66) Napier, C. F. (Clive) Sims (1949-51) Dunedin, R. K. (Ross) Sinclair (1949-50) Dunedin, B. A. (Bart) Smaill (1954–56) Dunedin, L. D. (Lee) Smith (1959–64) Hibiscus Coast, B. J. (Bruce) Spittle (6F 1962–63) Dunedin, L. F. (Les) Steel (1948-52) Warkworth, G. D. (Glenn) Stapleton (1977-80) Christchurch, A. J. (Allan) Stewart (1948-51) Timaru, M. B. (Max) Telfer (1959-63) Auckland, R. M. (Mike) Walls (1958-62) Tauranga, J. C. (John) Wallis (1959-61) Mosgiel, C. A. (Colin) Wilson (1947–48) Taieri, I. R. Wilson (1970–74) Wellington, W. G. (Winston) Wingfield (1946–47) Dunedin, J. R. (Jessie) Gascoigne-George (Associate) Dunedin.

The School

Board of Trustees

Darren Munro (1979–84) and Neil Seaton (1978–81) were elected as Parent representatives in the elections held in May.

School Sports Council

The recently formed King's High School Sports Council ran in April a Golf Tournament at the St Clair Course.

Under the leadership of Assistant Principal Darin Smith (Staff 2002 to current) team entries totalled 16 (4 per team) with many old boys walking the fairways. They were Shane Atherton (1976–80) previous BOT Chairman, Gary (Bruno) Alexander (1975–79), Laurie Mains (1960–64), Ray Webster (1971–73),

Corey O'Leary (1990–93), Steve Brocklebank (1968–73) and his brother Alan Brocklebank (1973–77), Murray Turner (1979–82), Simon Wallace (2003–07) and Luke Johnston (2005–09)—both former Head Boys, Craig Johnston (1983–87)—currently President of the Dunedin Tech AFC, Geoff Anderson (1970–74), Mack Stephens (1952–56)—probably our eldest Old Boy on the day and Adam Gain (1986–90).

The eventual winning four included two Old Boys in Andrew Patterson (1990–94) and Shane Smith (1986–90)

Cricket

Phillip Johnston hit 167 in the interschool against Southland Boys' High School breaking the previous interschool record of Gerry Stewart (1949–54) who scored 156 against Otago Boys in 1954.

Dennis Brady Scored 153 against Shirley Boys in 1968 and Scott Haines 151 no v Southland in 2000.

New Zealand Sports Representatives

As we advised previously Warwick Larkins was researching for those who have represented New Zealand in sports and games at senior adult level. He has used the internet, plus contacted the respective headquarters and others.

The gymnasium has had an upgrade this year and in its foyer there is a cabinet with brass plates that have their names. They are with the years in which they represented the country with an * denoting captain.

Travers Hardwick Rugby League 1946–52*

Jeff Robson Tennis 1947–83* Badminton 1949–63*

Cliff Simpson Athletics 1950

Ray Bell Rugby Union 1951–52
John Hotop Rugby Union 1952, 1955
Larry Scott Badminton 1952–57
Arthur Hollander Wrestling 1954

John Jarvis Surf Lifesaving 1954, 1956

Des Shaw Tennis 1956

Pat Sidon Cross Country 1957, 1965*
Cliff Mould Equestrian 1959–63
Ross Murray Golf 1959, 1961–75
Ian Smith Rugby Union 1963–66
Chris Laidlaw Rugby Union 1963–68, 1970*

Roger Craddock Yachting 1966-67 Yachting 1966-67 Conway Stewart Football 1967 Jim Ferrier Barry Gillan Archery 1968 Wrestling 1968 Bill Pay Bevan Arnott Archery 1968-69 Barry Milburn Cricket 1968-70 Malcolm Ferguson Football 1968, 1972–73*

Bill Speirs Athletics 1969 Graeme Brown Golf 1969

Ian BrownWaterpolo early 1970sPeter SmithWaterpolo early 1970sKeith CampbellCricket 1971–74

Laurie Mains Rugby Union 1971, 1976

Walter Stringer Yachting 1972
Lindsay Clark Rugby Union 1972–73
Stuart Melville Athletics 1974, 1977
Harley Webster Indoor Bowls 1976
Warren Lees Cricket 1976–83
Alan Thurlow Athletics 1977 – 78

 Ian Maskell
 Yachting 1977, 1979, 1983, 1985

 David Stringer
 Yachting 1977, 1983–85, 1989

Warwick Larkins Cricket 1978 Ricky Drew Boxing 1979 Philip Rush Marathon Swimming 1979–92

Eldon Clifton Boxing 1980–83 Alan Thurlow Cross Country 1981

Daryll Hananeia Judo 1982 Reid Hananeia **Judo** 1982 Diving 1982, 1984 Gary Lamb Kim McDonald Golf 1983 Neil Burrow Rowing 1984 Ken Rutherford Cricket 1984-95* Geoff Anderson Cross Country 1987 Raymond Webster **Indoor Bowls 1987**

Ken Walker Lawn Bowls 1987, 1991–92, 1994–95

Glen Denham Basketball 1988–95, 1997*

Barry Veen Vliet Kayaking 1989

Anthony Lobb Roller Skating 1989–90

Greg Bell Surfing (Kneeboarding) 1990–91,

93–94, 96, 98–2000

Garry Hale Snooker 1991–98
Darren Smith Indoor Hockey 1994, 1996

Graham Marshall Football 1994–97*
Darren Smith Hockey 1995–2006*
Gordon McCauley Cycling 1998, 2002, 2006
Kupu Vanisi Rugby Union 1999
Tony Brown Rugby Union 1999–2001

Brent McEwen Golf 1999-2003 Daniel Kerr Tae Kwon Do 2000, 2002 Paul Miller Rugby Union 2001 Tom Willis Rugby Union 2001-02* Rugby Union 2001-07 Carl Hayman Joe McDonnell Rugby Union 2002 Brendon McCullum Cricket 2002-* **Graham Stout** Bridge 2007-09 Nathan McCullum Cricket 2008-**Bradley Scott** Cricket 2008-Damian Watson Ice Hockey 2008-Ben Smith Rugby Union 2009-Tane Cambridge Orienteering 2009 Jason Te Huia Touch 2009

The Struggle to Maintain the Year 9 (Form 3) Intake

In the last 10 to 15 years there have been a number of changes where the year 9 (form 3) boys come from. Traditionally a majority of the boys came from Macandrew Intermediate with small numbers coming from other intermediate and primary schools all over Dunedin.

In 2002 more than 100 boys came from Macandrew to King's and those numbers were greater than in previous years. In 2009, 35 boys came from Macandrew to King's. Contributing schools to Macandrew have also experienced a roll drop. Corstorphine will close at the end of term 2 this year, and Caversham primary school has also experienced a drop in roll.

King's High has always attracted boys from outside the immediate school 'zone' and Ian Simpson and Lindsay Hocking actively promoted the school Dunedin-wide. However, in the years prior to 2000 King's could always depend on more than a hundred boys coming to King's from Macandrew. With the Macandrew roll dropping so dramatically King's continues to promote the school Dunedin-wide and the greatest number of boys coming to King's now comes from Tahuna Intermediate with significant numbers coming from Green Island, Fairfield and Abbotsford schools. Other boys come from as far afield as Port Chalmers, Taieri Beach, Outram, Dunedin North Intermediate and Portobello.

Up to 40 boys used to come to King's from Mosgiel Intermediate, but with the closing of that school and Taieri High becoming a

year 7 to 13 (Form 1 to 7) College, fewer boys come from Mosgiel. If boys go to a year 7 to 13 College they tend to get 'locked into' that College and parents are reluctant to make the change at year 9 (form 3). The boys in the colleges have made friends; have a uniform, etc. Kaikorai Valley High School became a year 7 to 13 college also, and 'locked' in a number of boys. Some of those boys might have gone to Macandrew and then on to King's. Over the last 2 to 3 years however, some boys from Kaikorai Valley College and Taieri College have made the change to King's in year 9. The reasons were mainly sporting as the Colleges no longer have cricket and rugby teams that play in the top grades, nor do they have many teams; for example Kaikorai College has only 2 rugby

Dunedin's population is basically static or has only a small population increase, families tend to be smaller in number than 30 to 40 years ago, and some primary schools have closed because of lack of pupils (Tomahawk, Waldronville): However, fewer pupils going to a primary, intermediate or secondary school has many reasons. Parents get a perception about a school that may not be based on fact, but they still don't want their children to go to that school. There are disparities in numbers at schools that are hard to explain, unless you wish to venture into the realms of rumour,

perception and who markets their school the best. College Street school, Tainui school, St Clair school, all have more pupils than the Ministry of Education predicted they would. Other primary schools have fewer pupils, and some so few that they will close.

In the last two or three years there has been a bit of a 'swing' back to single sex education and King's has benefitted from that swing. However, King's does a lot of marketing outside of South Dunedin to counter the falling numbers coming from Macandrew. In the last two years King's has more year 9 pupils than the Ministry of Education predicted, and that year 9 roll intake is trending upwards. Year 9 pupils are coming to King's because King's continues to have a very good reputation in the town; in academic, music and drama, and in sporting pursuits.

At King's we need to continue to promote the school and convince parents in all parts of Dunedin that King's is a school that will give a great education to their sons. This message is getting through, and King's can rightly say that the school does not only serve South Dunedin, but the whole of Dunedin and beyond.

Daryl Shields Deputy Rector



The 1950 and 1951 third forms appeared in our March issue. Forms 3L and 3A of 1950 had all been named whilst two of the six previously not named have been identified in 3B. An

excellent job has been done with 1951 in that all are now named and 3B had a large number not known for which we wish to thank you.

With 1952, 3L and 3A have been named, whilst there are three in 3B unnamed. It appears that 1953 third forms were not done 15 years ago and they have required a large amount of time.

We wish to thank you in anticipation of your help and if you disagree in those named please advise. Some photos are not as clear as others.

1952 Third Form Photos: Pupils Identified



3L Form Photo

Back Row: Ken Craik, Russell Stewart, John Hart, David Evans, John Duncan, Warren Shirley, Tom Maginness, John Campbell, Charlie Bedford,

Kevin Gibson, Philip Kidd, John Clarke, Russell Hendry

Middle Row: David Bishop, Don Ross, Ian Bassett, DavidChristian, Arthur James, Fraser Bourke, Michael Smart, Ross Heazlewood, Brian

Cuthbertson, Graeme Bassett, John McCracken, Mr Arthur Chetwin

Front Row: John Eagles, Murray Livingstone, Llew Gwynne, Ron Keen, Neil Ross, David Munro, Mack Stephens, John Hampton, Murray Fraser,

Roger Brunton

On roll but not named in photo: Roger Keys, Corran Munro, John Spencer



3A Form Photo

Back Row: Neville Hamilton, John Knowles, Blair Davidson, Ross Simpson, Ross Montgomery, Eddie Reddington, Des Caldwell, John Law,

Peter Bathgate, Lloyd Perriman, Alf MacKay, Bryan Bathgate

Middle Row: Michael Brown, Noel Coombe, Arch Somerville, Graeme Wood, Jarn Sew Hoy, Brian Broadley, Neville Mayne, Peter Stark, Noel

Reeves, Gordon Arnold, Lindsay Pearce, Vaughan Baker, Mr Doug Morrison

Front Row: Ian Caradus, Rae Benfell, Graeme Andrew, Neville Clarkson, Don Hilliker, Barry Clarke, Les Duncan, John McInnes, Jim Shum, John

Dymand

Ground Row: Murray Wilson, Richard Lucas, John Somerville

On roll but not in photo: Neville Troon



3B Form Photo

Back Row: Mr Jack Whitworth, Bill Lane, Ivan Smith, Brian Constable, Gordon Reid, Jack Matheson, Gordon Henderson, Victor Hodge, ????,

Don Reid, Peter Burns, Jim Gorrie, Findlay Rumble

Gordon Henderson is either 6th or 8th from the left with the other boy unkown at present.

Middle Row: Lindsay Ruston, Maurice Nielson-Vold, David Ashton, Bob Frame, ????, Bob Ashton, Stewart Leslie, Graeme Barnes, Jesse Davidson,

Colin Jack, Ray Procter, Grant Hinchcliffe, Murray Gibbs

Front Row: Gary Dillion, ????, Jock Rotch, Charlie Coles, Brian Ball, John Edlin, Walter Pearce, John Turnbull, Bill Lane, ????, Ron Dodds, Brian

Fleury, Fred Bridger

On roll but not named: Gordon Boult, Selwyn Browne, George Isaacs, Graham James, Bob Martin, Colin Morris, Graeme Peet, Lawrence Young

1953 Third Form Photos: Pupils Identified



3L Form Photo

Back Row: Tony Warrington, Richard McKinney, Graeme Wallace, Russell King, Rod Cameron, Warwick Crooks, Russell Brinsdon, Graham

Stanton, Albert Benson, Brian Burn, Noel Brown, Murray Holmes

Middle Row: Mr Ray Familton, Ian Macandrew, Lindsay Hocking, David Todd, Neville Lambert, John Larking, Murray Hutton, Doug Stewart,

Bruce McInnes, Arthur Bingham, John Dunbar, Geoffrey Carter

Seated: Gavin Bridgman, Murray Farrant, Graeme Lucas, John Éwart, Roy Dineen, David Brunton, Eddie Simpson

On Grass: Graham Hill, Denis Todd, Murray Dunbar, Roy Harbour, Keith Vial, Gerald Birley

All present



3A Form Photo

Back Row: Mervyn Bradshaw, Allan Fraser, Dave McLaren, Walter Scott, ????, Denis Parker, George Burck Ken Lloyd, Neville Barrington, Dick

Haigh, Peter Duncan, Neville Milne

Middle Row: Brian Parker, John Downs, Evan Wilson, ????, John Nimmo, Geoff Couling, Stewart Harvey, Colin Mantell, Lindsay Ritchie, Walter

Powell, John Levido, Mr Arnold Anderson

Front Row: Denis Haigh, Keith Burgess, Ross Wiggins, Dave Gamble, Brian Hastie, Colin Townley, Ray Sutherland, Bill Strang, Hugh Brown,

Rowan Ford, Cliff Saunders

On roll but not named in photo: Alex Cathro, Ren Chivers, Russell Lindsay, Noel Murphy



3B Form Photo

Back Row: Errol Tresize, Peter Burridge, Warner Green, Ian Bird?, Bruce Lumb, Graham Geary, Colin McNeill, Russell Jones, Alex Miller, Eric

Tait, Murray Stevenson, Neville Bain, Bob Seaton

Middle Row: Mr Jack Whitworth, Garrick Payne, Noel Still, Richard Davies, Haddon Lowrey, Grant Fletcher, Rankin Williams, Kevin Mills, David

McKay, Lindsay Macdonald, Barry Lahmert, Ray Gin

Dave Cashman, Jeff de Clifford, Vincent Riach, Bruce Churchill, Neville Madigan, John Lahmert, Maurice Simons, Ray Murphy, Front Row:

Barry Cleavin, Arthur Taylor, David Evans

On roll but not named in photo: John Rowlatt, Derek Short



3C Form Photo

Don McAuley, Gordon Bandeen, ????, Ron Huntley, Donald Ross, Geoff Wells Mr Clive Geary, Bruce Elliott, Victor Jackson, Bob Fleming, ????, Neville Esquilant Back Row: Middle Row: Front Row: Bob Bruhns, Alan Wright, Gavin Greenfield, Eddy Lowry, Te Iwi Taiaroa, Trevor Arthur On roll but not named in photo: Barry Cardno, Gavin Grafton, Doug Ronald

Missing

Once again we wish to thank those who responded to our requests for information concerning those Old Boys for whom we had no details and especially to those indefatigable brothers J. H. (Jim) Cochrane (1951–52) and A. M. (Lex) Cochrane (1959–63). Hopefully as we move into more recent times, our task will prove easier

The class photos of the 1952 and 1953 intakes are included in this *Kingsmen*. The 1952 intake, and those who joined it subsequently numbered 120, of whom 29 are known to have died. Fortunately, some two years ago the late W. L. (Warren) Shirley (1952–56) in less than six weeks tracked down all of the intake, both dead and alive, but already two have become mislaid! It is believed that David Ian Ashton (1952–56, Staff 1981–98) may have gone to Oz, while Jarn Sew Hoy (1952–56) is no longer in Queenstown; it is also not easy to verify quickly whether those residing overseas have shifted.

The 1953 intake, and those who joined it subsequently, numbered 135, of whom 21 are known to have died. The circumstances of a further 22 are unknown to us: Neil Lonsdale Boldero, Keith Edward Burgess, Peter Craig Burridge, David Byers (in Wollongong? brother Alan (1954) was in Moorooduc, Victoria), Richard John Davies [sons Glenn R. (1982) and Matthew J. (1983)], John Walter Downs, Bruce Leslie Elliott, Ralph Robert Terrence Gibbs, Herbert Roy John Harbour, Murray Leonard Hutton, (in Melbourne?), Victor Lawrence Jackson, Russell Moyes Lindsay, John Lindsay MacDonald, David Hugh Mackay, Richard Luke McKinney, Neville John Milne, Garrick George Payne, Walter Joseph Powell, Douglas William Ronald, Donald Cameron Ross (Mt Maunganui? Lyttelton?), Rankin George Williams, and Evan James Wilson.

As a result of our requests for information in the March (and earlier) *Kingsmen*, we can report that of the 1936 intake, Alan Mitchell, a bank manager, died in Lower Hutt in 1972; Arthur Rough died in 1992; Lindsay Johnson died in 1991; George Scott died in 1993; Dick Ball died in 1997; William Barnett died in Blenheim in 1993; Alex Cunningham died in Wellington in 1981; Ron Dickie died in Waimate in 1975; Fred Logie died in Waimate in 1967; Hunter Macan died in Napier in 1972; Ralph McCash died in Taupo in 1988; Gordon McKenzie, a solicitor, died in Dunedin in 1980; Alister McPhee died in Brighton in 1992; Tom Marwick died in Lower Hutt in 1980; Norman Miles died in Te Puna in 1983; Eric Neill died in 1992; Owen Paterson died in Upper Hutt in 1986; Lew Spiers died in Lower Hutt in 1995, and Lynn Turner, an engineer died in Gisborne in 1976.

Of the 1937 intake, Robert Bowie died in 2007, Alan Gibson died in Auckland in 1962, Gordon Pringle died in 1993, and Roy Rennie died in Dunedin in 1961.

Of the 1938 intake, John Clark died in Christchurch in 1981.

Of the 1940 intake, Murray Cameron died at Mangere Bridge in 1981.

Of the 1941 intake, John Grey, a frutier(?) died on the North Shore in 1983.

Of the 1942 intake, Cliff Betts died in 1991, George Brialey in 1996, Bruce Cameron in 1999, Colin Cowie in 2001, William McKenzie in 2005, and Fred Pink in 1997.

Of the 1943 intake, Alister Coppin died in 1950, Garth Faigan in 1991, Bert Fryer in 2003, Kenneth McFarlane in 1995, Bill Orchard in Lower Hutt in 1987, Eric Richardson in 2001, Lyall Wingham in 1952, and Grahame Wheeler in 2006.

Of the 1950 intake, Frank Ross is living in Marroochydore, Queensland.

Of the 1951 intake, Brian Austin is believed to be in Canberra, David Bretherton could be in NSW, Peter Connolly could be in Queensland, Alan Dodds is believed to be in USA, Alexander Holmes is believed to have died, Keith Mitchell is believed to be in Perth, WA, and Gordon Webb lives in Elliot Heads, Queensland.

We have to be very careful in checking any information received, having once claimed an Old Boy to be deceased, only to discover (fortunately) that it was somebody with the same name from the same town! Recently a death notice appeared in the *ODT* for William George Strang, who died in a nursing home in Johnsonville, but who had previously resided in Frances Hodgkins Village in Dunedin. Several 1953 entrants resident in Dunedin were contacted, and while remembering who he was, were unsure of his circumstances: it was suggested that he had been a bank officer, while it was also claimed that he had operated a petrol station in Kaikorai Valley. Fortunately we did have a St Kilda address for him, and he was finally confirmed as being the person concerned through his Bridge Club membership records! Memory is also proving to be increasingly fickle: we were assured by a workmate that somebody had died in the late 1960s, when checking proved that he actually survived until 1985!

Activities Around the Country

Dunedin

This annual bowls match with OBHS Old Boys continues to grow with this year the maximum teams the Balmacewan Bowling could take participating.

Eight teams played eight with several members of both teams travelling from South, North and Central Otago. Rain threatened but never eventuated and the afternoon remained overcast but still and pleasant.

Research has not come up with a name for a double hat-trick (perhaps a Top Hat Trick) but that's what we achieved as the final result was made known by Noel Hudson (1943–47) King's 10 defeated OBHS 6 (264 points to 180) and 6 consecutive winning years. Our teams were as follows:

- 1. John Padgett (1948–49), Alan W. Stevens (1947–49), Neville Mercer (1951–52), Alan Bremner (1951–54).
- 2. Don Reid (1952–53), Allan G. Stevens (1948–49), Owen Ockwell (1946–47), Gordon Cathro (1945–47).
- 3. Guy Robinson (1959–60), Tim Townsley (1961), David Horne (1954–58), Ron McLean (1948).
- 4. Noel Hudson (1943–47), Noel Gillan (1943–46), Warwick Larkins (1960–63), George McGimpsey (1937–40).
- 5. Alan Reid (1960–62), Rex Sim (1944–45), Peter Culling (1971–74), Brian Schofield (1951–54).
- 6. Ken Walker (1960–63), John Ewart (1953–56), Kerry Bain (1951–54), Bryan Marshall (1976–80).
- 7. Rod Fleming (1983–86), Murray Patterson (1970–74), Cyril Torrance (1970–71), Jim Darling (1949–51).
- 8. Charlie Burrell (1949–53), Russell Smith (1957–59), Jim Johnstone (1947), Mark Vial (1958–62).

North Shore/Hibiscus Coast

This area seems the most active.

1. Report from Grahame Howley

The North Shore/Hibiscus Coast Branch held a get together at the Albany Sports Bar and Café on Thursday 29th April. This function was attended by 16 old boys with most staying on for dinner after a couple of drinks. Ten apologies were also received.

It was an enjoyable evening with most of the discussion centred around the 75th celebrations. Our two first year old boys, Jack Kempthorne (1936–39) and Gordon Brent (1936–39) were in attendance as usual with Jack proudly advising us that he had sent off his registration for the 75th Reunion. Bill Templeton again took some photos of the gathering.

In response to repeated members requests the branch is going to hold a luncheon meeting on Thursday 29th July at the Bays Club, Browns Bay and members as per usual will be contacted with full details of time and cost (very reasonable). As bookings will need to be made, firm commitments will be necessary.



L to R: Jack Kempthorne (1936–39), Gordon Brent (1936–39), Keith Cowie (1943–45).

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- A luncheon was arranged for Sunday 20 June. Kevin St John sent 60 invites along with scanned information on the Reunion.
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Cultural Affairs

The late Rod Nye, a former teacher, wrote a biography in 1999 entitled Martin Donnelly: New Zealand Cricket's Master Craftsman which was favourably reviewed in the 2000 Wisden Cricketers' Almanack. However, it had always been his dream to write a book on his childhood hero Bert Sutcliffe, so he had painstakingly compiled notes on his life and career, and had interviewed, among others, that late(s) Geoff Rabone, Tony MacGibbon, Noel McGregor, and Walter Hadlee. Sadly Rod died in 2004 when aged 54 after battling a brain disease, and his widow Vivienne took some time to find the "right writer." Two years ago she contacted R. J. (Richard) Boock (1974–77), and rather courageously handed over to him all of her husband's notes in order that the book might be completed. Richard, who has already written cricketing biographies on Stephen Fleming and on Daniel Vettori, says that while they were both worthy subjects, the Sutcliffe story had "so many more layers," and he has been "completely consumed" in writing it, for not only was Sutcliffe an outstanding cricketer, "he was a genuinely nice and warm-hearted bloke." The book, the title of which is not yet confirmed, is being published by Random House, and should be available for purchase in time for Father's Day.

In 2006, the Maori Hill Charitable Trust published *Above the Belt: a History of Maori Hill* by Jane Smallfield and Brian Heenan. The success of this publication has led the Trust to publish a 12-sided guide to a suggested walk around the suburb, using material gathered in preparation of the book, together with additional information. This attractive brochure also contains a map of the suggested route and some photographs, and was compiled by R. A. (Ross) Gillanders (Staff 1962–94, Board of Governors 1984–1988) and Jane Smallfield.

C. R. (Chris) Laidlaw (1957-61) has been many things since he left King's: a university student, Rhodes Scholar, bureaucrat, high commissioner, politician, Race Relations Commissioner, NZ director of the World Wildlife Fund, and currently is a broadcaster on National Radio, as well as an independent member of the Wellington Regional Council. While all this has been going on, he managed to represented Otago at five different sports, and NZ at rugby from 1963-70, captaining his country in a Test Match and Oxford University to a famous victory over the touring Springboks. After his playing days were over, he coached Fiji, and in France. He has recently had published his third book, Somebody Stole My Game, a philosophical study about "what [rugby] is and where it came from and why it is what it is." In particular he concentrates on the recent influence of professionalism on the game, with special reference to the NZ situation.

R. A. (Richard) Langston (1973–77) has found the time, despite a hectic work schedule to have published by Fitzbeck Publishing *The Trouble Lamp*, a collection of poetry which ranges widely over life and place, from Wellington to Otago. A reviewer claims that he is particularly good on the stages of the life-cycle: the birth of a child, a note to a son, and the terminal illness and death of a father.

In May, to celebrate NZ Music Month, the Otago Symphonic Band launched the world premieres of four NZ composers. The music director was E. J. (Errol) Moore (1965–69), senior lecturer in the College of Education of O.U., and who has been conducting concerts with the Dunedin Opera Company, St Kilda Brass, and the Dunedin Youth Orchestra since 1983. He is an enthusiastic advocate for NZ works: "compared to most music that is available for symphonic bands, the music of NZ composers is a whole lot less formulaic." The pieces explore and stretch possibilities in colour and rhythm. P. V. (Peter) Adams (1972-76) senior lecturer in music at O.U. and an experienced conductor and clarinettist attempted to capture, through the use of woodwind and brass, some of the atmosphere and features of Taiaroa Head: the bleached sky, thick cloud, the play of light, seabirds taking off and following each other closely, the shrieks of the seabirds, and the graceful flight of the albatross

The South Otago Theatrical Society staged *The Importance of Being Earnest* by Irish playwright Oscar Wilde, which is widely regarded as being a masterpiece. As usual the director was R. A. (Ron) Neilson (1959–68).

Whenever a "moa sighting" is reported in the press, either a hoax or at least a misapprehension fostered by wishful thinking is suspected. But such claims have been made from the very earliest days of Pakeha settlement, as has been exhaustively revealed by Dr B. J. (Bruce) Spittle (1962–63). Nowadays a writer and well-known anti-fluoride campaigner, Bruce has recently published through his own Paua Press a lavishly illustrated and handsomely presented three-volume work *Moa Sightings*, priced at \$70 per volume.

To help "Save Central," the group fighting Meridian Energy's Project Hayes wind farm in the Lammermoor region, G. C. (Grahame) Sydney (1962–66) (artist), Brian Turner (poet), and Owen Marshall (short story writer) have released a new edition of *Timeless Land*, which showcases Central Otago and has been out of print for many years. The book costs \$100, \$5 of which will go to Save Central, who are defending a challenge from Meridian Energy in the High Court.

Business Sector

After 48 years of signwriting, W. G. (Bill) Bachop (1960–61) has sold Bachop Visual Imaging, his business of 44 years, to Custom Signs Ltd of Kaikorai Valley. Bill has few regrets about his decision: signwriting was all that he ever wanted to do, and he had enjoyed his career, especially the variety, the technology, and the chance never to stop learning. When he started, the quality of workmanship was mixed because it relied on the human element; however the development of new technology ensured that quality was consistent, as well as speeding up the time involved. Yet the physical work remained time consuming: it might take only 45 minutes to prepare the graphics and yet take two days to transfer them to (say) the side of a motor vehicle. Bill has been at the forefront of much of the industry's new technology, being one of the first NZ signwriters to install wide-format digital printing, and he also became the NZ agent for much of the new technology,

which not only took him overseas, but gave him an insight into the latest trends and equipment. Bill intends to assist the new owner in an advisory capacity when the two firms consolidate on the Princes Street site.

The Board of South Canterbury Finance have obviously been reading the March *Kingsmen*, and have taken up our suggestion by recently appointing A. W. (Bill) Baylis (1959–62) as chairman, despite his living in 'retirement' in Queenstown! SCF is currently undergoing a massive restructuring and recapitalisation programme in order to secure its future, thereby fulfilling the "turnaround" which Bill and the other independent directors joined the company last year to undertake.

An extensive makeover, whereby a new lighting system was installed, has given the Nanking Palace Restaurant a fresh contemporary air, while retaining the exotic charm of the traditional Chinese decor. As well, a new menu has been introduced to accommodate both banquet-style dining and a large à la carte selection, and the wine and beer list which features NZ (and especially Central Otago) products has been revamped. The spacious, seven-day, takeaway facility has been upgraded, \$10 lunches are available most weekdays, and the Nanking can accommodate any size of function from small intimate gatherings to large affairs, including weddings when 120 can be comfortably seated. N. H. (Neville) Chin (1978–83) and his brother have maintained the high standards and integrity of the facility established by their parents in 1963.

On most Saturdays, the *ODT* features a career at the beginning of its Classifieds Section, and on March 27, it was upholstery, with C.G. (Conrad) Kammerer (1975–78) being photographed and interviewed. As he found jobs hard to come by when he left school, he began labouring for his father who owned Franka Upholstery Ltd, and ultimately completed a four-year apprenticeship. He believes that an upholsterer should have strong hands, and be patient, careful, and meticulous. Conrad usually receives at least one or two interesting assignments per month, such as doll's prams, vintage car seats, and a plethora of odd looking chairs, but his staple diet comes from furniture which has been damaged by dogs and cats, whom he regards as his natural allies! However, life has become difficult for upholsterers since the mid-1990s when cheap imported furniture began to arrive, and people now tend to buy this rather than get their furniture re-covered: his firm used to employ seven upholsterers, now there are only two of them.

Further to the March Kingsmen, D. P. (Peter) Macdougall (1955–58) in his capacity as chairman of the NZ Co-operative Association has been quietly promoting the suggestion that Kiwibank be turned into a co-operative, with 60% of its shares sold to its 700,000 customers; thereby answering its capital needs, while maintaining NZ ownership. Co-operatives have coped well during the global financial crisis, and now generate 22% of NZ's GDP. Sometimes criticised for being inefficient and outdated (even socialist!), co-operatives claim to be conservative and prudent, and include Fonterra, other dairy and meat businesses, supermarket operators, agricultural suppliers and producers, and such diverse businesses as Plumbing World, Inter Flora, PaperPlus, Mitre 10, etc-few economies are as dependent on co-operative businesses as is NZ's. Foreign banks such as Rabobank, Credit Agricole Group, Group Banque Populaires, WGZ Bank, and Community Credit Co-operative are excellent examples of the genre. But the Govt claims not to have considered such a policy, and coyly reiterates that there will be no asset sales during this term of parliament, while Kiwibank itself is prevented from initiating such a policy.

Ashburton's Guardian Print has added a heatset printer to its more traditional coldset printer, and is currently the sole NZ printer to offer this combination of inline heatset/coldset mix options. General manager R. E. B. (Ross) Mains (1979-83) claims that the heatset printer's cutting edge technology means "beautiful, high-quality, cost-effective publications" especially useful for customers requiring tight turnarounds, and offers easy mix and match options for publishers. Printing can be done on both newsprint and gloss paper with a variety of paginations and formats available. Quality and flexibility has been enhanced by the installation of a new DGM single width press. Guardian Print also searched for the best software options to ensure that the finished result did justice to the new machinery and opted for Kodak's square-dot thermal solution which allows for Stacatto screening using a random process, and also the installation of auto-registration. Following printing, top-of-the-line Muller Martini Inserter and Stitch and Trim machinery provide a speedy compiling, inserting, trimming and stapling service for magazine format items. The firm also offers full distribution service.

C. M. (Clive) Wallis (1964–65), managing director of the Wallis family businesses (Wal's Plant Land, Tree Land, and Wallis's Wholesale Nurseries) might have been perceived as being fully concerned with their Taieri premises recently, for they now supply "instant trees" to landscape designers, city councils, lifestyle properties, and farms, and more recently as a result of customer pressure, bulk dry firewood and coal. However, all this was barely the tip of the iceberg, for they also had the contract to supply all of the plants for the NZ pavilion at Expo 2010 Shanghai, which portrays NZ from the sea to the mountains, and will potentially be visited by more than 73 million people! True, they were in a strong position to gain the contract, as their Chinese nursery, Shanghai Horticulture Opel Co. Ltd is only 45 minutes distant from the Expo site and could grow not only most of the multi-thousand plants required, but also had the quarantine facilities to meet stringent requirements when four 13m containers of NZ grown plants reached China. To keep the exhibit, and especially the 10 x 15m "living wall" outside the VIP lounge looking fresh, work continues apace at the Shanghai nursery (which hopefully will not be visited by any passing typhoon!) with back-up baskets ready at all times to replace any slightly jaded-looking plants. At the end of the Expo in October, Clive has the responsibility to dismantle the NZ exhibit, and remove all plants to the local nursery.

Ronald Smith Engineering was established in 1967 to service Palmer and Son Ltd, and Palmers Concrete Ltd: the Palmer family having originally started the first quarry in Dunedin at Logan Point in 1879, and the material from here and their other quarries has been used for 130 years to create much of the roading and building infrastructure of Dunedin. Over the years the firm grew from a three-person maintenance workshop to a multidivisional company, employing up to 50 staff and servicing such businesses as the DCC, Blackhead Quarries Ltd, Ravensdown Fertiliser, and Cadburys. Basic servicing and maintenance of quarry operations expanded to incorporate hydraulic and pneumatic system design and services, and to become Otago distributor for SMC pneumatics, NZ's leading brand. In 2004, now named Palmer Mechanical Ltd, and having added industrial coatings to their portfolio, the engineering division was split into heavy and general engineering, and process and instrumentation engineering. K. V. (Ken) Woodhouse (1977–79) is hydraulic/process manager.

Sporting Triumphs

The Edgar Centre

One of NZ's leading indoor stadiums, the Centre will be the venue for the informal reunion and for the formal dinner during the King's 75th Reunion at Labour Weekend. Situated on the foreshore, it has 17,000 sq m of space divided into 21 courts, and caters for 25 different sports. Last year 650,000 used the centre, but clearly many are multiple users. The number of staff employed was initially 4, with additional casuals; today the equivalent of 12.5 staff are employed. Concerts catering for attendances of up to 4500 have been held, and more are planned, but bigger events will be catered for at the new Forsyth Barr Stadium when completed. The crowd capacity is limited to 3000, which is viewed by national sporting organisations as insufficient for test matches. Recently, B. W. (Blair) Crawford (1984–88), who was profiled in the March *Kingsmen* was promoted to be manager of the facility.

Athletics

This year's Lovelock Relay, held as usual at the University Oval was won by Caversham, some 26 years since they were last successful. Members of the six-man team included R. I. (Robert) Brown (2004–08), T. A. (Tony) Payne (2002–06) and D. J. (Daniel) Balchin (2004–08).

Thirsting for more, a fortnight later the club won the fourman Ponydales Cross Country Relay, organised by the Leith Club and held at Three Mile Hill Pony Club premises: the team included L. C. I. (Lyndon) Brown (2002–06), Tony Payne, and Daniel Balchin.

Basketball

After a year's absence, the Otago Nuggets returned to the National Basketball League, but have sadly yet to win a single match, despite the efforts of M. S. (Matt) Gillan (1994–98), and S. A. J. (Steve) Robinson (1993–98). However, there may (hopefully) be light at the end of the tunnel, for T. D. (Todd) Marshall (1978–83), former coach of the Nuggets (1998–2000, 2002–04) recently coached Otago to the final of the NZ Under-21 championships at Nelson.

Car Rallying

"Four [NZ] lads, a dodgy car, three deserts, bad roads, no roads, bandits" began a sales pitch hopefully aimed at attracting a sponsor so that they might participate in the London to Ulan Bator Mongol Rally. This charity fund-raising event which offers plenty of adventure starts in July in cars no older than 10 years with engine capacity limited to 1200cc engine capacity. Previous participants (of whom nearly half never finish) have survived such hazards as being robbed at knife point, chased by armed bandits, and spending time in gaol. There is no set route (the Arctic Circle may be the limit), but a more direct route would seem to be via Belgium, Germany, Austria, Hungary, Romania, Moldova, Ukraine, Kazakhstan, Russia and Mongolia. Two of the hopeful motorists are R. J. (Richard) Kay (1990–94) and his London-based brother M. R. (Michael) Kay (1993–97).

Cricket

N. L. (Nathan) McCullum (1994–98) and brother B. B. (Brendon) McCullum (1995–2000) were both members, along with two others from Otago, in the NZ Twenty/20 squad of fifteen which competed for the World Cup in the West Indies earlier this year. Both are currently plying their trade in England: Brendon with the national champions Sussex, and Nathan with Lancashire.

An article in the March 13 issue of the *NZ Listener* claimed that while Brendon has under performed at Test and ODI level, at Twenty/20 level he reigns supreme. When the article was written (and there have been untold matches since then) Brendon had scored 987 runs (ahead of Kevin Pietersen of England with 663), was the only batsman to have compiled a century (and that against Australia: 116 n.o. off 56 balls, including 12 fours, 8 sixes, and a strike rate of 207.14), had hit 98 fours (ahead of Graeme Smith of South Africa with 84) and 38 sixes (ahead of Sanath Jayasuriya of Sri Lanka with 23)!

At the Otago Cricket Association's awards evening in April, life member W. L. (Warren) Shirley (1952–56) received a special and well-deserved award for his outstanding contribution to Otago cricket over many years (see elsewhere in this *Kingsmen*. Sadly, less than a week later he was dead.

Cycling

G. A. (Gordon) McCauley (1985–89) continues biking quietly on in his quest for Commonwealth Games selection. In May he made a rare appearance at the national club championships held in Hawkes Bay, and his final sprint ensured victory.

Golf

B. (Byron) Madigan (2002–06), son of N. G. (Neville) Madigan (1953–54) recently won the *ODT* City of Dunedin Legends Pro-Am competition. This qualified him and two friends for team entry into the Legends Pro-Am, a practice round, plus coaching clinics and drinks. Byron currently plays off a 6 handicap.

Hockey

Four Otago players will bring 190 years of experience to the NZ Grand Masters over-55 team when they play in an international tournament in Capetown, South Africa in September, after first having completed a series against Australia. The senior Otago member is dentist P. W. (Peter) Ashton (1962–66), who was once in the squad preparing for the 1972 Munich Olympics until knee surgery thwarted his chances.

Ice Hockey

Although not quite yet an Old Boy, it is worth recording that Year 13 student, R. J. (Regan) Wilson was captain of the NZ Under-18 Ice Blacks at the World Championships in Monterrey, Mexico in March. By defeating Israel, Ireland, South Africa, and finally Mexico, they won the 3rd division title, and earned promotion to the 2nd division.

Motor Cycling

This Queen's Birthday weekend saw the holding of the 30th Anniversary "Brass Monkey" Rally, whereby motorcyclists from all over NZ (and sometimes from overseas) congregate and camp overnight beside the Idaburn [irrigation] Dam, where the Oturehua Winter Sports Club maintains a canteen. This year more than 2000 turned up to experience the balmy conditions (only -1°C: the previous night it was -6°C!). However, at least there was snow on the ground for the first time in many years—in fact some stupid northerners had to be rescued from the snow when attempting to cross the closed Danseys Pass road. H. D. (Hec) Browett (1948-53, Staff 1972–96) of Dunedin has attended every rally, at first on his 1930 Ariel, but this year he forsook his vintage vehicles for a trailbike "which is easier!" It was Hec who originally suggested the site as a possible venue for the rally, and admits that as a retired teacher and current JP he may not fit the stereotypical image of most participants, but he makes no apologies for what he terms as a "reality check!" As usual G. A. (Graeme) Borley (1955–58) of Alexandra attended on his trusty Douglas Vespa.

Orienteering

The most recent NZ representative from King's is T. O. (Tane) Cambridge (1999–2003) who was selected for the NZ Pinestars which competed against the Australian Bushrangers at the Royal Orienteering Carnival held in Auckland during Queen's Birthday Weekend. Tane is also in the team which will compete at the World Championships in Norway in August.

Powerlifting

At the Oceania Powerlifting Championships held in Christchurch in February, B. R. (Bruce) Park (1951–54) broke the NZ record for his age group, the 67.5kg class, with his lift of 87.5kg. T. J. (Trevor) Bills (1967–68) won the 40–49 100kg class with a bench press of 185kg.

Obituaries

J. F. (John) Duncan (1944–48) died at Vancouver Island, Canada, in 2007

T. J. (Jim) Mains (1937–40) died at Kaikoura 4.1.10

J. L. (Justin) Olsen (2002–03) died at Dunedin 18.2.10

L. E. (Lindsay) Pearce (1952–56) died at Palmerston North 1.3.10

S. H. S. (Silas) Peattie (1938–40) died at Ranfurly 4.3.10

J. (John) Bradbury (1955–56) died at Dunedin 5.3.10

W. G. (Bill) Strang (1953–56) died at Wellington 8.3.10

H. N. (Haydn) McKay (1996–97) died at Christchurch 26.3.10

R. J. (Bob) Mitchell (1947–50) died at Dunedin 5.4.10

R. J. (Ray) Watts (1936–38) died at Wellington 12.4.10

W. L. (Warren) Shirley (1952–56) died at Dunedin 13.4.10

W. N. (Bill) Archibald (1947–50) of Cheviot died at Kaikoura 15.4.10

D. (Dan) McLean (Staff 1979–94) of Palmerston, died at Dunedin 15.4.10

A. D. (Allan) Gillam (1954–55) of Kaiapoi, died at Christchurch 17.4.10

J. M. R. (Jayden) Little (2002) died at Dunedin 27.4.10

D. R. (Doug) McNulty (1947–48) died at Christchurch 30.4.10

G. C. (Graham) McHardy (1957–60) died at Wellington 10.5.10

G (Glenn) Simon (1987–91) died near Queenstown 10.5.10

R. H. (Bob) Hook (1937–38) died at New Plymouth 19.5.10

A. J. G. (Allan) Ward (1937–39) died at Dunedin 22.5.10

P. R. T. (Tim) Latimer (1961-64) died at Dunedin 27.5.10

C. C. (Cliff) Mould (1955–57) died at Gore 30.5.10

C. H. (Ces) Irwin (1937-40) died at Dunedin 4.6.10

R. (Richard) Knopp (1946–49) of Mosgiel, died at Dunedin 4.6.10

R. A. (Rae) Benfell (1952–53) of Albert Town, died at Mosgiel 12.6.10

Rowing

At the Otago Rowing awards evening in May, M. J. (Michael) Nisbet (2001–05) and Robbie Mears of North End were named Crew of the Year for finishing second in the senior double-sculls at the NZ championships.

On closing day at the Port Chalmers United Rowing Club in April, I. W. (Ian) Bacon (1947–50) christened the club's new skiff *Bill and Frances McConnell* after his uncle and aunt. The skiff cost \$29,000 and was bought with money received from the Otago Community Trust, the NZ Community Trust, the Southern Trust, together with club funds which included a bequest from the McConnell estate.

Rugby

B. R. (Ben) Smith (2000–04) was not selected for NZ when the squad to play Ireland was announced, but was added to the wider training squad to cover backline injuries. He was however selected to play at second five-eighth for the NZ Barbarians v NZ Maori, which began the latter's centennial celebrations

L. W. (Laurie) Mains (1960–64), former All Black and All Black coach, former Highlanders and Otago coach and former Otago representative was recently elected deputy chairman of a "new look" ORFU Board. A stated aim of the Board is to reconnect with the fans: this will not be easy task, for a major strength of the ORFU in recent years would seem to have been to offend stalwart local and country supporters alike!

G. R. (Glenn) Dickson (2000–04), Otago first five-eighth, has recently returned from a short stint with the Weston-Super-Mare club which plays in the South Western competition in England. When he arrived, having been recommended by B. J. (Brett) McCormack (1985–89), former player, former Pirates coach and current Green Island coach, the team was lying 13th out of 14; when he left, because of his long-punting skills and goal kicking, they were in 8th position and had also won the Somerset Cup!

M. P. J. (Mike) Reggett (1969–72, Groundsman 2006–), ORFU liaison officer for more than 15 years, has been selected by the NZRU to be one of 20 team liaison officers for next year's World Cup. This involves meeting the team on its arrival in NZ, and remaining with it during its sojourn in this country. At this stage he does not know which team he will be responsible for.

Soccer

A. D. (Andy) Coburn (1993–97) was selected for the All Stars, who played the All Whites before they left for 'friendly' matches against Australia, Serbia, and Slovenia, en route to the World Cup in South Africa.

With reference to the March *Kingsmen*: Otago United under new coach M. W. (Malcolm) Fleming (1983–84) did not make the play-offs, because of inferior goal difference, but did achieve fifth place in the NZ Football Championship. This was a worthy achievement under difficult circumstances, and greatly to the credit of Malcolm's efforts.

Bits and Pieces

Each Saturday, the *ODT* prints a large photo next to its editorial page entitled "Images from our Past." Earlier this year the photo was of youngsters J. G. (Garth) Dever (1959–63) now of Sydney, and B. J. (Barrie) Foote (1959–63, Staff 1974–76) still of Dunedin, helping Traffic Officer Jack Henderson teach younger children bicycle riding skills at the late lamented Kensington school. A week or two later, the photo showed

6-year-old T. C. (Terrance) Ralston (1966–68) and 3-year-old K. J. (Kelvin) Ralston (1968–70) riding their diminutive bicycles on the Queen's Drive footpath, following a Ralston family cycling tradition. Some time later the photo had been taken at Whare Flat, where some 300 scouts from all parts of Otago were spending a long weekend under canvas, and peering out of their tent were Andersons Bay sea scouts M. B. (Michael) Hyndman, (1957–61) now of Wanaka, and J. A. (John) Fenby (1957–61), still of Balclutha.

In April, a Harvard aircraft of No. 4 Otago (T) squadron, flying over the hills near Henley and piloted by Pilot Officer A. B. (Barry) Watson (1948-53) was the subject of the photo [interestingly, the aircraft is still airworthy, and is based in NSW!]. Barry had learned to fly with the Otago Aero Club, and subsequently graduated with top honours from the No. 3 university pilot's course at Wigram. After qualifying as an optician, Barry shifted to the UK and joined the RAF, but sadly he was killed over Shropshire in 1963 while on a helicopter training flight. The writer remembers an incident in 1953 when 6BL returned to their form room to find members of 6BS dawdling out, and when told to "move it," Barry, a short and very feisty individual chose to argue the point; unimpressed, he was seized by two of the returnees who proceeded to clean the blackboard with him! The blackboard at the time was covered by one of A. H. (Arthur) Chetwin's (1936–38, Staff 1950–59) marvellous technicolour maps, which while it did not look nearly as impressive on the back of Barry's school jersey, did remain just as colourful!!

In May, J. C. (Jim) Mathieson (1937–39) and his wife Peg of Wanaka celebrate their Diamond Wedding. Earlier in the year C. L. (Charlie) Burrell (1949–53) and his wife Wilma of North Taieri, S. L. (Stew) Preston (1949) and his wife Beth of Mosgiel, and G. R. (Gordon) Arnold (1952–54) and his wife Margaret of Dunedin celebrated their Golden Weddings.

R. W. (Roger) Thomson (1955-59) left King's and worked briefly for the State Fire Insurance Co. in Dunedin. However, his enjoyment of outdoor pursuits from an early age, scouting interests, and parental encouragement led him to join the Army Territorials 4/0 South Battalion as a part-time interest. It was not long before he was accepted for officer training at Portsea Army College in Australia, and 28 years of service in the NZ Army followed, during which time he rose to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. Mainly based in Wellington, he was involved in army air despatch, supplies, and transport, which took him to many countries around the world, including Antarctica. Retired, he shifted to Brisbane where he operated a courier business for 14 years. In his spare time he enjoyed exploring the more remote areas of outback Australia by 4WD. During his last excursion in August last year which had involved three months of part-time planning, unfortunately he took ill and was airlifted to hospital by the Flying Doctor Service, where he rallied briefly before passing away. He is survived by his wife Meryl (Brisbane), sons Steven (Rockhampton) and Colin (Melbourne), and by his younger brother M. H. (Merv) Thomson (1958-61) of Fairfield, Dunedin.

Support from the F&P Charitable Trust established by F. B. (Farquhar) McKenzie (1940–44) and his wife Josephine has enabled OU to lure a leading NZ surgeon and researcher back to Dunedin. John McCall has been named the first McKenzie Professor of Clinical Science at OU, and will split his time 50-50 between teaching at the School of Medicine, and performing surgery at the Dunedin Public Hospital. He is a world renowned liver transplant surgeon and gastrointestinal cancer researcher, who graduated from OU in 1982 before

taking up surgery posts in Australia and in London. For the past ten years he has worked with the NZ Liver Transplant Unit in Auckland, helping to pioneer split, live donor, and pediatric liver transplantation. He will continue his work with other Dunedin researchers to develop and patent a gene-based tool for predicting whether colorectal cancer patients are at high or low risk of developing another tumour.

To G. F. (Gavin) Bridgman (1953-57) who died suddenly at his Arrowtown crib after Xmas, optometry was not merely a job: he pushed the boundaries of his profession using innovative ideas, and was always looking for the next project. As no NZ university offered courses in optometry, Gavin studied at the University of Melbourne's Victorian College of Optometry, graduating in 1962, and after a brief stint in Christchurch, joined his father's practice in Dunedin, then known as Watson, Bridgman and Fastier. The practice was the first in the South Island to purchase a colorimeter, which allowed the prescription of coloured lenses to relieve visuallytriggered migraines and some types of dyslexia, and Gavin went on to develop computer software that did the same job. In the early 1970s he began directly importing soft contact lenses, investing in pioneering equipment for the practice, and publishing scientific papers about his research. A lens he designed specifically to help dentists in their work, the result of a long study into the vision of ageing dentists at the Dental School (also brother B. R. (Barry) Bridgman (1950–54) was an Auckland dentist!), was picked up by Australian manufacturers and developed for computer operators. He conducted research into the use of coloured lenses to relieve problems with glare, especially among people with brain injuries, and was able to help a young boy who had incorrectly been diagnosed as brain damaged. Gavin served as a councillor for the NZ Association of Optometrists from 1978-85. A passionate Rotarian, and office bearer in the Dunedin East Rotary Club, he organised the supply of thousands of hearing aids to deaf children in Africa, Fiji, and Samoa, which earned him the rarely-given international Rotary Service Above Self award, as well as a Paul Harris fellowship. A golfer for most of his adult life, he later took up tramping and travelled extensively around the world. His son and daughter-in-law joined him in the practice, which is now known as Bridgman and Dean, in 1995.

M. R. (Michael) Sharp (1987–91), head prefect and top basketballer in 1991 (but then his father Dave had been a NZ representative in 1965–66) was recently married in Hanau, near Frankfurt in Germany. Hanau, with a current population of 90,000 was home to the brothers Grimm, and also to composer Paul Hindemith. Highlight of the wedding ceremony was the speech by best man, fellow basketballer, and Dunedin solicitor D. J. (David) Smillie (1987–91), which Michael described as the best he had heard, despite being subjected to considerable ridicule. London-based Michael may have achieved a first for an Old Boy when he and his bride somehow managed to reenter the UK without their passports—no doubt another long story, albeit with a happy ending!

S. H. S. (Silas) Peattie (1938–40) who died in Ranfurly earlier this year was probably one of only two civilians from King's to fight in two major conflicts: World War II and Korea—the other being A. B. (Bert) Wilson (1936–40). Although born in Wellington, Silas grew up as an only child on a farm near Milton operated by his war-veteran father, but the farm was lost during the Depression and the family shifted to St Kilda, where he joined the sea scouts, bicycling across the mudflats to Andersons Bay. His mother died while he was still at King's, and her newspaper family put him to work in the typesetting

cellar at the ODT in the hope that he might become a journalist, but he rebelled, finding work as a teenage musterer among the brown hills of the Maniototo. By this time, WWII was raging, so Silas and his father enlisted together: his father joining the volunteer reserves while he became an infantryman in the slog northwards through Italy—a third of his unit were killed, and he fell gravely ill with jaundice and dysentery. He had



hoped to buy a farm on his return to NZ, and studied farm management at Lincoln College while chancing his luck in the land ballots, but was unrewarded. When the Korean War erupted, Silas volunteered, and after specialist training in trigonometry and ballistics he became a plotter with the artillery. Later, with the rank of sergeant he became a military policeman, quietly defusing belligerent situations among the young soldiers. The war ended in stalemate, and again with no farm in the offing Silas wanted to volunteer for war service in Malaya, but his father intervened, saying that the family had had enough of war, so he became a carpenter, first with O'Connell and McKewen, then with Naylor Love while caring for his increasingly frail father and uncle in their St Kilda home, and taking up competitive rifle shooting interspersed with duck shooting forays in Central Otago. It was through his rifle shooting that he met his future wife Fran, but felt unable to expedite matters while still caregiving; eventually both old men succumbed to their infirmities, and at aged 43 Silas became a husband, and within two years the father of two daughters. A building site injury forced him to give up carpentry, but with a family to support and encourage, he found labouring work at Wilson's distillery. After the girls had grown up and left home, he and Fran retired to Ranfurly: at last he was back in the open sky, surrounded by his brown hills, well-supplied with beer, books, and cigarettes, and supported by "the love of his life." An authority on guns, ballistics, and shooting matters, he amassed quite a collection of guns, which today grace the wall of the Chatto Creek pub. Silas was a droll, intelligent man, modest and pragmatic, who maintained a soldierly bearing. A stoic, he came from a generation that believed in putting self second for the common good; over the years he'd had many brushes with death, so that it was remarkable that he made it to 86. His final illness was swift, he lay in a hospital bed with a clear view of his brown hills, and left discreetly: ever the good soldier and country gent.

W. L. (Warren) Shirley (1952–56) who died suddenly earlier this year was a man of wide interests, with sport supplying the "glue" that bound the many facets of his life together. While at King's he had been a member of both the 1st cricket XI and the 1st rugby XV teams, but cricket was his first love, and he played senior cricket for eight years as a left-hand spin bowler and a determined tail-end batsman (at one stage he had an unlikely batting average, so to reduce it to normal he was asked to open an innings, whereupon he scored an unbeaten half-century!) for the Dunedin club, during which time it won three senior championships. He was a provincial selector for ten years during which time Otago won the Plunket Shield, and the

Shell Trophy twice. He was a four-term president of the OCA, and was elected life member in 2002—he was still involved in compiling statistics and keeping records up-to-date until the time of his death, especially researching the details of the 550 Otago senior representatives. He received an international Cricket Council award in 2009, and only days before his death a special OCA award for his contribution to the sport. He played lower grade rugby for Southern for five years before a knee injury led to his retirement. However, Warren was probably best known to Otago sports fans as a part-time broadcaster and interviewer for the radio programme "Scoreboard" for some 27 years, covering club rugby especially. He was also part

of the broadcasting team for representative matches at Carisbrook, and also covered three test matches in his capacity as the white-haired "sideline eye." He was knowledgeable, wellprepared, reliable, and supportive, and was highly respected by his media colleagues. His contribution to Otago sport was immense. Warren worked for Trustees Executors Ltd, and later was a reviewer for Dispute Resolutions Services for ACC. Despite health problems over the past 20 years, he remained positive, and put in 100% effort into anything he did (his contribution to the KHSOBA has been noted elsewhere in this publication). His own brush with cancer led him to work for the Child Cancer Foundation, firstly as chairman of the Otago-Southland division where he helped raise \$750,000 to build an accommodation facility at Holdaway House, and was national chairman for two years. A JP and a marriage celebrant, he was a gentleman in every sense of the word.

P. C. (Peter) Walker's (1939–42) grandfather accidentally drowned in 1907 when leaving his workplace on the dredge *Enterprise* near Alexandra, and was survived by his wife and four children—three being preschoolers. One of them collected an acorn from a tree in the Queen's Gardens while on a school trip to Dunedin and planted it in the garden of their Centennial Avenue home. The resultant oak tree is now listed on the Central Otago district plan as a protected tree. As a result of research undertaken by Peter into the circumstances of the tragedy, three generations of the family recently gathered under

the tree in Alexandra to celebrate their ancestor's memory and affix a plaque to the tree detailing those circumstances.

D. (Dan) McLean (Staff 1980–94) was the first significant appointment made by the fledgling Board of Governors when King's gained its independence from the Otago High Schools' Board. Born at Prestonpans near Edinburgh, his early life was spent near there before the family shifted to Canada at the end of WWII, where he completed his secondary schooling. While he enjoyed his time there, the family never really settled, and returned to Scotland after four years. There he helped his father establish the family confectionery business, McLean's Quality Sweets in Edinburgh. To complete his national service, Dan enlisted in the RAF, rising to the rank of Flight Sergeant in the Coastal Command before returning to the family firm after two years. Through his interest in amateur dramatics, he met his wife Margot, and they were to have two sons, but changes in the local market together with competition from larger manufacturers led to the family business folding, so Dan made a major career decision and enrolled at Edinburgh University as a mature student, graduating five years later with an MA and trained teacher qualifications. After teaching in Ayr and in Arbroath, Dan applied for employment as a teacher in NZ during the teacher shortage in the early 1970s, and was accepted by Tokoroa High School. Perhaps he preferred a cooler climate, for he soon shifted to East Otago High School in Palmerston, where he briefly flirted with Social Credit politics before being appointed Senior Master at King's. Dan had high standards and considerable vigour, he felt a strong empathy with both staff and students and worked tirelessly to help both be successful through the school. He was refreshingly direct, an inspirational leader, and committed community member. He retired after 15 years, was at the time acting Deputy Rector, joined the KHSOBA as an associate member, and shifted back to Palmerston to become involved in the community through his membership of the Lions Club and the Masonic Lodge, becoming a leader in both, and also active in the local RSA. Among the many projects he was involved with were the refurbishment of the local sports hall, and the creation of the goldfields display in the main street. He also possessed building and carpentry skills, designing and helping to build the family home at Roseneath. Dan maintained a love of public speaking and drama, but was too active to have time to turn his hand to playwriting. A strong and fit man throughout his life, it came as a shock when he was diagnosed as having, and succumbing to cancer.

REUNION 22–24 OCTOBER 2010 Pass the message on



By the 15th June with just over 4 months to go 88 ex-pupils and staff, as well as 40 wives/partners have registered already, which augurs well for a reasonable number attending the reunion, especially as publicising the occasion is only now getting under way. The fact that already Old Boys from South Africa, UK, USA, and of course Australia have registered is also encouraging. That fewer local registrations have been received is also par for the course, for locals see the school as they pass by, and it is difficult for a sense of nostalgia to stir action—they feel that they have never really left!

Dunedin Annual Dinner Reminder
Thursday August 12th at the Chisholm Park Golf Club.
See the separate insert page for details.