



# THE KINGSMEN

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## The President's Report

Dear Fellow Old Boys

The Association remains in good heart and the Committee is gearing up for a busy year ahead with the 75th Reunion looming as one of the events of the year. We are fortunate to have John Barr on board as the 75th Reunion Convenor and his experience with the 60th Reunion will stand us in good stead.

Everything is now planned for Labour weekend and the details and costs are set out in the registration form which is included with this copy of the *Kingsmen*. The Committee has endeavoured to keep costs to a minimum and I think you will all agree, in today's financial climate, that the costs are very realistic and you are urged to register early to ensure that you are part of this celebration. Early indications are that there will be large numbers attending and we look forward to Old Boys coming from far and wide.

The Annual Dinner was held in May 2009 to fit in with the Rev Canon Dr Paul Oestreicher's (1945–49) visit to Dunedin when he received a Doctorate of Divinity. The Dinner was an outstanding success and Paul's address was one of the best we have heard. This was followed by an introduction to Dan Reddiex the new Principal who then updated those present with

the School activities. Dan's address was equally well received and left those in attendance with the distinct impression that the School was indeed fortunate to have a person of Dan's calibre at the helm. We intend to hold the Dinner this year in August as a warm up to the 75th Reunion.

Again the continuing publication of the *Kingsmen* provides some great reading and information on our Old Boys with our grateful thanks going to Hugh Kidd and Bob Glass for this excellent publication. My grateful thanks to the remainder of the Committee for their input during the year and to the "Fox" for his continued assistance by having his ear to the ground at the School front.

In conclusion I look forward to seeing you all at the Reunion at Labour weekend and urge you to register early. Dunedin is a great place to visit and catch up with all your old School buddies. (Some older than others!!!)

Kind regards

Doug Jackson (1960–63)  
PRESIDENT



## Notice of AGM—Autumn Get Together

Wednesday 7th April 2010 in the School Library at 7.30pm. Refreshments from 7pm.

Ian Page (1943–47, staff 1957–79) will be the speaker.

Ian was prominent academically, and on the sporting field, being captain of both the 1st rugby XV and the 1st cricket XI. In 1957 he joined the staff until 1979, at which time he was Senior Master. Here again he was involved with the 1sts of rugby and cricket being the coach at times. Also he was involved in the school and Dunedin music.

Since 2003 this has not been just another annual meeting so please record the date on your calendar/diary and attend.

**REUNION 22–24 OCTOBER 2010**

*Pass the message on*

## Financial Report

There was a deficit in 2009 of \$3,811 brought about by one off exceptional items of expenditure. They were the balance paid for finishing the Archive room in the Performing Arts Centre amounting to \$5,480, and the additional flagpole erected in front of the Administration block, plus two school flags totalling \$1,455. Also a new item of expenditure is the website with the cost being mostly in enhancing photographs and placing them on the site. The total cost in altering and furnishing the Archive room was \$11,878.

Our major item of expenditure for many years has been the *Kingsmen* which was \$7,786 in 2009 covering production, printing and posting.

Subscriptions received increased to \$17,275 compared with \$15,510 in 2008.

The Balance Sheet shows at the end of the year the Accumulated Fund amounted to \$18,805. Sundry Creditors were \$2,289 due to \$1,500 being received just before Christmas from the Bendigo Trust towards framing sports photographs to be done in 2010.

More members are paying Memberships for Life and that is reflected in Subscriptions in Advance covering 2010 onwards being shown at \$6,895 as opposed to \$4,805 at the 31/12/08.

## Administration

### Contact Addresses

Association addresses are PO Box 163, Dunedin 9054 and email: office@kingshigh.school.nz but head Old Boys' Association. Please do not forward *Reunion registrations and money* to the above address, or the school. Full details for this are in the Information and Registration form, and on the websites. See the back page of this issue for a summary.

### Old Boys' Authors

We wish to acknowledge with thanks those who have presented further books to make up a display at the school as follows:

*Bully Off* by Norman Crawshaw (1955–57). Celebrating 100 years of Buller Hockey.

*The Incomplete Indoor Bowler* by Nick Fenwick (1938). Drawing by renowned ODT cartoonist Sid Scales, father of Ian Scales (1969–73) and Mark Scales (1972–76).

*Dare to be a Boy* by Bruce Tregonning (1960–65). A story of growing up in Macandrew Bay.

## Activities Around the Country

### Dunedin

#### 1. Annual Meeting and Social

Just another reminder of the above to be held Wednesday 7th April in the School Library at 7.30pm. Refreshments from 7pm.

#### 2. Lawn Bowls

The annual bowls match has been arranged for Wednesday 7th April commencing 1.30pm at Balmacewan Bowling Club, 31 Balmacewan Road, Maori Hill.

Any Association member who wishes to play please contact Noel Hudson 454 4449. Seven 4's have been played the last few years but in 2009 we had to be helped by two non King's people, including one generous Otago Boys' bowler.

### Christchurch

#### 1. Contacts

Chairman: Murray Dunbar (1953–57) 44 Ashgrove Street, Rangiora 7400.  
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Treasurer: Alan Malcolmson (1971–75) 10 Parkham Drive, Burnside, Christchurch 8053.  
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### Nelson

#### 1. Contacts

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Jan Reddington wife of Eddie Reddington (1952–54) 7 Somerset Terrace, Stoke 7011. Email: edjanr@xtra.co.nz

#### 2. Function

Kevin St John has advised that they are looking at arranging a mid-year function.

### Wellington

#### 1. Report

The Eleventh AGM and Annual Dinner of the Wellington Branch of the Kings High School Old Boys' Association was held on Thursday 19 November at Turnbull House, opposite the Beehive in Bowen Street, Wellington. The \$48 per head cost, covered the meal, venue charge and Wellington Branch's contribution to the School Scholarship.

Following informal pre-dinner drinks, the AGM and a lovely three course meal, those present were treated to an excellent after dinner speech by Grant Robertson, MP for Wellington Central.

Grant attended King's from 1985–89 and since leaving, has had a distinguished career in politics. This began when he served as President of the Otago University Students' Association in 1994, and then the New Zealand University Students' Association in 1996. After leaving University, Grant joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade.

Overseas postings included the United Nations in New York. He also managed the NZ Overseas Aid Programme to Samoa—a \$7.7 million fund with projects in basic education, healthcare, small business development and empowerment of women.

Grant is now known as an intellectual powerhouse in the Labour Party. During the first term of the Fifth Labour Government he was an adviser to Marion Hobbs and later to the Prime Minister, Helen Clark. Prior to his election to Parliament in 2008, Grant worked as a Senior Research Marketing Manager for The University of Otago.

This very successful evening was well attended by nearly 50 members and spouses, and we look forward to another great evening in 2010.

The Wellington Branch is always keen to add new names to our members list. Contact Morris Barling, Secretary, 29 Te Moana Road, Waikanae. mbarling@xtra.co.nz

## 2. *Contacts*

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Grahame Howley (1951–53) 12 Stanaway Street, Hillcrest 0627  
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## Membership

For many years our membership numbered below 400 but after the Golden Jubilee non-members who registered, were encouraged to join, resulting in 197 from this group becoming financial members. However by the 31st December 1995 membership had declined with 141 dropping out of the Association, despite others joining, leaving a net gain of only 56 over those 10 years.

That proved the saying if you stand still you go backwards!

From prior to the 60th Reunion a continuous membership campaign over the 14 years has resulted in the total at the 31st December 2009 being 915.

Although we had produced newsletters from the late 1980s their upgrading to the *Kingsmen* in 1995, plus more recently including class photos, has helped substantially.

Approximately 4630 invitations to join plus *Kingsmens* have been posted from 1996 to 2009 at an overall cost of \$7,125. Some would have received more than one over those 14 years, plus personal contacts have been made by members.

Going by the final replies producing membership, 575 have definitely joined from those 4630 invitations, with a further 128 resulting from contact by mainly one committee member, and 50 from direct contact to the Association. Thus 753 have joined or rejoined after drifting away for some years.

Unfortunately we have lost over that period 275 who are deceased, resigned, or lapsed unpaid, with a few we could not trace after their *Kingsmens* were returned G. N. A.

### An analysis of our records show as follows:

Membership before Golden Jubilee (say 31/12/85)	381
plus Net gain	56
Membership at 31/12/95	437
plus New members to December 2009	753
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less Loss of members	275
Membership at 31/12/09	<hr/> 915

## Areas of Residence

Southland	16
Otago Central (including Lakes)	68
Dunedin City (Waikouaiti to Brighton to Outram)	311
Eastern Otago (Waitaki to Owaka)	19
South/Mid Canterbury	28
Christchurch (Rangiora to Darfield/Leeston & Akaroa)	102
North Canterbury/Marlborough	12
Nelson/West Coast	26
Wellington/Hutt/Kapiti (to Waikanae)	67
Manawatu/Taranaki/Wanganui/Horowhenua	17
Hawkes Bay/East Coast/Wairarapa	18
Bay of Plenty/Rotorua/Coromandel	31
Waikato	12
Auckland (Orewa to Pokeno & Waiuku)	99
Northland	4
Overseas	85
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## Years Commenced

Age based upon most being 13 when starting.	
1936–1943 (Aged 80 or more with 24 from 1936)	141
1944–1953 (Aged 70 or more)	250
1954–1963 (Aged 60 or more)	320
1964–1973 (Aged 50 or more)	133
1974–1983 (Aged 40 or more)	40
1984– to present (Aged 39 and less)	24
Associate members	7
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Those commencing in 1936 numbered 196 including 4th and 5th Formers transferring from elsewhere. However from 1937 until 1953 the third form intake plus those of their year later joining them numbered not many more than 100 each year. From 1954 until the late 1970s the average commencing each year would be about 175. From 1977 to 1981 there was a declining roll in Dunedin especially in South Dunedin. From 1982 the number starting have been more up to 200 each year.

As has been mentioned many times our membership is aging with 78% being over 60 and only 7% being, what is known as the younger bracket, under 40. We are not alone in this as many who are involved in other organisations will be aware.

## The School

Term 1	Monday 1 February–Thursday 1 April
Term 2	Monday 19 April–Friday 2 July
Term 3	Monday 19 July–Friday 24 September
Term 4	Monday 11 October–Thursday 9 December

## Interschool Programme

The summer interschools against Waitaki Boys' Southland Boys' and Shirley Boys' were held from mid February to early March.

The winter programme is as follows:  
Wednesday 12 May v Waitaki Boys' in Dunedin.  
Wednesday 23 June v Southland Boys' in Invercargill.  
Thursday 1 July v Otago Boys' hosted by King's mainly at Logan Park.

## The Rector

As advised in the February 5th issue of *King's Week* the school has another Rector. No!—Dan has not left but included in an article he states:

*It is probably worth noting that I have decided to revert to the title of Rector that had been conferred upon the leader of King's High School from 1936 until 2001. I was not privy to the rationale behind the change in title but my desire to return to "Rector" is simply to recognise the substantial*

*history and tradition that has contributed to King's High School being the place it is today. It is my intention to continue to celebrate our past while remaining focused on our present and the future of the young men we are privileged to work with.*

## OVER THE YEARS

Those in the 1948 and 1949 third form photos shown in the last issue were all named but we require help with 1950 and 1951. Unfortunately it appears that 1951 3A and 3B were not done 15 years ago. Form 3A has now been done but there are

many question marks in 1951 3B, and several Association members should be in the photo.

Some pupils changed classes during a year which has meant at times there are differences between class photos and those named in that class in the school magazine. This was especially so in 1950 as there were only three class photos but 3B appears to have been divided into 3B and 3C, along with an odd transfer from 3A to produce a fourth class.

We wish to thank you in anticipation of your help. Also if you disagree in those named please advise.

### 1950 Third Form Photos: Pupils Identified



#### 3L Form Photo

**Back Row:** Willie Pearce, Eric Sutcliffe, Lindsay Fortune, Gordon Watt, Peter Gormley, Richard Barham, Geoff Gordon, Hugh Kidd, Dan Lyders, Wilson Ewart, George Humphreys, John Somerville

**Middle Row:** Ian Campbell, Max Airey, Brian Patton, Graeme Blyth, Ken McDougall, Morrison Hammond, Graham Hendry, Doug Holmes, Des Colloty, Derek Martin, Keith Hanning

**Front Row:** Stan Randle, Ralph Whyte, Noel Bowie, Alan Harrison, Ken Graham, Mr R. W. (Rod) MacMillan, Herbie Martin, Mike Brown, Graham Goodman, Des Wilson, Barry Bridgeman

On roll but not in photo: Malcolm McGregor



### 3A Form Photo

- Back Row:* Terry O'Neill, Allen Birchall, John Morrison, Russell Donaldson, Alan Mayne, Tom Clarkson, Barry Milne, Lawrence Clarke, Stuart Manson
- Middle Row:* Eric Sheridan, Graeme Dunn, John Garrett, Lance Pearson, Bill Dickson, Graham Roberts, Russell Thompson, Bill Lowe, Bill Earland, Bill Carstairs
- Front Row:* George Duncan, Mervyn Sharp, Don McLennan, Ron Gillan, Graham Jones, Mr D. A. (Doug) Morrison, Lindsay Reid, Roy Summers, Ken Payton, Gordon Jennison, Graeme Brinsdon
- On roll but not in photo: Colin Barton, Gordon Stewart



### 3B Form Photo

- Back Row:* Harold Wright, ????, Bill Deuchrass, Allan Creighton, John Glendining, Lewis Larking, Vincent Tull, Graham Gosney, Bruce Taylor, Bob Dickinson, ????, Arthur Wills
- Middle Row:* Barry Dunnage, ????, David Dunlop, Bruce Rothsday, Donald Millar, ????, Ray Williams, Jim Keene, Stewart Taylor, Norrie Taylor, Jim Dodds
- Front Row:* Malcolm Isaacs, Edwin Shaw, Andy Fleming, Gerald Buckley, Frank Ross, Mr K. J. (Kevin) Quinn, ????, Rowland Borwick, Eoin Pope, ????, Donald Bruce
- On roll but not named in photo: Don Cameron, Roger Duff, Martin Finlay, Ken McKeachie, Ron Palmer, John Ramsay, Dan Ross, Barry Stevens, Robbie Stevernsen

## 1951 Third Form Photos: Pupils Identified



### 3L Form Photo

*Back Row:* John Holden, ????, ????, Alan Dodds, Colin McKay, Jim Arthur, Roger Middlemass, Barry Robertson, Ken Reddington, Graeme Gamble, Peter Holst

*Middle Row:* Mr A. Anderson, Russell Deiley, Stan Hughes, John Herbert, David Foster, Russell Toms, David Bretherton, Ray Reid, Kelvin Doolan, Ron James, John Williams

*Front Row:* Julian Penfold, Morton Potbury, Richard Offwood, Brian Anderson, David Caradus, Les Green, Nelson Redshaw, John Butel, Oliver Lindsay

*Kneeling Front Row:* Ron McQueen, Ray Trewern, Owen Colloty, Noel Hewitt  
On roll but not in photo: George Lawrie, Alistair Smith, Nicholas van Deusen



### 3A Form Photo

*Back Row:* Herb Ritchie, John Flawn, Les Graham, Ray Colbert, John Simon, Trevor Caley, Graham Hanson, Ron Smith, Gary Homan, Ralph Tait

*Middle Row:* Mr D. A. (Doug) Morrison, Michael Maguire, Alan Gray, John Bradley, Kerry Bain, Evan Squires, Colin Reid, Owen Evans, Brian Austin

*Front Row:* Brian Schofield, Rod Pierce, Keith Mitchell, John Keene, Gordon Webb, Dave Humphrey, Barrie Galbraith, Gerald (Git) McGrath, Ian Hutchings

On roll but not in photo: Bill Muir, Arthur Rockliffe, Brian Wilson



### 3B Form Photo

*Back Row:*        ????, ???? , ???? , ???? , Ron Laing, Graham Avery, ???? , ???? , John Campion, ???? , ???? ,  
*Middle Row:*    Mr J. C. (Jack) Whitworth, Alan McIndoe, ???? , Jim Thomson, Ian Telfer, ???? , Gerald Armstrong, Garth Hames, Brian Park  
*Front Row:*     ???? , Stewart Wright, Brendon Nelson, Byron Harford, ???? , Allan Bremner, Neville Mercer  
 On roll but not named in photo: Gerald Aitken, John Binnie, Russell Brown, Albie, Churchill, Colin Gray, Colin Hancock, Ron Harris, John Hyde, John Kelman, Graeme Lee, Ormand McMillan, Peter Nisbet, Robert Watson



### 3C Form Photo

*Back Row:*        Colin Mills, Brian Waller, Lindsay Logan, Jim Cochrane, David Bowen, Ken Ramsay, Neil Bird, Neil McKenzie, Ron Ball, Les Freeman  
*Middle Row:*    Mr Bob Crimp, John Braithwaite, Les Reid, Warren Bamber, Syd Armishaw, Leon Jones, Frank Huthnane, Russell Buchanan, Eddie Quin, George Lee  
*Front Row:*     Alex Holmes, Roger Shepherd, Barry Evans, Joe Butler, Grahame Howley, Bob Stuart, Mick Findlay, Peter Connolly  
 On roll but not in photo: Bob Cowie, Bill Duncan, Ron McPherson

## Missing

Once again we wish to thank those who have responded to our requests for information concerning those Old Boys for whom we had no details, especially A. M. (Lex) Cochrane (1959–63). Sadly many have indeed died, and unfortunately in some cases we don't know whereabouts in NZ death occurred. More than 13,000 have passed through King's, and it is difficult to keep up with those who have remained in NZ—more so if they have gone overseas! Still, we can but try ....

The class photos of the 1950 and 1951 intakes are included in this *Kingsmen*. The 1950 intake, and those who joined it subsequently, numbered 113, and 26 are known to have died. The circumstances of a further 13 are unknown to us: Maxwell Hugh Airey (was a solicitor in Keri Keri, graduated from Auckland University College), Donald Langford Cameron (was in Waverley), Michael Charles Ellis (brother of John Ellis 1949), Peter James Gormley (was a medical doctor in Tasmania), Malcolm McGregor, Kenneth Hugh McKeachie (in Christchurch?), Basil John McLauchlan (was at Tweed Heads, Oz), Stuart Robert Manson, Robin Stanley Morice, John Alexander Ramsay, Francis Alexander Ross (from Waikouaiti, went to Oz?), Eric Brian Sheridan, Raymond David Williams.

The 1951 intake, and those who joined it subsequently, numbered 130, and 39 are known to have died. The circumstances of a further 14 are unknown to us: Gerald William Aitken (brother of the late Des 1954 and Roger 1955), Brian James Austin (Dux 1955, was lecturing at a university in Oz), David William Bowen (brother of John 1955), David Bretherton, Clifford James Callaghan (father of Paul 1975), Peter James Victor Connolly, Alan Gary Dodds (was principal of Gisborne GHS and Parkway College, brother of John 1955), John Stewart Holden, Alexander Holmes, Graeme Charles Lee, Lester *Keith* Mitchell (from Abbotsford butchery, was retail meat manager at Nelson Freezing Works, brother of Graham 1954, went to Oz?), Michael ("*Robin*") Sinclair, Nicholas van Deusen (an American, son of a visiting professor at Otago University), Gordon Arthur Webb (was at Elliot Heads, Queensland).

We have little information concerning the following from the 1936 intake: Alan Nigel Mitchell (was bank manager in Christchurch, dec.), Arthur Cameron Rough (was in St Kilda, worked for NZR), Robert John Bowie (was storekeeper in NSW), Robert John Brown (was teaching in Hamilton), Leonard Edward Burrow (was with civil aviation in Fiji), James Giles (was a chiropractor in Christchurch), Robert Duchesne Hitchcock (was in Sawyers Bay, worked for P&T), Lindsay Alfred Johnson (was car salesman in Christchurch), Robert James Ritchie (was in Kaikorai Valley, a salesman), George Walker Reid Scott (was in Green Island, a carpenter), Richard Thomas Ball, William Henry Donald Barnett (was in Blenheim), Ewan McLean Broadbent (dec.), Fergus George Beaumont Brown, BSc, Thomas *Cameron* Brown, Alexander Cunningham (dec.), Ronald Alexander Dickie (dec.), James John Hartstonge (d. 1946), Alfred William Houston (d. 1961), Fred Logie, Hunter Benjamin Macan (dec.), Ralph Stanley McCash, Alister George McPhee (was in Brighton), Thomas William Marwick, Eric Munro Neill (was in Halfway Bush), Noel Desmond Overton, Owen Thomas Paterson, Lewis William Spiers (was in Hamilton), Lynn Turner.

As result of our requests for information in the November *Kingsmen*, we can report that of the 1937 intake, Les Bennie died in Dunedin (1990), Colin Gaudin in Fairfield (1991), Eric

Hughes in Christchurch (1986), Roy Pottinger in Lower Hutt (2001) and Donald Ritchie in Queenstown (1991). We still don't know the circumstances of Carlin Dickison who went to England, or Edwin Stephenson.

Of the 1938 intake, Jim Armstrong died in Napier (1979), Jim Boulton in Lower Hutt (1997), Clyde Cameron in Christchurch (1975), Ian de Castro (1999), Stan Johnson in Fairfield (1988), Alex McDonald in Te Awamutu (1983), Jim MacIlree in Whangarei (1998), Murray McQuarrie (1992), Jim Martin in Balclutha (1988), John Meek in Dunedin (1987), Reginald Mitchell in Blenheim (1986), Jim Nickels in Te Atatu (1983), Russell Roberts in Christchurch (1973), and Bruce Young (2002). We still don't know about Tom McPherson, Hartley North, Colin Russell, Alan Rutherford, Ian Scott, Alexander Wood, or Henry Young.

Of the 1939 intake, Tom Barron has died (1995), Max Butler in Tauranga (1983), Alan Dear in Bulls (1983), Jack Francis (1997), Percy Rees in Invercargill (1980), Neil Saul in New Plymouth (1987), and Owen Smith in Christchurch (1992). We still don't know about Gerald Armitage, Jim Brown, Jim Cormack (Oz?), Anthony Doig, Jim Fowler, Eric Harrould, Jack Holland, Bill Kennedy, Ray Milne, or John Ramsay.

Of the 1940 intake Colin Cameron has died (2000), Les Davis (1993), Michael Delaney (1996), Terence Mora (1997), Cliff O'Brien in Dunedin (1985), Ian ("*Bunty*") Rhodes in Otahuhu (1989), and Keith Smith (2004). We have no information concerning Murray Cameron, Noel Miller, Richard Orr, and John Sharp.

Of the 1948 intake, it seemed that *everybody* (except us!) knew of the whereabouts of Rodney Dalziel (Whangarei), but nothing definite about Lowrie Drew, Ainsley Jacobs, Vincent O'Sullivan, Neville Robinson (Belfast?), Charlie Stewart (Timaru?), Robbie Sutherland, Keith White, or John Williamson.

Of the 1949 intake, Peter Morris is living in Mt Maunganui, and Russel N. Smith in Queensland, but John Jarvis, an architect and former noted swimmer/surf lifesaver died on the North Shore in 2003, and Allan Munro, second steward on the interisland ferry TEV *Maori* died on board (1971). We have no definite information regarding Jim Armstrong, Trevor Bransgrove, John Collins, John Ellis, Robin Galbreath, David Green, Barrie Irvine (was in Nelson?), David McLay (went to England), Lance McLoughlin, Neville McTainsh (on Sunshine Coast, Oz?), or Roderick Walton.

## Memories

After all these years some of the truth is coming out with another admitting the sins of the past. Warning—do not allow your descendants, or wife to read this. You were angels compared with these days!

*It was 1940 when one lunch hour another student and myself for some long forgotten reason entered the school boiler room, normally the reserve of the school janitor. Within, two Department of Education carpenters were having their mid-day luncheon. I don't recall the initial conversation, but well remember stating most proudly, "My father makes wine."*

*"That is interesting, could you bring us some?" the older man queried.*

*"Yes, I will bring it tomorrow," I replied.*



Now the course was well and truly set for my establishment as likely the only “Sly-grogger” in the history of King’s.

The following day the carpenters received a bottle each “on the house” for I well understood it was normal practice to give a few freebies when promoting any commodity!

Word quickly went around the class that I had a source of grog, and there was no scarcity of potential customers. I set the price at equivalent of 15¢ per bottle—money had value in those days.

Leaving home each school day I now carried two cases—a small case for my books, and an old Gladstone bag for two bottles of wine, and a small glass beer handle. Drinking was restricted to the luncheon period, and within the classroom. In assisting my schoolmates to indulge I was probably doing good, for at their age of 14–15 years they likely seldom had the opportunity.

The first period following lunch especially if we had E. B. Hay could be frequently hilarious if one or two of the boys had a bit of a spark up.

On one occasion “Popeye” Chisman heard the bottles rattling while I was delving into the case for something.

“Popeye,” “What have you got in your bag?”

Self, “Seawater for science, Sir.” That was a close call!

Then the day came when I attended a suburban fruit shop, and the proprietress said, “I hear the boys at King’s are drinking.” That put an instant stop to my private enterprise activities allied to the liquor trade. Alan, Bertie, Garth, Tom, Jimmy, Robbie, David, Glen, and other classmates if you are still around, “Cheers!”

Ed by 643171

Boys will always be boys!

## Honours

As has become normal practice, King’s featured yet again on the New Year Honours list. I. C. (Ian) Templeton (1945–46) of Wellington was created a Companion of the NZ Order of Merit (CNZM) for services to journalism—“... the pinnacle of my career. I see it as a recognition of the work of the press gallery, and all the outstanding journalists I have worked with.” He started his career as a copy holder at the ODT in 1946, where apart from taking time off to complete his BA at Otago University, he was a sports and general reporter until he removed to Glasgow in 1953. Highlights of his career until then had been covering a scientific expedition to Fiordland, and reporting on the 1951 waterfront strike as it affected the port of Otago. Since his return to NZ he has been a member of the parliamentary press gallery (he is a life member) covering politics under 14 prime ministers, and through 17 general elections. With fellow journalist Keith Eunson, Ian co-authored *Election ’69: an Independent Survey of the New Zealand Political Scene* and *In the Balance: Election ’72*, and he has also contributed political comment to *The Guardian*, the *South China Morning Post*, *The Economist*, the *Australian Financial Review*, and the *Sunday Star-Times*. In 1968 he co-founded the weekly political newsletter *Trans Tasman*, currently being its senior editor. Ian was awarded an OBE in 1994, the Cowan Memorial Prize, and a Qantas Lifetime Achievement Award. His two brothers have also been honoured by the Queen: Dr M. J. C. (Malcolm) Templeton (1936–40), and the Hon H. C. (Hugh) Templeton (1945–47).

F. (Flora) Edwards (Staff 1972–77) of Wellington was created an Officer of the NZ Order of Merit (ONZM) for services to music. An opera singer in many productions for the Dunedin Opera Company, and for other organisations in Dunedin, Wellington, and throughout NZ, she taught remedial reading at King’s.

At the end of every year, *The Star*, Dunedin’s community newspaper celebrates Dunedin’s unsung volunteers with awards. At the fifth such function in December, S. C. (Scott) Weatherall (1993–97) received a Community Spirit Merit Award. Deputy chair of the Saddle Hill Community Board, Scott is also director of Surf Lifesaving Otago, president of the Brighton Surf Lifesaving Club, and sits on several national surf lifesaving advisory committees. A St John paramedic, he is team leader of the Dunedin Water Rescue Squad, and co-ordinator of Brighton’s First Response Medical Unit. He co-ordinates the annual Brighton Gala Day (held recently and enjoyed by up to 10,000 residents and visitors), and is a mentor to young people needing a listening ear and sound advice.

## Cultural Affairs

The Stuart St Potters Co-operative was established in Dunedin some six years ago to provide a creative centre for their craft. Members contribute equally to the overheads, and work in the shop one day each fortnight—the shop being open to the public weekdays and on Saturday. One of the members is R. A. (Riki) Julin (1981–85) who produces most of his works on an electric wheel, along with the occasional hand-built sculptural piece. The main influence to his work comes from the Central Otago landscape, and his works are glazed using different glazes that he has designed or altered to suit the clay body he uses. One glaze, St Clair speckle, makes use of a local material to add both a special effect and local interest to the glaze.

As was forecast in the July *Kingsmen*, G. C. (Grahame) Sydney (1962–66) duly published *Promised Land: from Dunedin to the Dunstan Goldfields*, a spin-off from the documentary film he has been making of the Dunstan Track. A reviewer of the book states that “... [It] is a handsome publication ... well designed and laid out, and containing both historic illustrations relating to yester year and colour photographs of areas apposite to the book’s theme that are also Sydney’s work ... [It] has a good bibliography, notes and an index. It’s a fine publication, one to be savoured.” The documentary remains a “work in progress.”

Recently, the City of Dunedin and the Dunedin South branch of the NZ Labour Party launched *In Command*, the biography of the Hon P. G. Conolly, DSC, VRD, MP—minesweeper captain, Labour parliamentarian and cabinet minister, and Dunedin city councillor—written by his daughter Rosemary Jamieson. Speakers at the function included Dame Dorothy Fraser (mother of W. P. (Peter) Fraser (1962–66) who was also present), Emeritus Professor Dorothy Page (wife of I. W. (Ian) Page (1943–47, Staff 1957–79)), and N. G. (Neil) Howard (Staff 1954–59) son of Dr B. H. (Basil) Howard (Deputy Rector 1936–44)). The Hon H. C. (Hugh) Templeton (1945–47) spoke at the Wellington launch of the book.

## Business Sector

The “retirement” of A. W. (Bill) Baylis (1959–62) got even busier recently when he was one of three independent directors appointed to the board of South Canterbury Finance, thereby easing concerns in the market that the reins of SCF were being held too tightly by current chairman Allan Hubbard. Bill’s

experience is such that he is expected to provide the governance that has been lacking in what was once NZ's premier finance company, and has the ability to take over as chairman should the need arise.

Recently M. G. (Murray) Bell (1958–62) retired after 34 years as an accountant with the various manifestations of Healthcare Otago. A paraplegic as the result of an illness suffered when he was 19, he quickly realised that “you don't conquer a disability, you live with it,” and completed his B.Com at Otago University, en route receiving an accounting prize and a travelling scholarship in commerce. After qualifying as an accountant, he worked briefly for his father's firm, then for a trustee company, before obtaining a position at the Dunedin Public Hospital in 1976, where while familiar with procedures as a former patient, he knew little about the administrative side of a hospital. A huge development during his career was the implementation of computer technology, for it would now no longer be possible to meet compliance requirements manually. Budgetary restraints also became tougher over the years, the health sector becoming subject to ever-increasing demands as medical and surgical advances occurred and public expectations grew. Helping to maintain job satisfaction over 30 years has been administering the Healthcare Otago Charitable Trust, and especially dispensing the Richmond Shilling to each Dunedin hospital patient at Xmas: this tradition dates from a 1934 bequest from former hotelier James Richmond and was designed to represent the price of a jug of beer—the amount has altered with time and in 2009 was \$7.50! In his retirement Murray will continue to administer the Trust (which also finances health related projects such as education and research, and provides services which benefit Otago people) and retain involvement with the Creative Arts Trust which runs Artsenta (a shared studio allowing people in the mental health community an outlet for their creative talents), while pursuing interests in Otago history and genealogy. Almost immediately he was provoked by an *ODT* editorial on the problems confronting ACC into offering his perspective on the issues, the main points being the need for a return in emphasis to the rehabilitation aspect of ACC instead of concentrating on compensation; that entitlements be based on need rather than on cause; and that convicted drunken drivers make a substantial contribution to the ACC as part of their reparation (which would thus be part of the criminal code and not conflict with ACC legislation, where it might compromise the no-fault principles of ACC).

A new hotel, the “St Clair Beach Resort” has recently arisen on the corner of Beach Street and the Esplanade, and the key feature is the “Pier 24 Restaurant and Bar,” which is open to the general public daily for breakfast, lunch, dinner and weekend brunch, as well as providing an all-day service for in-house guests. Executive chef is M. S. (Michael) Coughlin (1977–79), who trained in the army, worked at Dunedin restaurant “95 Filleul Street,” at “Olivers” in Clyde, and in his own family restaurant “Stepping Out” in Alexandra, before establishing “Bell Pepper Blues” 18 years ago in the Prince of Wales hotel. On the way he collected several national awards, and his reputation became such that reservations were required even for lunch; while the *ODT* food writer, who also reviewed restaurants for *Cuisine* magazine, described “Bell Pepper Blues” as Dunedin's “highest profile” fine dining restaurant. But like many such restaurants, it has been hit hard by the recession, and by a mistaken rumour that it had already closed. However this will be the case in September when his lease expires for some two years ago Michael was approached by the management of the Resort and asked if he would attend to the design and layout

of the kitchen and restaurant, and subsequently to select the five chefs and three kitchenhands required. “Pier 24” with its relaxed and convivial atmosphere and superb location overlooking the beach is already a great place for friends to meet, and live music is planned: Dunedin jazz greats Calder Prescott, and T. A. (Trevor) Coleman (1973–75) have been lined up to perform.

S. J. (Stephen) Franklin (1964–68) of Greenhithe is general manager (northern region) of the Order of St John, and is based at Mt Wellington in Auckland.

The rise and rise of S. E. (Steve) Hotton (1973–74) in Kurow continues, with the opening in December of “The Vintner's Drop” in the art deco styled former post office, the result of a combined effort by Dr Jim Jerram (“Ostler Wines”) and Steve (“Valley Café and Bakery”). This new business complements the recently opened “Kurow Winery,” and gives locals and passers-by an opportunity to taste, learn about, and purchase a range of local wines, for all local vineyards have been invited to participate in the venture. Indeed both a New York and a UK-based critic have already commented favourably on the distinctive quality of the relatively little known Waitaki wines. Steve has also returned to making hot pies, this time using merino meat which has a flavour like no other sheep, and requires good pastry to complement this flavour. His pies are frequently sold out (which strangely gives him quite a buzz!): he could make more by using a machine to churn out “manky old pies,” but prefers to make them by hand, and thereby maintain quality.

J. C. (John) Ingram (1968–72) has joined the management team at Classic Jaguar Limousines, bringing a wealth of experience in event management and tourism gained from his seven years at the Otago Settlers Museum. His passion for history and for what Dunedin has to offer has been further demonstrated through his restoration of heritage homes and his membership of several organisations dedicated to the preservation of Dunedin's history. The Kaikorai Valley-based firm provides VIP transport services, including airport transfers, and is well-established in the wedding market throughout Otago and the Lakes District with its fleet of classic and late-model Jaguars, its Daimler limousine, and a Mercedes-Benz luxury minibus.

It was not surprising that D. P. (Peter) Macdougall (1955–58) moved into agribusiness politics, for in developing their 4500ha Minzion Station near Millers Flat, the greatest input cost for him and his wife was fertiliser, and it was in his interest to make sure that he was getting the best deal from his supplier. His growing reputation for asking questions at Southland Co-operative Phosphate Company AGMs led to an invitation to stand for the board, from which he retired only last year, twenty five years and several restructures later (it is currently Ballance Agri-Nutrients). Initially a stock agent, Peter brought a thoughtful and practical view to the board, and six years later was chairman of renamed Southfert. At that time there were two South Island co-operatives and three in the North Island, and Southfert's attempt to merge with Bay of Plenty Fertiliser Co-op in order to gain better access to urea from the Kapuni plant was strongly resisted by Ravensdown. However now there are just two firms, Ballance and Ravensdown sharing virtually equally the national fertiliser market. Peter who is chairman of the NZ Co-operatives Association has unwavering support for co-operatives, whom he believes undersell themselves by not promoting the fact that they are locally owned, and would like to see this business model extended to the banking sector. He is aghast at the lack of leadership in managing the exchange rate at a level which allows the productive export sector to

remain competitive. Security of supply is now a big issue, for NZ fertiliser use is small on the global scale. Meanwhile back on the farm, Peter and his wife are now in partnership with their son.

At the Air New Zealand wine awards held in Christchurch in November, J. B. (John) Olssen (1960–64) won the top sustainable wine award with his Olssen's Annieburn Riesling 2009.

The 2009 Budget allocated \$4.2 million over four years to boost the honorary fishery officer national network from 172 to 250, and the full-time fishery officers from 95–104. Otago district compliance manager M. W. (Murray) Pridham (1968–73) has reported that there are only eight honorary fishery officers covering the coastline from the Catlins to just north of Timaru, supervised by one full-time co-ordinator, and was hopeful that some of the new officers would be based in Otago. Honorary fishery officers are community-based volunteers, with the powers of full-timers in the recreational sector. Apart from being a presence, they aim to improve knowledge and understanding of sustainable utilisation of the fishing resource. The most significant problem on the Otago coast was paua poaching, because this fishery was reasonably accessible.

J. A. (Jim) Valentine (1936–38) who died recently was a first-day pupil at King's, having spent the previous year at OBHS, and was Dux in 1938. In 1939 he began his business career joining chartered accountants W. E. C. Reid & Co and studying part-time at Otago University, but following the outbreak of World War II he joined the air force and as a pilot officer took part in the defence of Singapore after Japan entered the war, but was captured and spent three and a half years as a prisoner of war in Java. On his return to Dunedin he rejoined his old firm, and unusually, stayed with them through several name changes until his retirement in 1986, by which time he had served seven years as chairman of the NZ group of the international firm Deloitte, Haskins & Sells. Described with some respect as "Multi Chairman Jim," he was a director and often chairman of several large listed companies such as Wilson Neill, Waitaki International, Reid Farmers and Odlins, but did not shun Dunedin private companies such as Wickliffe Press, Naylor Love, Ferrum Engineering, Penrose's Department Store, and the Farra Dunedin Engineering Group. When Jim returned to Dunedin from the war, he resumed his B.Com studies part-time, gaining the highest marks in NZ for Stage 3 Accounting, and graduating in 1947. As a result he was appointed to a part-time lectureship in commerce and continued to teach at Otago University for 20 years, while acting as examiner and moderator for the Society of Accountants. With Prof T. K. Cowan he co-authored a number of textbooks, which rapidly became standard works. He combined teaching with a fully professional working life, becoming an Otago representative on the Council of the NZ Society of Accountants for ten years, becoming national president in 1967, chairing the national convention in 1975, and elected life member in 1980. He served on the Accounting Research and Standards Board, the Professional Standards Committee, and was a founding member of the Securities Commission and the Stock Exchange Board. Jim was a strong supporter of Otago University, and in 1969 was elected to the University Council, chairing the financial and general committee, and ultimately serving as Chancellor for eleven years to which role he "brought dignity and the wisdom of experience." In his more private life, Jim played senior cricket for the Carisbrook Club as a fast bowler and useful tail-end batsman; he once bowled Bert Sutcliffe

for a duck, hit Frank Cameron for two successive sixes, and claimed a hat trick against Kaikorai in 1952—he was duly presented with the ball which was displayed in a prominent place at his home, and graced his casket at his funeral service. He enjoyed his family life, being married to Shirley for more than 50 years, and they had four sons. Each year he would find a new farming contact, and take his young family to a remote campsite near potable water; later, after the purchase of a jet-boat, water skiing became the main summer activity. Jim was a loyal supporter of King's, being president of the Old Boy's Association in 1954, and he chaired the 50th Jubilee Committee in 1986: he was awarded life membership of the Association in 1986. On his retirement from Reid Farmers in 1992, then deputy chairman I. J. (Ian) Farquhar (1945–49) said " ... few NZers could look back on such a comprehensive association with business and education. His knowledge of company law and accounting procedures was encyclopaedic and he also had a tremendous analytical skill. Time and again we had discussions on various issues, with many viewpoints expressed, and Jim had the ability to pigeon hole the essentials and then sum up the preferred course of action with total clarity and simple logic. Over the years we have come to respect his quiet style of manner, his business judgement, integrity, and his remarkable ability to communicate in plain language."

## Sporting Triumphs

### NZ Sport Representation

W. N. (Warwick) Larkins (1960–63) has been for some time compiling a list of Old Boys who have represented New Zealand at 1st team adult level in their chosen sport. Several have been difficult to track down, one such being W. R. (Bill) Speirs (1957–61) doyen of the high jump while at King's and afterwards. A chance meeting at a wedding with his sister gave Warwick the lead he needed and via email the information was soon provided. Bill lives on the Mornington Peninsula, about 50k southeast of Melbourne. He was selected in the NZ Team which competed in the First Pacific Conference Games in Tokyo in 1969, and won five NZ senior high jump titles in 1963–64–65–68 and 1969. Moving to Melbourne in 1970 he taught mostly PE but his last 14 years were as a campus principal at Frankston High School. He retired in 2000 but still keeps fairly fit with weight training, walking and cycling.

Another NZ representative who was uncovered was yachtsman I. W. (Ian) Maskell (1958–62) in 1977, 1979, 1983, and 1985. Keel boat racing was the class and in 1983 and 1985 some of the crews included Peter Lester, Grant Dalton, Grant Loretz, Brad Butterworth and Russell Coutts: top company indeed! Yachts sailed on included "Pacific Sundance" (1983–84), "Equity" (1985) and "Fair Share" (Admirals Cup 1987).

### Skeggs Foundation

Those receiving grants recently included T. A. (Tony) Payne (2002–06) athletics, M. J. (Michael) Nesbit (2001–05) rowing, R. C. (Rhys) Applegarth (2004–08) swimming; and coaches S. A. (Scott) Fitzpatrick (2000–05) hockey, and D. G. (David) Stinson (1965–70) athletics.

### Athletics

D. J. (Daniel) Balchin (2004–08) who is enjoying a great 2009–10 track season won the bronze medal in the M19 NZ 3,000m championship held in Dunedin recently. Along with L. C. I. (Lyndon) Brown (2002–06) he was selected to represent NZ against Australia in the 3,000m steeplechase. In the event, both clocked the same time (9 min 22 sec) but the race was awarded

to Daniel who recorded a personal best by 5 seconds—Lyndon recorded a personal best by 15 seconds.

G. R. (Graham) Helm (1979–82) won the Ness Cup handicap mile in November. As he had previously won the race in 1998, he became only the fourth runner to have won the race more than once since the event was first held in 1935.

The Ariki Harrier Club has entered a team to contest the Portland to Coast Challenge in Oregon in August. This is one of the premier road relay events in the US; it begins at 1800m altitude on the slopes of Mt Hood and finishes at the town of Seaside, 317k distant. Teams total 12 runners, each of whom runs 3 of the 36 legs, which vary in distance from 5.66k to 12.53k. Some 1,850 mostly US-based teams applied for entry, with 850 being culled to meet the 1,000 team limit. The actual team has yet to be selected, but could include T. M. (Tim) Dobier (1993–98), P. E. (Eddie) Smith (1993–97), and M. A. J. (Max) Smith (1998–2002).

C. H. S. (Caden) Shields (2002–06) became the first male athlete in 22 years from Purdue University to compete in the prestigious NCAA cross country championship final, after making a big impact by finishing 10th in the Great Lakes regional 10k championships: his time of 31 min 22.20 sec being a personal best by a minute—yet despite running an even faster time in the final, he only finished in 132nd place! While his performances in the US have left him struggling somewhat down the track, they have lifted him into the top echelon in NZ senior rankings: 4th in the 5,000m, 1st equal in the 10,000m, and he has recently lowered his 3,000m time by 17 seconds. Caden is halfway through a \$(US) 30,000 athletics scholarship at Purdue, and is also continuing the health science course he began at Otago University: high grades are expected, and as he is “on the road” competing every two weeks he has to take his study notes with him—there is absolutely no time to socialise!

M. A. J. (Max) Smith (1998–2002) who has been studying at Providence College in Boston on an athletics scholarship had nursed hopes of competing at the Beijing Olympics in either the 1500m or the 5,000m, but suffered an Achilles tendon injury which put his athletics career on hold—he found that unlike in NZ, US doctors treat the injury but do not look for any underlying cause. However, he has not given up on his Olympic dreams, and hopes to compete at London in 2012, but in the 3,000m steeplechase. He has completed a double degree in history and philosophy, and is now working as a sales representative for Puma at Villanova in Pennsylvania.

### **Bowls**

It would certainly seem that bowlers improve as they age, for at the national championships at Hutt City in January, K. G. (Ken) Walker (1960–63) was ranked bowler of the tournament. Seeking to add to his national title gained in 1987, in the singles final he failed by a centimetre from winning on what became the penultimate end; he and A. G. (Andy) McLean (1994–98) were quarter finalists in the pairs; and he was highly placed in the fours.

C. L. (Charlie) Burrell (1949–53) is following a similar path: in his 50th year as a bowler he skipped his team to win the NZ Hoteliers’ Bacardi Cup held this year in Gore in December. The match was won on the final bowl, and was the second time he has tasted success at this tournament. The former host of Hotel Taieri, Charlie has come close, but has never won any Bowls Dunedin title, although twice he reached the semi-finals in the triples. In a singles tournament in the mid-sixties he defeated Gordon Jolly, who had just returned from winning the

World Bowls gold medal in Sydney, and in the next round he defeated future NZ rep Neville Hill: as a result he was selected to represent the Dunedin centre in a match against Central Otago—but was never asked again! It was easy for Charlie to slip into playing bowls at the then young age of 23, for both of his parents were members of the Taieri Bowling Club, and many of the members drank at their hotel, so he never felt out of place. He retired in 1982 to a 4ha lifestyle block at North Taieri, where he keeps fit by cycling, eating plenty of vegetables, and bowling three days a week. While still liking to win, it is no longer his prime objective: “When I was young, winning was everything; now I enjoy winning friends ...”

### **Coast to Coast**

This is a multisport (cycling, running, kayaking) two-day 243k staged between Kumara on the Tasman Sea across the South Island to Sumner on the Pacific Ocean, and is open to individuals or relay teams—real enthusiasts may indulge themselves in “The Longest Day” whereby individuals complete the race within a day! P. J. (Peter) Notman (1973–77), a Dunedin company director had already competed twice, but as a member of team, so this year (his 50th) decided he would tackle the event by himself, and aim for a sub 16 hour time. As one of the organisers of the annual Otago Peninsula Challenge, he is used to large athletic events, but the “Coast to Coast” is something else: \$900 entry fee, a grade-two kayaking certificate (which could cost up to \$1,000), not to mention up to 15 hours per week training (which rose to more than 20 hours during the Xmas break). Sadly, Peter didn’t finish the course: torrential rain which set in after the event had started

## **Obituaries**

- R. W. (Roger) Thomson (1955–59) died at Brisbane 4.9.09  
R. W. (Bob) Jackman (1959) died at San Francisco 8.10.09  
M. L. (Mervyn) Adams (1945–48) died at Dunedin 29.10.09  
A. D. (Don) Wilson (1947–49) died at Huntly 30.10.09  
J. L. (John) Oliver (1951) died at Christchurch 3.11.09  
J. L. (Les) Corbett (1945–47) died at Auckland 4.11.09  
R. W. (Ron) McQueen (1951–53) died at Lower Hutt 5.11.09  
R. D. (Bob) Darracott (1940–41) died at Manukau City 16.11.09  
A. B. R. (Bruce) Brown (1943–47) of Timaru, died at Dunedin 16.12.09  
R. C. (Ron) Hall (1944–45) of Alexandra, died at Clyde 19.12.09  
I. J. (Ian) Murcott (1947–49) of Hampden, died 21.12.09  
N. G. (Graeme) Macdonald (1958–61) of Glenavy, died at Oamaru 23.12.09  
G. F. (Gavin) Bridgman (1953–57) of Dunedin, died at Arrowtown 27.12.09  
J. A. (Jim) Valentine (1936–38) died at Dunedin 30.12.09  
M. F. (Mervyn) Bradley (1943–44) died at Gisborne 1.1.10  
I. S. (Ian) Brockie (1954–55) died at Abbotsford 1.1.10  
G. C. (Graeme, “Harry”) Johnston (1961–62) died at Beaumont 12.1.10  
J. G. (John) Stevenson (1971–72) died at Dunedin 15.1.10  
J. P. (Jack) McFaull (1936–38) died at Wellington 30.1.10  
P. S. (Pat) Gourley (1954–57) died at Dunedin 11.2.10

forced organisers to alter the usual proceedings, and such last-minute alterations meant that he didn't have the appropriate gear to adapt to these changes. Still perhaps another time ....

### **Cricket**

B. B. (Brendon) McCullum (1995–2000) may no longer be vice captain of the “Black Caps,” but he is not letting that hold him back: his score of 185 in the test against Bangladesh recently is the highest ever scored in a test by a NZ wicketkeeper. His brother N. L. (Nathan) McCullum (1994–98) again represented NZ at ODI and Twenty/20 level, and although he was short-listed for the Indian Premier League (IPL) auction on January 19 when teams were able to supplement their squads and add to players on multi-year contracts, nobody bought him!

### **Cycling**

Age is certainly not wearying G. A. (Gordon) McCauley (1985–89) either, for in Christchurch in January he upset more fancied rivals to win the national road cycling time trials for the third time by a record margin, adding to his record five national road race wins. This puts him into contention for selection in the Commonwealth Games team to compete at New Delhi, where the course is similarly flat. Gordon, who won a bronze medal at the Melbourne Commonwealth Games, believes he is capable of a second medal under such circumstances.

### **ACC NZ Masters Games**

Once again it was Dunedin's turn to host these games, and as usual the chairman of the organising committee was J. T. (John) Bezett (1957–58, Board of Governors 1985–89, Board of Trustees 1989–95), and special guests were Dick Tayler and Sir Colin Meads. There were just more than 6,000 competitors, which was down on previous years, but might have been because of the recession, and possibly was exacerbated by the holding of the World Masters Games in Sydney only four months previously. ACC has decided to withdraw their sponsorship, but there was optimism that another sponsor would soon be found. The Sports Injury Clinics were once again co-ordinated by G. A. (Graeme) Harvey (1959–62), who at the halfway stage had used up half a kilometre of strapping tape when coping with 311 injured competitors (10 of whom went straight to hospital, and 20 to the urgent doctors) mainly from the vigorous and violent sports such as netball, soccer, athletics, basketball, and hockey—the number of injured was expected to pass 400! Many Old Boys took part, but it was impossible to keep a check on them, for team membership was never published, and the results posted in the *ODT* were often confusing. However, we can record the following medal winners (with apologies to those whose worthy achievements are unknown to us). G. L. (Grant) Sneddon (1976–79) 100m, long jump; G. R. (Graham) Helm (1979–82) 800m, 1500m; B. A. (Bart) Smaill (1954–56) 10k; P. M. (Peter) Ruhen (1954–58) 10k; I. R. (Ian) Shore (1960–65) rail trail duathlon; B. R. (Bruce) Park (1951–54) powerlifting (broke record); T. J. (Trevor) Bills (1967–68) powerlifting; D. J. (David) Waide (1990–94) of Gold Coast, swimming (4 golds); R. G. (Rob) Waide (1987–92) of Gold Coast, swimming (5 golds); B. J. (Bruce) Spittle (1962–63) ice dancing and figure skating; M. G. (Maurice) Nielson-Vold (1952–55) bowls; N. E. (Neil) George (1975–78) yachting; F. E. (Fiona) Duigan-McKay (1964–66) petanque; and K. J. P. (Kevin) Fitzgerald (1971–74) of Perth, pool.

### **Rowing**

At the South Island club championships at Lake Ruataniwha, M. J. (Michael) Nisbet (2001–05) of North End dominated to win the open singles race, then teamed up with Robbie Mears (OBHS) to gain 4th in the open doubles. He won the bronze

medal in the senior single sculls at the national championships at Lake Karapiro, and the next day, he and Mears won the silver medal in the senior double sculls.

### **Rugby**

At the NZ Rugby Awards dinner held in Auckland, B. W. (Blair) Crawford (1984–88) was named Charles Monro Volunteer of the Year. While he received the award for his work as club captain and coaching co-ordinator of the Southern Club; he also coached the Southern Under-12 team, and the Dunedin Metropolitan Under-11 team, and was convenor of the Metropolitan match committee which makes the draws for junior rugby each week. He estimates that he devotes 25 hours each week to rugby during the winter season, with Saturday a busy day which starts at 8.30am when he puts out the flags at Bathgate Park and does not finish until the formal after-match function for the seniors at 7.00pm. He is the operations manager at the Edgar Centre (Dunedin's indoor stadium on the foreshore), and he and his wife Helen, who is club captain of the Southern juniors, have three young children. Son of Southern life member R. W. (Bob) Crawford (1957–60), Blair played more than 100 premier games for the club as an inside back.

B. R. (Ben) Smith (2000–04) and J. M. (Jason) Macdonald (1995–98) are representing Otago Highlanders this season.

G. R. (Glenn) Dickson (2000–04) represented Otago at the national sevens tournament at Queenstown in January.

*Rugby World*, an English magazine, selected an “international team of the decade” which included C. J. (Carl) Hayman (1993–97). Dan Gilhooly (who?) of NZPA also named such a team, which while differing in minor detail, also included Carl.

The 1963 interschool rugby game v OBHS at Littlebourne will go down in history as perhaps the most exciting and exasperating interschool ever between the two schools. Otago Boys led 12–8 with time up on the clock but the King's backs were not to be outdone and a brilliant try near the posts was scored by future Otago and NZ Universities Rep E. S. Evan (“Bugs”) Taylor (1959–63, Staff 1967–68) made it 12–11 with the kick to come. D. G. (Denis) Breese (1958–63) attempted the conversion but alas it barely got off the ground. The game finished shortly afterwards and when questioned about the kick, Denis replied, “What kick?” Duncan Boswell an OBHS player of that time was part of a 50-year OBHS reunion last year—it sounded as enjoyable as that of our 1959'ers and reports that they all toasted Denis Breese in memory of the 1963 clash. Surplus funds from their reunion will result in the presentation of a handsome cup to be awarded to the winner of the Harley-Taylor Cup named after the two future Otago representatives who played for their respective teams on that day. A generous and much appreciated gesture on their part.

### **Rugby League**

J. P. (John) Brimble (Staff 2000–04), CEO of Sport Otago, has been appointed one of five directors of the southern zone, established to administer the game at regional level.

### **Soccer**

New coach M. W. (Malcolm) Fleming (1983–84) and Otago United are performing better than was expected in the NZ Football Championships and have a genuine chance of making the play-offs. Indeed Malcolm was recently named NZ Football Championship coach of the month. The team is captained by T. C. (Tim) Horner (1998–2000), and includes A. D. (Andy) Coburn (1993–97).

## Yachting

D. J. (Daniel) Meehan (2005–09), who was 2nd in the national 29er event last year, sailed from Dunedin to Lyttleton via Akaroa on *Lion NZ*, sponsored by the Otago Yachting Association.

## Bits and Pieces

Every issue of the *Otago Daily Times* has a page called “Diversions,” on which is a section covering many centuries, called “Today in History.” On Wednesday 2nd December under 1987, it stated “A surgical team headed by Ken Graham, perform New Zealand’s first heart transplant at Green Lane Hospital, Auckland. “Ken is our K. J. Graham (1950–55) who was Head Prefect in his last year. As my co-writer would say yet another successful train boy.

Also over the late December early January holiday period the *ODT* published a section called “Summer Times” in which some issues included houses and their histories, with three of only a handful, having King’s connections.

The Tudor-style house at 20 Cliffs Road, St Clair was designed by prominent architect and engineer F. W. Petre more than 125 years ago. Whilst working on the building of Cargill’s Castle, Francis Petre met and then married Margaret, a daughter of Edward Cargill, with that original house being their first home. Francis Petre is well known for the construction of many houses and buildings, including the Catholic cathedrals and basilicas in Wellington, Christchurch, Oamaru and Dunedin. Three of their grandsons, all now deceased, were Francis J. (Frank) Petre (1936–40), Robert Cargill (Bob) Petre (1938–42) and W. B. (Bill) Petre (1941–44). Sons of the owners for the past 41 years are A. J. R. (James) Sneyd (1975–79), who was dux in 1979, and J. G. (John) Sneyd (1985–89).

Another featured was the mansion “Fernhill” in Melville Street built for whaler, runholder and trader Johnny Jones in 1867, and since 1874 the Dunedin Club. The current President of the Club is solicitor G. R. (Geoff) Thomas (1958–62), whilst D. N. (Dave) Humphrey (1951–54) is Vice President and B. R. (Barry) Clarke (1952–55) was President in 1987

W. J. (John) Jones (1948–52) is a descendant of the original owner and has been involved with manufacturer Tudor Clothing most of his life.

The third property was “Winchmore” in St Leonards which was only built about 40 years ago but looks as if it is in England of the Elizabethan period. The owners for the last 28 years have been Sandra and G. W. (Gordon) Sasse (1958–63). Gordon was a school teacher but now owns Otago Office Furniture.

I. R. M. (Ian) Sullivan (1939–40) was killed in April 1940 by a drunken driver on Portobello Road while still a schoolboy. Recently his great nieces were sorting through some boxes at their grandmother’s (Elaine, wife of the late W. G. (Bill) Brookes (1943–47) and sister of Ian) and came upon an exercise written by him in July 1939, when he was in Form 3.

### Ten Prophecies

1. *Voyages into space may become possible in rocketships.*
2. *Cities of the future will probably be built in one solid piece with various levels and roads on each level. Artificial sun lamps would be installed.*
3. *Inter-connecting roads between towns would be built in separate lanes to avoid traffic friction. Minor crossroads would pass under or over the main road.*
4. *The channel tunnel between England and France might materialise.*
5. *The transmission of power by wireless might become possible if this was to happen the forces of the gales in the Antarctic could be utilised.*

6. *Another development in the transport line would perhaps allow the driver to give control of the car to radio. Streamlining would be developed although on more practical lines than at present.*
7. *If war comes, which seems very likely in the present state of affairs, it would last for many years and many instruments of death such as death-rays would be used.*
8. *Some foods would be made synthetically and others reaped from plants grown in chemical solutions.*
9. *The disintegration of various substances artificially would yield power.*
10. *Many of the world’s natural physical assets such as oil, coal, iron, etc., would be used up and would have to be done without.*

The (unknown) teacher has commented: “These show originality and careful thought.”

C. P. C. (Peter) Evans (1961–65) even since King’s days has displayed some high quality artistic talent. New Zealand birds have been sketched excellently but for some of us it has been a delight to receive his Christmas cards. Always featuring a theme of Kiwi’s on holiday as in the national bird playing beach cricket etc, last years production saw a family on a launch with the King’s flag proudly flying at its stern. As can be seen below the inevitable gulls follow the flag.



J. J. (John) Stinson (1964–68) on a recent visit to the Air Force of New Zealand Museum at Wigram got quite a buzz to see displayed the WW2 records of Squadron Leader Doug (Lucy) Lockhart (Staff 1953–79). Photographs of his medals shows the 1939–45 Star, the Africa Star with “North Africa 1942–43 clasp, Pacific Star, Italy Star, Defence Medal, War Medal 1939–45, NZ War Service Medal, and the Cadet Forces Medal. Many will remember well Doug’s service to the ATC unit at school. Together with Jim McCreedy (1937–40 Staff 1950–80) they made an impressive pair not only in the unit but also in the Science Department and their service to many aspects of school life.



T. M. (Trevor) Page (1987–91) who hitch-hiked from Auckland to Dunedin last year disguised as a cabbage (see November *Kingsmen*) to raise money for his venture, is currently completing a six-month course for a Mastery of the Self at Mt Ral in Spain. He claims that it goes to show that we can achieve anything we want to in this world if we are flexible and have the courage to step outside the box!

D. M. (David) Caddie (1941–44) reminisces about working for National Insurance:

*My days with the "National" are well and truly behind me, but I must say that my four years in India (not always so hot) were extremely interesting. At that time, there was a working arrangement with NZ Insurance which was then one of the largest insurance companies operating in India and indeed the whole of the East, to provide staff for joint offices in Calcutta and Bombay (Mumbai, if you insist, but not then) D. L. (Doug) Sutherland, himself a King's High boy (1937–40), was in Bombay and I was in Calcutta, which was the Head Office for India. Because of my accounting qualifications, part of my job involved periodic visits to the several sub-branches spread around—New Delhi, Jullundur, Agra, Kanpur and Madras and so I had the privilege of seeing many parts of the country which others did not. In addition, I oversaw the establishment of a new branch in Chittagong, East Pakistan (now Bangladesh), finally ending up for three months "baby-sitting" a newly opened office, for the "National" anyway, in Karachi, Pakistan, whilst Doug Sutherland who was now the manager, carried out a visit to the Middle East. That was to Iraq, Iran, Lebanon and Syria to establish new business contacts for the insurance world. I don't know how successful he was, but nearly 60 years on, I shudder to think what the consequences may have been, given all the upheavals in recent years. Returning to NZ in February 1953, I married my local sweetheart of nearly 8 years, Jean Grant, and subsequently turned my back on the insurance world, for pastures new.*

The Musselburgh Presbyterian Church in Queen's Drive celebrated its centenary last year. Chairman of the committee which organised the celebrations was R. G. (Bob) Hunter (1949–53).

S. D. (Stuart) Ryder (1980–84), son Mrs L. M. (Lorna) Ryder (Board of Governors 1985–89) and Dux in 1984 had developed an interest in astronomy as a young lad visiting the Beverly-Begg observatory. He began his university studies at Otago University, but transferred to Canterbury University where they offered courses in astronomy, graduating BSc in 1988. In 1993 he completed his Ph.D in astronomy and astrophysics at Australian National University in Canberra, and pursued post-doctoral studies at the University of Alabama. Since 1999 he has worked at the Anglo-Australian Observatory in NSW, being acting-head at times while investigating supernovae (exploding stars) and conducting optical and infrared studies of star formations in nearby spiral galaxies. Stuart is visiting Dunedin in May as guest speaker for the Royal Astronomical Society of NZ who are holding their annual conference at Otago Museum, hosted by the Dunedin Astronomical Society as part of its centenary celebrations; he will give a public address in the Hutton Theatre on Sunday, 30th May at 2.00pm.

G. J. (Gavin) Wilson (1977–79) recently in Dunedin for the Masters Games paid a visit to Bay View Road and enjoyed a brief tour of the school. Moving to Melbourne in 1979 he now lives in South Gippsland which is about 1 hour inland from Melbourne. Employed in food testing for the dairy industry, he was amazed when travelling around this country at the huge growth of that industry. A big rugby union fan he had to content himself with a game of hockey at the Games as the national game was not included as an option.

W. E. (Bill) Traill (1942–46) responded to an advertisement promising to train future hotel managers, and joined the Tourist and Health Resorts Department in 1949. After varying

periods at Head Office, Chateau Tongariro, Te Anau, and Waitomo Caves as hotel clerk, he transferred to the Tourist Hotel Corporation which took over the operations of hotels. In 1959 managerial status commenced at Lake House, Waikaremoana; then Eichardts Hotel, Queenstown; Chateau Tongariro; Waitomo Caves; and Te Anau. Pensioned off in 1982, he was self-employed in Taupo for five years before final retirement in "the Top of the South" (i.e., Motueka). Principal cerebral exercise since then has been family history. He and his wife Florence have had three children.

D. M. (Doug) Robertson (Board of Governors 1982–89, Board of Trustees 1989–90) who died last year was the inaugural chairman of the Board of Trustees. A member of the Parent Teacher's Association, he was elected of the Board of Governors as a parents' representative in 1982, becoming treasurer in 1985, and chairman in 1988. During this time he was a member of the NZ Secondary Schools Board's Association since 1983, and Otago executive member of the Southern Region since 1986. During the transition to Tomorrow's Schools he helped establish a local committee to help schools through the difficulties faced on the way to self government. He established the Robertson Family Prize for school leadership. Doug was a life member of the Otago Rugby Referees' Association; and he was a cricket umpire for some eight years, reaching provincial 2nd XI level. He was active in the Presbyterian Church, being an elder in various parishes, and serving in many roles at regional level and at the General Assembly. At various times he was involved in organisations such as Emergency and Citizens' Advice, Kindergartens Associations, Prisoners Aid, the NZ Health Teachers' Association, and was a voluntary auditor for numerous organisations. For the last 12 years of his life, he was administration manager for the Theatre in Health Education Trust.

Old Boys who have recently celebrated their Golden Weddings include: L. H. C. (Les) Freeman (1951–54) and his wife Joan of Geraldine, J. D. (John) Bradley (1951–54) and his wife Shirley of Dunedin, D. V. (Des) Shaw (1949–53) and his wife Jeanette of Auckland, and I. J. (Ian) Farquhar (1945–49) and his wife Shirley of Dunedin.

In 1943, Japanese prisoners of war who were recovering from bullet wounds received during a riot at Featherston Camp, presented the hospital nursing sister with a traditional painted gift carved from the bottom of a hospital bed, in appreciation of her care and understanding during difficult circumstances. This gift was duly inherited by Wendy, niece of the nursing sister and wife of A. B. (Alan) Davies (1958–61). In 2008, some Japanese tennis players participating at the Masters Games were befriended by Alan, shown the carving, and told of the circumstances leading to the gift. They in turn told the story to a Japanese newspaper, which led to the Davies being invited to Japan to tell the story to a school assembly. There they met an 89-year-old survivor from the hospital, and the son of a 90-year-old too ill to attend the function, but who had presented the carving to the nursing sister!

L. R. (Les) Gibson (1957–61) left school and spent three years in Dunedin as storeman/contract wool-presser for Donald Reid, stock and station agents. In 1964 he had a major career change and joined the District Engineer's Office in the Dunedin Post Office, serving as a clerk/senior clerk. In 1972 he transferred to Wellington and became supervisor/senior supervisor at the Engineer-in-Chief's Office, Post Office Headquarters. In 1976 Les was seconded to the Postmaster General as his private secretary; and two PG's later, while now a senior private secretary, in 1980 joined the Permanent Corps of Ministerial

Private Secretaries. After six months with the Deputy Prime Minister, and a year with another cabinet minister, he spent a year as a senior private secretary to Prime Minister R. D. Muldoon. At the end of 1983 he moved to London for three years, serving as Assistant to the NZ High Commissioner to three incumbents. In 1987 he returned to NZ and served five cabinet ministers of various political hues, and a short stint as a business consultant to the Main Corporation in Wellington before in 2002 retiring from the Public Service to accompany his wife on her diplomat posting to the NZ High Commission to Fiji. On her retirement in 2007, they retired to Waikanae where they operate a large vegetable garden and a successful greenhouse, while tramping throughout NZ and enjoying overseas travel. In 1990, Les was awarded the NZ Commemoration Medal, and 2002 received the Queen's Service Medal for public services.

Emeritus Professor G. N. (Graham) Stanton (1953–57, Staff 1962) who died last year, grew up attending the Salvation Army, and played in their brass band with his brother, the late M. J. (Murray) Stanton (1955–59) and numerous cousins and uncles. He graduated from Otago University in history (BA & MA) then trained as a Presbyterian Minister, teaching at King's, OBHS, and John McGlashan while completing a BD. After a year in Auckland as a minister (and marrying), he moved to Cambridge University, where he was awarded his Ph.D in 1969. Post-doctoral studies followed at the Universities of Zurich and Tubingen, and after briefly teaching at Princeton (USA) and Cambridge, he became a lecturer in New Testament Studies at King's College, University of London, before being appointed to the Chair in 1977, a post which he held for 21 years. In 1998 he was appointed Lady Margaret Professor of Divinity at Cambridge University, the oldest Chair at the university, being founded in 1502 by Lady Margaret Beaufort, mother of Henry VII—the second holder of the Chair was Erasmus! Graham retired two years ago, but remained a guest lecturer. A prolific scholar, and specialist on the Gospel of Matthew, he wrote the popular textbook *The Gospels & Jesus*, and *Jesus of Nazareth in New Testament Preaching*, *A Gospel for a New People: Studies in Matthew*, and *Gospel Truth? New Light on Jesus and The Gospels*, which were translated into other languages. As well he wrote co-authored and edited many books, journals and monographs, and was general editor of the International Critical Commentaries, for more than 100 years the leading set of commentaries in English on the *Bible*. Although his work was celebrated worldwide, he encouraged students and researchers to develop their own theories, even if they challenged his own tenets. He was elected a Fellow of King's College in 1996, and an honorary Doctor of Divinity from Otago University in 2000. In 2006 he was awarded the Burkitt Medal by the British Academy, a body supporting the advancement of humanities and social sciences, for his contribution to biblical studies. A member of the United Reformed Church (a union of Presbyterian and Congregational traditions), he served on its national doctrine, prayer, and worship committee. Although he lived and worked in the UK for more than 40 years, Graham never forgot his NZ roots, and was a keen supporter of the All Blacks and the Black Caps.

Some questioned why Corstorphine House featured in the November *Kingsmen*, being of little relevance to King's despite its importance to the Caversham Harriers and Athletic Club. Well, the article may have attracted the attention of P. R. (Paul) Facocory (1965–70), who despite growing up in a state house (*very* highly recommended these days!) nearby, recently purchased the multimillion dollar boutique hotel for his private residence.



# 75<sup>th</sup> Reunion

## Programme

### Friday 22nd October 2010

2pm–5pm and 6.30pm–7.30pm.

Registration/Check in at the Edgar Centre, corner Portsmouth Drive and Teviot Street.

7.30pm Informal Reunion at Edgar Centre (includes ladies)



### Saturday 23rd October 2010

10.30am Roll Call at School

Group photos of ex-pupils

School open for inspection

Afternoon Bowls, Golf

6.30 for 7.30pm Formal Dinner at Edgar Centre (includes ladies)



### Sunday 24th October 2010

10.30am Church service at School

12.30 Brunch at School



See the **Registration and Information** form or our website: [www.kingshigholdboys.co.nz/moodle/](http://www.kingshigholdboys.co.nz/moodle/)

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Registrations and payments are to go to King's High School 75th Reunion, C/o Event Link Ltd or register online.

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