



The President's Report

Dear Fellow Old Boys

Another year passes by and each year seems to pass quicker than the last one. Some people suggest that it is old age creeping on, but I refuse to succumb to that theory. However when you have a daughter that is turning forty as I write this report, maybe we are getting a bit older – but wiser I hope!!!

The School continues to feature with another intake of 225 and while this number featured some years ago (in the Larkins and Jackson era) it is all the more significant because of the lack of numbers feeding in from the South Dunedin schools namely Macandrew Intermediate and such like. Congratulations to the Rector and his team on retaining these high numbers.

I made a plea last year (which obviously fell on deaf ears), but at the risk of sounding like a nagging mother in law, the Association needs members on the Committee. There are a number of members who have been on the Committee for a significant amount of time and still retain the enthusiasm and passion for the School, but they will not be able to continue for ever. The job of a

Committee member is not onerous (3 or 4 meetings a year) and working bees are held to envelope the *Kingsmen* for mailing out.(2 hours every four months) Unless new members are found in the very near future the production of the *Kingsmen* and any archival research on old photographs, etc., is at serious risk. I am not talking about 5 or 10 years time I am talking about NOW!!!! Please give this some serious thought and attend the Annual Meeting on 10 April to lend your support. The retention of the Old Boys Association and the history of the School are important.

My sincere thanks to the Committee and to Dan Reddix for their support during the year and my best wishes go to all the Old Boys wherever they may be in the world.

Kind regards,

Doug Jackson (1960-63)
PRESIDENT

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Financial Report

In 2012 Income exceeded Expenditure by \$1,375 compared with a deficit of \$298 in 2011. The latter was helped by a surplus of \$818 from the 75th Reunion. The difference, in the main, being the amount spent on Website entries down \$910 and Restoring historical items down \$1,119, with the one off School Sports Sponsorship in 2011 of \$500.

The amount received from Subscriptions was \$16,930 only being \$105 less than the previous year.

At 31/12/12 we had \$18,729 in the bank less Sundry Creditors of \$1,144. The Subscriptions in Advance of \$6,870 covers Membership for Life having been paid.



Notice of AGM—Autumn Get Together

Wednesday 10th April in the School Library at 7.30pm. Refreshments from 7pm.

This not just an old Annual Meeting but a social occasion when we have a speaker, therefore it deserves a good attendance.

The speaker is Peter Ashton (1962–66) a Dunedin dentist, with a long association in playing and coaching hockey. Peter has played for New Zealand in many veterans tournaments in other countries.

Missing

Included in this *Kingsmen* are photos of the 1962 intake, which with later inclusions numbered 204, of which 19 are believed to have died. The circumstances of the following 84 are either unknown to us, or lack the required precision: Lawrence Grant Allan (Sunshine Coast, Qld), Victor Hector Allen, Wayne Frederick Allen (Christchurch?), Barry Douglas Anderson (was Sarawak), Bryan Gerald Anderson (was Qld), Charles Greig Anderson, Martin George Barwood, David James Beaumont, Gordon Richard Bell, Allan David Bilson, Ian Robert Black (Matraville, Sydney?), Kelvin William Cameron, Douglas William Campbell, Barry Edward Coutts, Mervyn John Dickey, James William Dignan (Brisbane?), Peter Barton Edwards (was St Albans, Chch), Keith Russell Elliot, Alan Netherton Fort, John Douglas Foster, Nigel Robert Foubister, Charles Llewellyn Gibbon, Leslie Scott Gibbons (was Maniototo), Barry James Glover (was Wellington), Ian Rodger Greenall, Kevin Charles Griffen, Alexander John Hawkhead, Owen Emlyn Hughes, James Stuart Ingram, Simon Lemoine James, Kenneth William Jardine (Oz), Warren William Johnston, Angus Wayne Johnstone, Peter Edward Johnstone, Vincent Lorigan Jones, Alistair Eoin Kerr (Redcliffe, Qld), Douglas Flett Kerr, William Francis Kindley, Ronald Munro Kyle, William Henry Laws, John Eric Leatham, Stuart John MacKenzie, Brian Robert Mackle, Alan Ian Robert McCartney, Kevin Leigh McClintock, Allen Robert McKerrow (Staff 1971), Alan Hector McLean, John Edward Midson, Kerry Peter Mong (Hawkes Bay), Michael John Moore, Philip John de Brotherton Morgan (was Opoho), Allan John Mount, Raymond Allan Myers (Sunshine Coast, Qld), Murray Robert Nicol, Wayne John O'Connell (Otago?), Brian Ronald Patterson (was Mornington), Richard Sidney Francis Pope, Ronald Bruce Porteous, Keith William Potter, Graham James Reid (Andy Bay?), John Lee Rogers (was a Gore lawyer), Peter William Rogers, Trevor Edward Rosie (was Milburn), Graeme John Rutherford, Stephen Ellwood Satchell, Thomas Frederick Scott, John Richard Simpson, Douglas Hiram Smith (Sydney), Graeme Harvey Smith, Kevin Brent Stanley, Derek Wayne Stewart (Finland), Graham Barker Stott, Stephen James Frederick Swift (was Napier), Warren Ross Thompson, Maxwell Ross Tregonning, Anthony David Douglas Tucker, David Maurice Voight (was St Kilda), Kenneth Wayne Walker, Alan Henry Waters, Frazer Prentice Williams, Lindsay David Wilson, Michael Robin Wilson (Timaru?), Ronald David Philip Wilson (was Maryhill, Dn), Trevor Allan Wilson (Auckland teacher?).

Memories

1936: THE YEAR OF THREE MONARCHS

King's High School opened its doors in 1936, and a photo of George V was displayed within. However, he had died on 20th January, and had been succeeded by his eldest son, who had assumed the title of Edward VIII. George Stratton, parent of W. B. M. (Manley) Stratton (1936–37) and subsequently a member of the Otago High Schools' Board of Governors, felt that the school should have a photo of the new king, and approached the local MP, the Hon Fred Jones who referred him to the Prime Minister, the Right Hon M. J. Savage. When he proved unable to help, Mr Stratton then wrote to the Governor General, Viscount Galway seeking his assistance, but to no avail. Thwarted in NZ, Mr Stratton transferred his attention to authorities in the UK, and is believed to have written to the Home Secretary, and subsequently to the British Prime Minister, neither of whom offered any assistance. Refusing to

admit defeat, Mr Stratton, a French polisher by profession who operated a small business in King St, in desperation wrote to the monarch himself, and duly received the photo reproduced (*see photo*).

The above is a summary of a discussion held with Mr Len Cadzow, a former master builder and business associate of Mr Stratton following the funeral service for I. A. (Ian) Murdoch (1936–37). He wondered whether the photo was still extant, and if its uniqueness was fully appreciated, for he felt there must be few (if any) official photos in NZ of Edward VIII, who abdicated in December 1936 and was succeeded by his younger brother, who assumed the title of George VI. Subsequently the school obtained an official photo of George VI.

Where the photos were displayed at the school is rather a mystery. Possibly they were hung in what Mr Lang (1948–61) called the vestibule [foyer], but boys were generally discouraged from passing through the vestibule, an exception being made for malefactors requiring urgent remedial treatment. Or they may have been hung in the Rector's office, but visits there by boys tended to be of short duration and such visitors often had more immediate concerns than admiring the room's furnishings. Be that as it may, the three photos now hang together and occupy pride of place on a wall in our archives room.



Three King's reigned in 1936, the year of King's High School's opening.

The 2nd—King Edward VIII (1894–1972) reigned 1936 but was never crowned and abdicated that same year.

Over the Years

The 1961 Third form photos appeared in the November 2012 *Kingsmen*, with many not named. In fact none in Forms 3BL, 3BG, 3CG and 3C were named in the publication.

In response to our appeal we received a little help, for which we wish to thank the few. We make the appeal again to the over twenty who commenced in 1961 and are members, plus many others of that period. We can supply copies of the photos again along with the class lists from the school magazine.

Thankfully the 1962 Third forms, appearing here, are much better with nearly all named in 3AL, 3BL, 3AG and 3BG. Forms 3C and 3CG, as is usual, are harder to identify. Unfortunately many of the names supplied to us were just surnames which required a lot of checking. Also it is made more difficult with a few changing classes after the photos were taken, thus producing differences with the form rolls in the magazine at the end of the year.

1962 Third Form Photos: Pupils Identified



3AL Form Photo

- Row 4:* Lindsay Wilson, Tom Henderson, Simon James, Graeme Robinson, ????, John Simpson, Brian Anderson, Bill Trewern, Trevor Wilson
- Row 3:* Alan Mount, Barry Glover, Richard Mason, Max Tregonning, Rodney Markham, Donald Melville, Donald White, Peter Davies
- Row 2:* ????, Bruce Reggett, Peter Smith, Barry Thomas, Peter Rogers, Peter Dignan, John Simmers, Grahame Allan, Michael Moore
- Row 1:* Paul Morris, Graeme Sydney, Peter Ashton, Derek Stewart, Mr John Huggett, Paul Satchell, Brian Johnston, Stephen McLeod, Alistair Moore
- On roll but not in photo: Brian Paterson, John Rogers, Kevin Stanley, Graeme Waters.



3BL Form Photo

- Row 4:* Bruce Collins, Kerry Mong, Les Stewart, Glenn Stewart, Russell Latimer, Alan McCartney, Doug Smith, Owen Hughes, ? Wilson ?
- Row 3:* Bill McFarlane, Anthony Stewart, John Leatham, Kelvin Cameron, Clive Pearson, Fraser Williams, Wayne Temple, Alan McLean
- Row 2:* Keith Elliott, Melvin Dudding, Geoff Knox, Brian Anderson, Stephen Luke, Murray Nicol, Allan McKerrow, Phil Ravenwood, Mervyn Dickey
- Row 1:* Bruce Chapman, John Simpson (above), Lynn Scott, Ken Baxter, John McDonald, Mr Bill Patterson, Peter Fraser, Tony Begg, Bruce Cowan, Bryan Laws (above), Ian Black
- On roll but not in photo: Alastair Morrison who could be the unnamed boy in the middle of 3AL Row 4.



3AG Form Photo

Row 4: Robert Blair, Robert Barclay, Norman Rowlands, Anthony Tucker, Charles Gibbon, Geoff Williams, Neil Jameson, Graeme Bulling

Row 3: Murray Patterson, Francis Kelly, Graeme Mitchell, Wayne Allen, Alistair Kerr, Errol Robinson, Graeme Laing

Row 2: Stuart Smith, Nigel Foubister, Ron Mockford, ? Walker, Keith Potter, Stuart MacKenzie, Gordon Bell, Neil Douglas

Row 1: Frank Gorinski, Graeme Brown, Bruce Haines, Mr Gillanders, ? Walker, Ken Joint, Ken Isaac

On roll but not in photo: Tom Keene, Brian Norton, Warren Thompson, Alan Waters and Michael Wilson who could be the one queried in 3BL photo.

Also which Walker is Alan and which Ken ?



3BG Form Photo

Row 4: Alan Jordan, ? Waters, Kevin Griffen, Peter Johnstone, Garry Muir, Graeme Seaman, Geoff Rackley, Gordon Parker

Row 3: Russell Pearson, Russell Dougherty, Bruce Mason, Paul Smith, Philip Morgan, Peter Pilkington, Murray Randall

Row 2: Ken Jardine, John Foster, David Laws, Syd Swift, Gerald MacMillan?, Ron Wilson, Bill Kindley, Ian Greenall

Row 1: Geoff Maxwell, Wayne Bremner, Brian Barbara, Mr Stan Emslie, Doug Campbell, Jan Wallaart, Robert Marshall ?

On roll but not in photo: Charles Anderson, Graeme Rutherford.



3C Form Photo

Row 4: Phil Winter, Steve Scoular, Ross Coomer ????

Row 3: Larry Markham, ????, ????, Graham Wallace ????, Trevor Rosie, David Beaumont

Row 2: David Voight ????, Peter Edmonds, Kevin Richards, Tom ?, ????, Brian Mackle, ????

Row 1: Graeme ?, Lindsay Chalmers, Les Gibbons, Mr John Meiklejohn, Ron Kyle, Billy Laws, ????

On roll but not in photo: Bryan Burt, Kevin Collings, Graham Crawford, Ken Cuttriss, Angus Johnstone, Warren Johnstone, Brian Mackle, Ray Martin, John Midson, Dennis Peacock, Kevin Richards, Thomas Scott, Graham Stott, Graeme Walker.



3CG Form Photo

Row 4: Ron Porteous, ????, ????, ????

Row 3: Barry Coutts, Raymond Myers, John Marston, John Triggs, Wayne O'connell, ????, Anthony Rive

Row 2: Paul Robertson, Alan Little, ????, ????, Kevin Oats, Ron Gooch, ????, James Ingram

Row 1: ????, Paul Beaumont, Graeme Bezett, Evan Stanway, Mr Wrighton, Alan Fort, Alan Bilson, ????

On roll but not in photo: Martin Barwood, Russell Blair, Barry Durand, Barry Grainger, Chris Grimman, Vincent Jones, Richard Pope, Graeme Reid, Rae Rennie, Richard Sharp.

The School

1. Below is a major part of Dan Reddiex's address at the 2012 Senior Prize Giving.

It is now my opportunity to briefly share with you some of my thoughts. 2012 at King's has been a year to celebrate and reflect upon with a great sense of pride.

In January the release of our NCEA results affirmed the progress we have made as a school. They comfortably eclipsed our impressive results from 2011 and they catapulted us into the premier position in terms of pass rates across all State Boys' schools in New Zealand. The article that communicated this success to our community, in the ODT, created a flurry of emails and phone calls from my colleagues, sadly many with a critical tinge. Some even had the audacity to challenge our methods. The method has been simple. Hold the boys accountable. Make them work harder than they have ever worked before and pour in the hours that are necessary to monitor the progress of every single student, not just the elite, to ensure they reach their potential.

In February, as school commenced, we were delighted on day one to have 217 sets of Year 9 parents entrust the education and development of their son's to us. My historians tells me that in the 77 years since the school's inception we have only eclipsed this number twice before. I am pleased to say that our enrolments for 2013 indicate we will be close to this level again.

The rest of the year has been punctuated with great stories and great successes.

Academically it has been a year to savour. Previously unsurpassed numbers of High Distinctions and Distinction in National and International assessments; Kahurangi Cassidy's 3rd place in the Nga Manu Korero national speech competition; topped off by Philip Anderson's National Titles in the Robotics' championships.

In the sporting realm successes have ranged from the national age group selection of individuals like Dan McCombie, MacKenzie Haugh and Joseph Orr to the performances of our Touch, Small Bore and Football teams on the National and South Island stages.

Culturally some of the highlights have been the selection of Harry Smith as a member of the National Youth Brass Band who travelled to China and the performances of our Kapa Haka group being the first Otago Secondary School to attend the Nationals.

I have also received several heartening letters from our community this year referencing the acts of our young men assisting those in distress. The latest of which I read at Assembly just two weeks ago. In terms of their Character our young men are going from strength to strength.

Many people have asked me, Why?

Why the success?

Why the transformation?

The answer is complex but the biggest contributor, from my perspective, has been The LINE. If there was to be a title attached to this address, it would be simply that, The LINE.

One of the stories that resonated with me during my childhood was the account of the Alamo.

Lieutenant Travis had under his command 180 brave souls. They were the only force that stood between Santa Anna (the Mexican general), 1500 Mexicans and the potential rout of Texas. They took their stand at the Alamo.

It is reported that prior to the battle commencing Travis took his sword and in the presence of his 180 men, he drew a LINE in the sand.

At this school we have Drawn a LINE in the sand.

It represents our Expectations.

It is that LINE and those Expectations that have been the catalyst for our advancement.

Our Expectations of ourselves.

Our Expectations of one another.

I contend and more than that, I am convinced that we are living in a society where increasingly people are not willing to draw a LINE.

They are not willing to draw a Line between good and bad. Those lines have become so blurred they are almost indistinguishable. We are so preoccupied with not offending anyone that we fail to hold anyone to account.

So many people are not willing to draw lines in their homes with their children. So afraid that they might alienate themselves and create conflict that they choose instead to allow their children to make decisions they do not have the maturity to make. In not drawing some lines they subject the ones they love to face potential consequences they don't comprehend let alone have the capacity to negotiate.

Our law makers aren't willing to draw the hard lines to protect our young people from the excessive consumption of alcohol. It is a scourge in our society. Instead we pussy foot around the issue, we ignore the statistics and the social carnage associated with these excesses.

I have come to the realization, as much as it irritates me, that I can't draw those LINES.

I don't have the power or the influence, although together we might. What we can do is Draw the LINE here, in our school, with and for your sons.

That is exactly what we are doing.

Drawing the LINE though, is really just the starting point, isn't it?

That is the easy part.

The challenge is to HOLD the LINE.

Holding the Line is really about your Conviction.

Whenever you take a stand, whenever you draw a Line in the Sand, you will also draw criticism and cynicism.

We have been subjected to both.

It is at this point, in the face of your antagonists, that your Convictions are really tested.

I am convinced that what we are doing is in the best interests of our young men.

While I have the privilege of leading this school the LINE won't be moving.

The key questions that need to be asked are ...

Is it working?

You bet it is.

Are the boys responding?

You can be assured they are.

Do they like it?

Absolutely they do.

They love it.

They love the security.

They love the environment the LINE creates.

They love the balance that we have achieved between care and correction, between culpability and compassion.

Our current Year 9 students just completed a National Engagement Survey. A survey we have run since 2007. The results were astounding. 99% of the students said they were proud to be at the school.

National average 74%.

83% said that most mornings they look forward to going to school. National average 51%.

You know, when Lieutenant Travis drew that-line in the sand he asked his men how many of them would step over that line

and fight to their deaths. There was no threat of any recourse and retribution if they said, No. 179 of those men stepped up to the challenge and stepped over the line. That mirrors my experience here, at King's. The LINE has been drawn and our young men are stepping up to the challenge and many of them are rising above that line. It is not a fight to the death but it is a battle for their futures. Why has 2012 been so successful? Because the young men sitting here were not afraid to rise to the expectations placed on them. They have seen the LINE drawn and many of them have taken up the challenge. Many of them have surpassed that LINE. Rest assured the LINE will remain clearly defined. While it does the young King's men we are privileged to invest our lives in will continue to flourish.

2. NCEA

The 2012 School NCEA percentages for senior students show Level 1 and 2 results were the best pass marks gained at the school since the inception of the system. Level 3 slipped back a little. Level 1 is Year 11 or Form 5, with Level 3 the fifth year at secondary school.

	KHS 2012	National Average 2012	National Boys 2012 (All schools)
NCEA Level 1	97.6%	77.6%	74.0%
NCEA Level 2	91.1%	82.7%	79.0%
NCEA Level 3	75.9%	75.0%	68.9%

3. 2013 School Roll

The year 9 intake numbered 225, increasing from 217 last year and exceeding the previous highest of 220 set in the 1980's. This is despite the decreasing Intermediate and Primary rolls in our area.

In the four years 2008 to 2011 the total rolls were about 700 in each year, but has now increased to about 880.

4. Winter Interschool Dates

Waitaki Boys 15th May in Oamaru
 Otago Boys 23rd May with OBHS hosting
 Shirley Boys 5th June in Dunedin
 Southland Boys 12th June in Dunedin

5. Charitable Trust

LIST OF DONORS up to 8 February 2013

This list is provided to inspire us all to dig deep and support the appeal for funds to purpose-build a hostel for King's.

The Trust Board is very grateful to the donors listed below. This list includes all who have given since the idea of the Trust was first mooted at a year group reunion in August 2009. They've blazed the trail for all of us to follow.... No gift is too small. Many are now giving regular amounts—some as little as \$5 per week—and we commend that for those whose budgets are tight, but who want to contribute as they can. Every gift will help!

Names with an asterisk alongside are those who have committed to giving, on a regular weekly, fortnightly or monthly plan. All gifts are tax-deductible; the Trust is registered with the Charities Commission. We also remind older supporters of the School that our bequests scheme is now up and running. If you'd like to make a gift to the School in your will, please contact us at KHS Trust, c/- King's HS, 270 Bay View Road, Dunedin, or telephone 03 445 4220 or 027 406 9371.

We will be giving regular reports about the progress of this project in the next editions of *Kingsmen*, and at meetings

around the country later in the year.

Trevor McKinlay
 Chairman
 KHS Charitable Trust

Note: in publishing this list, we also wish to acknowledge the many OBs who gave generously to the Performing Arts Centre Appeal from 2001 onwards, before the King's High School Charitable Trust was formed.

\$4,000 or more: S Cameron, I F Farrant, M L Farrant, R F Lampen, K J Lawson, M E McIntyre, L W Mains, T S McKinlay, R J A Tregonning, W Wright*

\$1,000–\$3,999: N C Bain, B. endigo Trust, L J Brown, W N Brown, B R Claridge, B L Dunn, S J Franklin, P E Holst, D E Hughes, C R Laidlaw, C B Lusk, C D Mantell, R W Mitchell, P M Newby, D N Oliphant, W B Parks, J G Todd

\$300–\$999: J L Angell, P W Ashton*, W J Baker, C E Barrett, B R Bridgeman, H D Browett, P H Brown, A F M Coxon, M J B Deaker, R M Mackie, T Ockwell*, P E Oestricher, F A P Peterson, N Seaton*, A D Simmers*, D J Wedlock*, R A & C K W Harris*, W J Van Staden

Up to \$299: P H Bathgate, P Beckwith, R H Booth, G B Brander, J Bremner, C & J Davis*, A S Fleming, M J Facer, C George, J E Govan, ARM Graham, A C Graves, L J Hocking*, A W Hollander, D H Horne, G A H Kidd*, G T Kitto, P W A Jenkins, L M Kenworthy, W E Lane, D W Lyders, E R Munro, H ROckwell, E L Phelan, J A Pinkham, D Reddiex*, H J Ritchie, G S Roberts, K J St John, E A Sinclair, J Somerville, G M Swanson, H C Templeton, J L Thomson, D I Williams, L E Williams, J R Wingfield

Administration

Membership

After our membership reached the 970s at the end of 2010 it has declined by a nett 44 over the last 2 years. This has been brought about by too many letting their membership lapse, despite many reminders; resignations, deaths and not notifying a change of address.

We had one keen person obtaining our email and bank details on the website, notifying us of his address, etc., and direct crediting our bank. The trouble was he had gone to King's College in Auckland!

Our Contacts

PO Box 163, Dunedin 9054
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 Bank account: Bank of New Zealand, George Street Branch, Dunedin 020900-0062936-00
 Ex-pupils living overseas may forward their country's cheque direct to as for conversion and banking.

75th Reunion Videos

There are a few DVD's of the 75th Reunion available for \$10 postage paid.

Communications with Members

Thanks to those who have sent in their email addresses to have the *Kingsmen* sent electronically.

The request has two purposes

A. For the *Kingsmen* to be sent in order to save costs.

B. Notification of events.

Some members prefer to have the *Kingsmen* in the present

form, but all who have email should have notification of events that way. The assumption for those who have registered to date is that they want both the *Kingsmen* and notifications by email only.

Would those who have not registered and have email please email Murray Patterson at: murray@cruisingforyou.co.nz and advise what they want.

Activities Around the Country

Dunedin

1. Annual Meeting

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

2. Lawn Bowls

The match against Otago Boys is held early April.

North Shore/Hibiscus Coast

Report from Grahame Howley

These two lots of photos were taken at our fifth and final luncheon for the 2012 year at the Browns Bay Club on 29th of November. Again there was a good attendance of 30 members. Everyone enjoyed themselves and as a result of "fines" during the year two free drinks were available to all present. A moments silence was observed in remembrance of our recently deceased member, John Browett, who was always a great supporter of our gatherings. During the year we have had an excellent response from members for these luncheons and we will continue to have them again in 2013. The next date has not yet been determined but will be towards the end of March or early April and members will, in the main, be advised by email. We will hopefully have our two first day "boys" present, Jack Kempthorne and Gordon Brent who have both turned 90 and we will drink to their health.



From Left: Chris Reid, John Somerville, Grahame Howley and Ken Graham.



From Left: Eric Munro, Lee Smith & Ross Hore

Christchurch and Nelson

1. Although functions have not been held for several years a team participated in the Strowan Rosebowl Old Boys' Golf Tournament at Waitikiri Golf Club on Monday 26th November.

Graeme Downie Reports

This would have to be one of the keynote events in the Old Boys' Canterbury sporting calendar with national and provincial representatives of many codes competing for inter-school honours.

Paul Grainger (1960–64), Jim Keene (1950–53), Roger Bezett (1960–63) and Graeme Downie (1958–61) were the King's representatives at the 2012 event. Those who may be confused by the fact that this was the second event to be reported on for 2012 will be gratified to know that this is not a duplication resulting from short term memory loss. The earlier event was a catch-up following the earthquake-related postponement of the 2011 tournament.

So, back to the future, thanks to Roger for joining us as a late substitute following Kel Doolan's non availability due to suffering a late injury.

Weather was predicted to be wet but actually ended up being really pleasant, the company was great and the course was beautiful. King's representatives, with a 3 player counting stableford total of 99, finished a creditable 4th, just outside of the major awards (no burglars here!), although only 3 shots behind winners Geraldine High School on 102. As the winners have the responsibility for organising the next event, the target of a 2nd place finish may well have been a mitigating factor in the missing of the odd fairway or short putt.

Waitikiri's clubhouse was brilliant for the aftermatch function. Food, fun and conviviality possibly overshadowed the golf.

Those wishing to contest the 2013 event, which will again be at Waitikiri, should be sure to register with Paul Grainger (paul@maspar.co.nz).

2. We hope to have a contact or contacts for our next issue.

Nelson and Wellington

Functions have not been held in Nelson for several years but our contact is Kevin St John (1957–62), 19 Bryant Road, Brightwater 7022. Email: kgstjohn@xtra.co.nz
Wellington has not had a function since 2010.

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Honours

After comparatively lean recent times, five Old Boys from King's featured in this year's New Year Honours List, thereby equalling the record of five set by the Queen's Birthday Honours List in June 2002.

Professor I. MacG (Ivan) Donaldson (1955–59) was made a Companion of the NZ Order of Merit (CNZM) for services to neurology. Ivan was co-Dux of King's in 1959, and proceeded to OU where he gained his MB ChB, and subsequently an MD degree. In 1977 he became the first dedicated clinical neurologist at Christchurch Hospital, where he helped establish departments for clinical neurology and neurophysiology, and was integral in bringing the first CT scanner to Christchurch. He was head of neurology at Christchurch Hospital for nearly 20 years, and is a past-president of the Neurological Society of NZ. Building up neuroscience services to where now 12 specialists are employed is one of the most satisfying aspects of his career, while a 30 year collaboration with the late Professor David Marsden to produce the internationally acclaimed *Marsden's Book of Movement Disorders* (2011) is the most significant of his widely published work. He has been on the board of the NZ Brain Research since 2006, which now has some 40 people working there, and he established Friends of the NZ Brain Research Institute to raise funds for neurological research. Ivan plans to devote his future years to improving Maori health, and wants to play a part in developing a "world class" neurological institute in Christchurch. In his spare time he will continue his passion for wine making: in 1985 he and his wife established the acclaimed Pegasus Bay winery at Waipara which is still family-owned and operated, with three of his four sons working there.

Dr J. L. (John) Craig (1962–64) was made an Officer of the NZ Order of Merit (ONZM) for services to conservation. John came to King's from Freyberg High School in Palmerston North in the 5th form, when his father H. H. (Harry) Craig (1962–66) was appointed Rector. Proceeding to OU, he gained a B.Sc with 1st Class Honours in Ecology, before shifting to Massey University where he completed his Ph.D. He then joined the Zoology Department at Auckland University, and 36 years later retired as Professor of Environmental Management. He still undertakes consultancy work, much of it involving birds and windfarms, while his current areas of research are conservation management, industry attitudes to sustainability, and urban ecosystem management. He has been a leader, both internationally and nationally in conservation, being known for his role in the initiation of the Tiritiri Matangi Open Sanctuary in the Hauraki Gulf, which project succeeded beyond their wildest hopes, and he has won international and national awards for his achievements. John practises what he preaches, and has encouraged biodiversity by planting 200,000 native trees on his 300ha family farm at Pataua North northeast of Whangarei, where he and his partner run horses, operate a honey business in partnership with their daughter, and offer farmstay accommodation (TahiNZ.com) enabling others to share enjoyment of the environment they have created. John believes that New Zealanders don't value biodiversity highly enough: it does cost considerable amounts of money to manage it, but money can also be made from it, as he has demonstrated with their farmstay business.

M. L. (Michael) Andrewes (1957–61) was awarded the Queen's Service Medal (QSM) for services to opera. While at King's, Michael had been influenced by staff members Reg Graham, Ian Page, and Graham Haase, and participated in the school's major productions, but like Bill Sykes in *Oliver* he started small, with a minor female part in the *Pirates of Penzance* in the days when all roles were played by the boys. He also participated in productions staged by the Dunedin Repertory Society, the Globe Theatre, the Dunedin Shakespeare Club, and the Dunedin Gilbert and Sullivan Operatic Society, maintaining these links while attending OU and completing a

BA, followed by an MA in foreign languages. In preparation for a proposed teaching career, he attended Christchurch Teachers' Training College, but his studies there were interrupted by a year of postgraduate studies spent at the Centre for Applied Linguistics at Besancon in France. Returning to NZ, Michael completed his teaching qualifications at Christchurch, before accepting a position with the Modern Languages Dept at OU. There he designed and developed the Language Learning Laboratory, which trained students in the oral aspects of the particular language they were studying. When he retired 30 years later as Director, with the rank of Senior Lecturer, the Language Learning Centre employed several, often part time, staff who supplied resource material. He then devoted his time, largely unpaid and voluntary, to raising the profile of opera in Dunedin and wider NZ by directing the 13 Gilbert and Sullivan operas in strict chronological order for the Really Authentic Gilbert and Sullivan Performances Trust. As well, he directed a further 12 major productions for the Dunedin Gilbert and Sullivan Operatic Society, the Dunedin Opera Company, Otago Opera, and the Dunedin Repertory Society. During this time, Michael raised more than \$1 million to fund his projects, and has injected a significant amount back into the Dunedin community, including \$400,000 for the Southern Sinfonia.

H. A. (Harry) Findlay (1955–60) was awarded the Queen's Service Medal (QSM) for services to cricket. Harry followed his brother Michael to King's as a Peninsula Bus Boy, then qualified as a schoolteacher at Dunedin Teachers' College. He taught in Invercargill for three years, and although representing Town at rugby, cricket was at the top of his list for extra-curricular activities, and he selected future Double All Black Brian McKeche to be a Southland Under-14 cricket representative in 1964. Shifting to the North Island, he represented King Country at rugby, while instigating age-group competition among the districts: Taumarunui, Owhango, Ruapehu, Ohakune, Turangi, Waiouru, and Taihape. He left an indelible mark on the Ruapehu Cricket Association before shifting as principal to Wallingford, where in Central and Southern Hawkes Bay ultimately there were 14 age-group teams: nowadays there are none, with only two club teams and a college team in the two districts, reflecting the decline in rural NZ population. His efforts were recognised when he was judged Central Hawkes Bay Administrator of the Year. Harry then shifted to Napier where he became the Bay senior men's cricket selector, chairman of the junior cricket board, president of the Central Districts Cricket Association, and is still president of the Hawkes Bay Cricket Association. A burning desire to boost the numbers of children in sport led him to organise the Napier Primary School's Sports Association for two decades, and he managed the NZ Under-17 cricket tournament for six seasons. Harry played cricket for some 55 years, still coaches a 10-and-under team, and is generally regarded as the "godfather" of Hawkes Bay cricket. In 1988, he was awarded the Sir Jack Newman Medal for services to junior cricket in NZ; in 2009 he received the ICC Centenary Medal for his lifelong dedication to nurturing and supporting cricket as a volunteer, and in 2010 he won the Hawkes Bay Services to Sport Award. In his spare time Harry has had an outstanding career in schoolteaching.

S (Stewart) Harvey (1953–56) was awarded the Queen's Service Medal (QSM) for services to heritage preservation. Stewart left King's and completed a B.Com at OU and his accounting qualifications while working for W. E. C. Reid and Co. He then assumed positions of responsibility in finance for several firms in Dunedin's motor trade before resigning from Cooke Howlison Ltd when reaching the age of 50. While on a delayed

OE, he spent two years working for the London Underground. Returning to NZ and finding permanent positions difficult to obtain, two redundancies hastened his entry into the voluntary sector, where he had already developed a keen interest in the preservation of Otago treasures. As a member of the Otago branch of the NZ Historic Places Trust, he realised the value of his financial skills, and subsequently acted as voluntary treasurer for several not-for-profit heritage organisations. He formed the Historic Cemeteries Conservation Trust of NZ in 2001, and remains Chairman and honorary treasurer, and initiated a plan to conserve Dunedin's Northern and Southern Cemeteries, especially the restoration of the Chinese section of the Southern Cemetery and the restoration of the 130 year old vandalised Larnach family tomb in the Northern Cemetery, for which he secured \$350,000 in funding, and which won a heritage award. Stewart was a foundation committee member and honorary fund-raising treasurer of the Orokonui Ecosanctuary Trust, and more recently the initiator of the Dunedin Prison Charitable Trust which purchased the former prison with the aim of converting it into a multi-use venue and attraction for the city: already it provides "prison experience" tours. Stewart's work has been recognised by the NZ Historic Places Trust, which last year presented him with a NZHPT Certificate of Merit for outstanding leadership and services to the preservation, restoration, and protection of Dunedin's historic places.

Cultural Affairs

During the past nine years, the National Youth Brass Band training programme has developed a successful formula to challenge and encourage young musicians who participate in a five-day training course followed by a concert tour to a different part of NZ—this year it was the South's turn, with concerts in Dunedin, Roxburgh, and Invercargill. All 34 band members were under the age of 23, and had been selected through nationwide auditions. The band's musical director was P. V. (Peter) Adams (1972–76), senior lecturer in music at OU, a well known professional conductor working with many musical organisations, who has had a long involvement with the St Kilda Band.

Any fears that the posthumous career of James K Baxter (1940–43) had finally ground to a halt were proved groundless when on the 40th anniversary of his death Victoria University Press published *Poems to a Glass Woman*, edited by John Weir who was the editor of Baxter's *Collected Poems* published by Oxford University Press in 1979. The 21 poems were written after the break-up of a brief relationship during Baxter's initially disastrous academic career at OU, and were gathered up by the poet and sent to an unknown recipient some ten years later. Individually the poems seem slight—even James K described them as uneven—but the collection, bolstered by a very thorough and substantial biographical essay by Weir, shows that Baxter often returned to this "disastrous epoch" in his later thoughts and writings. The book has met with mixed reviews: "precocious" but "juvenilia" sniffs one reviewer, whereas another describes it as a "breathtaking book" and a wonderful prelude to Baxter's *Complete Prose* which is due to be published in four volumes this year.

In Takapuna last September, North Shore artist B. J. (Brian) Norton (1962–67), a landscape architect, exhibited "Land of Light," a collection of his NZ landscapes. Brian has had a lifelong intimate relationship with the land, and paints in oils which allows him to feature light and its influence on the

natural landscape. He claims that because NZ's atmosphere is purer than elsewhere, the colours in the landscape are brighter, so his paintings radiate colour. Furthermore as a committed Christian, and Jesus Christ being the light of his life, he feels drawn to depict goodness and light, so his paintings "often incorporate a Christian message in the spaces between land, water and sky."

Business Sector

K. A. (Kelvin) Williams (1964–66) and B. A. (Bart) Smaill (1954–56) operate Dunedin company Advanced Fibreglass, which recently fabricated a 5m, 500kg fibreglass steeple for the World Mission of God church in New Brighton. A month in construction, the steeple was trucked to Christchurch and slid over the metal framework awaiting it.

R. L. (Roger) Brocklebank (1971–74) was pleased with the rate of progress of the rebuilding of his store on its King Edward Street site. The 100 year old previous building, with which the family had been associated for 60 years had been condemned when cracks were found by renovators, and the four business tenants ordered by the City Council to immediately vacate the premises. However obtaining resource consent to demolish and rebuild the building took ages, including a three-month wait for an archaeologist's report, although Brocklebank's Dry Cleaners continued to operate from the rear of the building.

Obituaries

D. J. (Jack) Caradus (1936–39) died at Richmond 1.11.12

B. T. (Bevan) Wilson (1974–75) died at Geelong, Vic, Oz 1.11.12

N. R. (Nathan) Peacock (1939–42) died at Invercargill 12.11.12

J. (John) Browett (1943–46) died at North Shore 14.11.12

C. D. (Dave) Gamble (1953–56) died at Dunedin 23.11.12

R. G. (Ron) Gillan (1950–53) of Wanaka, died at Clyde 10.12.12

J. M. (Jim) McCready (1937–40 Staff 1950–80) died at Dunedin 19.12.12

V. E. (Val) MacDonald (1963–64) of Mosgiel, died at Dunedin 26.12.12

A. H. (Alan) Milne (1943–47) died at North Shore 2.1.13

W. J. (Warwick) Crooks (1953–56) died at Waikanae 3.1.13

G. L. (George) Balchin (1945) of Mosgiel, died at Dunedin 17.1.13

R. G. (Graham) Herbison (1936) died at Christchurch 23.1.13

M. G. (Mike) Howley (1943–46) died at Wellington 25.1.13

H. J. P. (Harold) Wright (1950–51) died at Ranfurly 25.1.13

J. C. (Jim) Mathieson (1937–39) of Mosgiel, died at Dunedin 17.2.13

E. R. (Ed) Collett (1945) died at Dunedin 26.2.13

J. M. (Jim) Watts (1942–45) died at Roxburgh 27.2.13

G. L. (Graham) Hill (1953–57) died at Dunedin 28.2.13

Ironically the building was rebuilt faster than it took to demolish its predecessor!

Bannock Brae Estate, purchased by Catherine and C. R. (Crawford) Brown (1959–63) has come a long way since 1996 when it supported “a few rabbits and even fewer sheep.” “Their “Goldfields Pinot Noir 2010” has been awarded five stars by *Winestate*, and gold medals in two competitions. This has boosted sales, helped by its price of just under \$30 (wine writer Michael Cooper who publishes his annual *Buyers' Guide to NZ Wines* rated it the top red buy after sampling 3260 wines (both white and red), claiming that it is better than many \$45 reds) Catherine Brown claims “You can serve it with everything, or anything—or nothing!”

The Dunedin Chinese Garden has had a problem: shags regard its fishpond as a convenience store! Apparently a shag can swallow five fish in a single dive, and “fly in skinny and fly out fat.” When the garden opened in 2008, the DCC spent \$9,140 on large goldfish supplied by The Pet Warehouse, but apparently they lacked that instinct to avoid the shags, and the stock was cleaned out in three raids. Believing that pond-raised fish were smarter, the DCC granted The Pet Warehouse \$4,000 to catch and transport fish donated from an overstocked pond in the Arrowtown area. While the manager of the store, G. D. K. (Garth) Keenan (1998–2002) disputes that his fish lack the smarts of pond-raised fish, he has been happy to honour the contract.

Otago Cleaning Supplies which was established by P. R. (Peter) de Clifford (1958–61) in a small warehouse in relatively obscure Fish St (it is near the Steamer Basin, off what was previously Lower Rattray St, now Fryatt St since the railway crossing was closed) is shifting to purpose-built premises in King Edward St where daily traffic movements past its doors are more than 11,000! The firm, which does no manufacturing nor cleaning itself, supplies cleaning products around the lower South Island. This more than \$1 million business expansion will remain a family-owned local business run by his son and daughter, and Peter, formerly soap work contract manager at now defunct McLeod Bros, and currently “project manager,” is looking forward to semi-retirement and going after real fish!

R. W. (Roger) Parsons (1961–62) recently completed 50 years employment at the Hillside Workshops foundry, after starting as a moulding apprentice (at his farming father's behest) on Feb 7, 1963 aged 15. He took redundancy on the last day the foundry was operated by Kiwi Rail. Roger has seen a lot of workers “come and go,” and had survived mass redundancies, but had never gotten up in the morning and not wanted to go to work. The most challenging and exciting project on which he had worked had been casting three massive turbines for the Huntly Power Project in the 1990s, because with each weighing some 20 tonnes, they had to be cast underground. Roger intends to head for the hills with a metal detector, when not fishing, or playing golf or darts.

P. A. (Peter) Rohtmets (1984–87) joined Harrow Motor Body Works as an apprentice car painter straight from school, and 25 years later is still there, having accumulated a vast knowledge of the automotive finishing industry. Nicknamed “Pistol Pete” because he completes his work so quickly, he has always had an interest in motorsport and anything mechanical, and over the years he has owned cars, 4WDs, jetboats, jetskis, motorbikes, and more recently karts. But come winter, he enjoys taking his two sons to the Queenstown ski fields.

B. A. E. (Barry) Stewart (1971–75) has recently been appointed deputy editor of the *Otago Daily Times*. He started at the ODT

as sports sub-editor in 1977, before moving to Sydney for five years, and was deputy sports editor of *The Australian* before returning to the ODT in 1985. Over the years since he has been layout director, features editor, associate editor, and deputy editor (production). Barry, who leads such special projects as the Class Act programme, has edited and designed a number of books and other Allied Press special publications.

B. K. (Brent) Weatherall (1977–79) operates a multi-million dollar jewellery business in George St, Dunedin, but getting there hasn't been easy. Brent had always wanted to be a jeweller, and from the age of 12 worked in his father's flagship store making the tea, cleaning up, and making deliveries. He became an apprentice jeweller at age 16, and five years later was made a manager after having been trained well by his father, who taught him all he knew. However 20 years later after an argument over how the business should be run, his father sacked him! After six months coming to terms with this, Brent decided to go into business on his own account, and despite his father not only refusing to act as guarantor for a loan, and threatening to sue if he used the family name, he opened his store (ironically his name had helped when obtaining stock) and the rest is history. Brent regrets that his father is not alive to see his success, and is well aware of the ironies of the situation: “although there was conflict between my father and me, and it was well-publicised, I couldn't have done it without him. Although I also feel like he couldn't have done it without me.” A fairly extreme case of tough love?

Bits and Pieces

An extract from the P. E. (Paul) Oestreicher (1945–49) and Barbara Einhorn annual newsletter.

In 2011 the World Council of Churches provided Paul with a chance to write a peace manifesto a keynote lecture at an international conference presenting a vision of a world without war. Ears heard, but minds have been reluctant to engage with the implications. The road to peace has not even been paved.

In 2012 the German War Graves Commission which is responsible for the ceremonies of Volkstrauertag the national day of mourning the war dead, Germany's equivalent of Remembrance Sunday or Anzac Day in NZ, invited us to the memorial event in the Federal Parliament and, following that, invited Paul to be the speaker at Berlin's regional ceremony.

We were deeply impressed by the spirit and tone of these events. They were utterly different from their British equivalents. There was no trace of nationalism. ‘Reconciliation across graves’ was the theme, all graves of all nations. The President of Germany, a former East German Lutheran pastor, spoke briefly of grief and of commitment to a more peaceful world, remembering too the victims of Nazism and the GDR. Two women gave addresses at the national ceremony, a current regional politician and a young German woman with immigrant parents who spoke of the responsibility of the young generation for creating a more just and peaceful future. Both events were framed by exquisite music. Yes, the state event included the national anthem accompanied by a small military ensemble. Large tableaux around the chamber of the parliament were of a French cemetery and military band. The many Russian dead on German soil were not forgotten nor the many civilian victims of war.

This, we reflected, is how a nation that lost two world wars responds to history. There were no heroes. That Paul was invited was largely thanks to the reconciling story of Coventry Cathedral around which he built his address. But his pacifist convictions did

not rule him out, as they would most likely have done in such an event in London or Wellington. He did not only address crimes committed by all sides in every war but stated his conviction that war itself is the real crime. That did not stop the deputy commander of the Berlin garrison of the German armed forces, an admiral, going out of his way to thank Paul for his address.

Recently promoted to the rank of Associate Professor at OU are Dr D. R. (David) Bell (1964–68, Staff 1982–) and G. R. (Ross) Notman (1965–69), both members of the staff of the College of Education (i.e., formerly Dunedin Teachers' College).

D. V. (Dave) Fenby (1954–58) retired from his position as Associate Professor in Chemistry at the University of Otago 15 years ago and settled in Paris with his Breton wife Anaig. A great follower of almost all sport he is pictured recently with his 14 year old step-grandson Max Beuzit at the grave at "le cimetiére du vieux chateau" at Menton in Alpes Maritimes of William Webb Ellis the legendary founder of the game of Rugby Union in 1823 at Rugby School. The grave was rediscovered by Ross McWhirter in 1958 and has since been renovated by the French Rugby Federation. Dave mused that Max's game in the 2nd XV at Kelly College, Tavistock, Devon on the left wing recently brought back memories of his 5 years in the 3rd Soccer XI at King's.



W. L. (Laurie) Dalton (1961–65) writes:

I have many fond memories of five very happy years at Kings, reminded by a longstanding habit of proudly wearing the school scarf during winter months wherever I've been living throughout New Zealand. Such behaviour has prompted many a discussion around which School or Rugby Club I supported.

On reflection, the academic and social grounding received at Kings' has stood me in good stead. Early 1966 I joined the then Department of Health in Dunedin as a clerical cadet and pursued

a unique career in the Public Health Sector of which on forty seven years.

My career pathway led me through clerical/administrative ranks to supervisory, advisory and senior management positions. It involved twelve transfers to nine geographical locations throughout New Zealand given a willingness to transfer extensively to gain experience and promotion, as one was encouraged to do in those days.

This "Baby Boomer" retired on 24th December 2012, having spent the last 24 years in various positions within the MidCentral District Health Board and its predecessors in Palmerston North. As a "Bay Boy" from Portobello, with a love of country lifestyle, I have quietly retired to the small rural Manawatu town of Feilding, knowing Dunedin will always be my spiritual home; King's that special place of learning.

E. J. (Elmars) Polikevics (1960–64), who died last year, ultimately triumphed over an emotionally traumatic earlier life. He was born Elmars Janis Rudzitis in a displaced person's camp in the postwar British occupation zone of Germany, the first child of Velta Rudzitis, who had been abducted from her Latvian home by German soldiers retreating in the face of the Russian armies—it is not known whether his father was Latvian or German. When asked in which country she would like to settle, his mother chose NZ as it was as far away from war-ravaged Europe as it was possible to get. They came to NZ by sea with 930 other displaced persons, and after a brief sojourn in the camp at Pahiatua, they settled in Dunedin. There Velta met and married fellow Latvian refugee Joseph Polikevics, who formally adopted the boy. At Kings Elmars showed considerable promise, winning the Rewi Allan Memorial Prize in history, and he started work at the University Bookshop, but his stepfather died, and the family shifted to Nelson. Later in the 1960s he shifted to Sydney and Anglicised his name to "John Joseph Edwards," but fell into the web of drugs at King's Cross that landed him in Long Bay goal. However on his release he met his long-term partner Janet, cleaned himself up, and they moved to Melbourne where he worked in various jobs in the publishing industry. Through amassing a large collection of books on a wide range of subjects, and through extensive reading, he self-educated himself, and developed an interest in flags (vexillology). This interest was revealed in an article in *The Age* newspaper, which led to he and six like-minded others meeting and forming the Flag Society of Australia, with "John" as founding president. They also established a journal, *Crux Australis* which "John" edited for four years, and during this time he had published two significant articles on the subject of flags. In the early 1990s he co-authored the publication of two charts, the *Flags of Non-Independent Peoples* and *The Flags of Aspirant Peoples* which included 284 previously unpublished flags, and were the world's first such flag charts in the field of vexillology. After a bout of illness, in 1997 he split from Janet, and returned to his family in Nelson, resuming the name of Elmars Polikevics. Because of the continuing effects of his illness he was unable to seek paid employment, so he began part-time voluntary work as a teach-aide at Nelson's Central Primary School, where he used his natural artistic flair to help the children with their art, while having taught himself to speak fluent Maori he was able to help them with their Maori language classes. He became a close friend and supporter of the Whakatu Marae, as well as participating in the local Anglican church's kitchen programme providing lunch for the homeless and helpless. In 2011, the title of "Matua" (a

highly respected male elder and repository of wisdom) was conferred on Elmars, and after he died in Wellington hospital following heart surgery, the Maori community honoured him by granting permission for his funeral service to be held at Whakatu Marae. Weirdly, his former partner Janet died from lung cancer in Queensland on the same day as he did!

In early January the *ODT*, which is now the only NZ metropolitan daily not controlled by the Fairfax organisation often struggles to present articles of interest to its faithful readership. On January 4, 2013, the situation was saved by members of your committee. On page 12, your vice-president W. N. (Warwick) Larkins (1960–63) was asked to recount the best day of his life, not counting the birth of any children, nor the day he was married (Warwick doesn't qualify in either case!). It turned out to be a day in 1972 when he was able to attend the first Ashes test at Old Trafford, and driven from Worcester to Manchester (along with Glenn Turner) in a Rolls Royce by cricket bat-maker Duncan Fearnley: at the ground tickets supplied by Basil D'Oliveira and Norman Gifford enabled entry to the ground and to enjoy lunch surrounded by English and Australian greats dating back to World War II, at a table presided over by Sir Leonard Hutton.

Page 13 saw an article about your secretary, D. H. (David) Horne (1954–58), NZ's most seasoned traveller with visits (so far!) to 258 countries under his belt, who had been visiting the Republic of Moldova, a small country with a similar population to NZ, sandwiched between Romania and Ukraine, which swims in wine: one winery has more than 65 million litres stored in underground limestone caves!

J. W. F. (Jim) Cashman (1959–63) was killed last year in a motorcycle crash near Genoa in Italy, when taking part in an annual late-summer European ride. Growing up in Caversham his earliest hobbies had been building Meccano models, assembling and operating crystal sets, and tuning into short-wave radio; he also became a Queen's Scout, attending jamborees and taking part in gang shows. At secondary school he progressed from a recorder to a clarinet, joined the school's orchestra, and took part in several operas staged by King's and Queen's. But while academic work and music were stimulating, Jim liked nothing better than pulling apart and "improving" motorcycles. Academically able, he entered the OU Medical School at his first attempt, which was rather a feat in those days, and while he never lost sight of a medical career, in those more relaxed and less pressured days he was able to spin out five years of training into ten, while he pursued an "engineering degree" in McIver and Veitch's workshop, in local foundries, and with fibreglass and plastic fabricators. He modified a friend's T20 Suzuki to claim the NZ 250cc standing quarter mile record, while the bike, the "C2" later won the 1970 250cc NZTT/Easter Grand Prix. In 1975 work began on the "C3," a three-cylinder 350cc two-stroke machine which ultimately was runner-up in the NZ Grand Prix. Meanwhile having graduated MB ChB in 1973, he served as the official doctor for the Marlboro Series, an international motorcycle event that ran for several years in NZ, where his dry-humoured "bedside manner" enabled injured competitors to cope with such painful moments as being stitched up without an anaesthetic! After two years as a house surgeon at Christchurch Hospital, Jim moved to Timaru Hospital where he developed an interest in radiology: he left for his OE in 1980 and only returned to visit family and friends to update them on his many motorcycle restoration projects. He worked as a radiologist at Watford General Hospital for

more than 25 years, and had only recently retired when he was killed.

Sporting Triumphs

Athletics

C. H. S. (Caden) Shields (2002–06), nowadays a Dunedin physiotherapy student, used his experience gained in the tough US collegiate competition to win the NZ 10,000m title held on a hot day at Timaru during the Lovelock Classic meeting; it was his first NZ senior title. At the same meeting, D. J. (Daniel) Balchin (2004–08) was second in the Lovelock mile.

Basketball

Tall Black H. J. (Hayden) Allen (1994–98) is returning to play for the Otago Nuggets this season. Last season he played for the Auckland Pirates which won the national title, but this year that club has pulled out, citing financial concerns.

Cricket

Amid some controversy, B. B. (Brendon) McCullum (1995–2000) is now NZ's 28th captain, and captain in all three codes. He won the ODI series against South Africa, only missing a clean sweep on the final ball!

His brother N. L. (Nathan) McCullum (1994–98) was one of three Kiwis to gain a new contract in the Indian Premier League T20 competition when bought for \$118,000 by Sunrisers Hyderabad (Brendon has a current contract with the Kolkata Knight Riders). Nathan in mid-November 2012 had played in 39 T20 internationals, scoring 217 runs at 14.46, and taking 40 wickets at 17.52 with an economy rate of 6.47.

Football

R. L. (Richard) Murray (1989–94) coached Otago United again, with assistant coach A. J. (Andrew) Duncan (1984–88) and goal keeping coach A. J. (Tony) Boomer (1979–83). Players were T. C. (Tim) Horner (1998–2000) and T. R. W. (Tom) Connor (2002–06).

Rab Smith, the *ODT* football writer since 1978 was interviewed by the *ODT* Sports Editor in January, and when asked to name the most memorable Otago players since he arrived from Scotland nominated (among others) defenders M. R. (Malcolm) Ferguson (1963–65), and G. I. (Graham) Marshall (1981–85), and forward B. J. (Barry) White (1972–74).

Golf

B. A. (Brent) McEwan (1995–97), who had earlier in the year successfully, defended his Otago strokeplay title, played impressive golf to win the Southland Invitational Tournament at Otatara in February, thereby winning the Russell Haywood Memorial Trophy and lifting Otago into third place. In the strokeplay event, Otago won the Founders Trophy, which they last won in 2004.

J. S. (John) Roche (1956–60) got into the historic spirit when attending the Chisholm Park Golf Club's 75th anniversary. He wore Harris Tweed plus fours rumoured to be at least 40 years old, and carried his hickory-shafted golf clubs in an 1893 Bussey Automated Caddy Bag, the forerunner of the first golf bag which appeared some ten years later. John shot a creditable 87 for the 18 holes, using his ancient clubs. The following week he organised the popular "Trilogy Tournament" in Central Otago, which attracted some 250 players.

W. J. (Bill) Trewern (1962–66) has been the *ODT* golf writer

since 1971. As a player he peaked in 1969; after playing in the NZ Open, he won the St Clair senior championship, won the Otago foursomes, and reached the semifinals of the Otago provincial championships. Then his university studies got in the way—he completed a BSc (Hons) in physics, writing a dissertation on natural radioactivity—followed by a year at Christchurch Teachers' College. Bill began his teaching career at OBHS, where he has progressively been an assistant teacher, had a position of responsibility in science, was Year 11 dean, hostel manager for five years, and finally spent 17 as assistant principal. He was fortunate to be able to take charge of golf at the school almost from the beginning because of the illness of the incumbent at that time, but his mentoring has led to OBHS becoming one of the leading golf schools in the country, winning NZ titles twice, and participating in the world schools' final at St Andrews (Scotland) in 1992 and 1994. Fourteen of his prodigies (who include Greg Turner) have subsequently made their living from golf, both in NZ and overseas. Bill is now semi-retired, but maintains an interest in golf, and in the running of the school's outdoor education lodge in the Matukituki Valley near Wanaka, and is convenor of teams for Golf Otago.

Marathon

W. T. (William) Tokona (1987–91), a personal trainer from Wellington recently ran five marathons in five cities (Dunedin, Christchurch, Auckland, Rotorua, and Wellington) in five days with his Wellington running buddy Greig Rightford. It was hoped that feat would raise \$50,000 for the Malaghan Institute of Medical Research in Wellington, which conducts research into cures and vaccines for diseases and conditions such as arthritis, asthma, and cancer. Ultimately the pair hope to compete in the Marathon de Sables in April, a 243km marathon across the Sahara Desert, run in six stages over seven days.

Powerlifting

South Otago farmer B. R. (Bruce) Park (1951–54) started powerlifting four years ago at the age of 71. Despite suffering a slight setback two years ago when he slipped a disc in his back and pinched the femoral nerve, thereby losing the power in his legs vital for successful powerlifting, at the World Masters Powerlifting held in Kileen, Texas, last October, Bruce won the over-70 title in the 66kg class with a total lift of 400kg. So he is now the world champion, and his deadlift of 185kg broke the world record! Obviously as he says: "You are never to late to start."

Rugby

B. R. (Ben) Smith (2000–04) and B. T. (Brayden) Mitchell (2003–06) have been selected to represent the Highlanders franchise in the Super 15 competition.

T. E. (Tom) Willis (1992–97) represented Otago (43 matches), the Highlanders (23 matches), Waikato (26 matches) and the Chiefs (39 matches). He also played 2 matches and five tests for the All Blacks, captaining the team which played Ireland A. In 2008 he went offshore to play for the Newport Gwent Dragons, and had intended to retire at the end of the northern hemisphere season in 2012, but suffered a recurring thumb injury which still hampers his movements, and so retired on medical advice in November 2011. Fortunately on his way through life he had completed an LLB degree at OU, so he has returned to Dunedin to become a law clerk at Gallaway, Cook, Allan, and having completed his professionals course

with the NZ Legal Council, will be admitted to the Bar and become a fully-fledged practising solicitor. He finds sitting at a desk all day rather different from spending all day running around, training, conditioning, resting, and eating, and that unexpectedly he has less time to spend with his children. And a new challenge is making sure that he has five ironed shirts, and is clean-shaven!

Softball

W. MacD (Will) Meiklejohn (2010–11) and K. L. (Krizevac) Tuitea (2009–11) were selected to represent Otago.

Surf Lifesaving

At about 6.00pm last November, eleven members of the St Clair Club were training nearby when a 72 year old man collapsed after suffering a heart attack while running along the beach. The surfers carried out CPR, and used a defibrillator and oxygen for some 20 minutes before St John ambulance officers arrived. Sadly the man subsequently died in hospital, but the rescue was judged by Surf Lifesaving NZ as being the best in the country for November and the winter months, so the Club will receive a framed citation to hang on the clubhouse wall, and a fuel voucher. Among the eleven were J. A. L. (James) Coombes (1996–2000), A. W. (Adam) Harvey (2002–04) and J. J. (James) Rolfe (2007–10).

Triathlon

The "Repeat Offenders" are seven blokes (4 from Oz, 2 are Kiwis, and a Yank) who have competed in all six previous individual full-distance Challenge Wanaka triathlons: a gruelling 226km annual get-together. One of the team is J. D. (Jonathan) Simpson (1979) who was born in Dunedin and shifted to Oz with his family when aged 14. He now works as a "fly-in-fly-out" electrician at a Mt Isa goldmine, and the six days he has off have allowed him to fly to Wanaka to join the Offenders again. While there are pools aplenty for him to train in while at home in Buderim, at Mt Isa he has to use a swimming simulator. So far he is the only team member who has failed to complete all six events: overheating on one, and falling off his bike on another!

King's Old Boys in the News

Grant Robertson; appointed Deputy Leader of the Labour Party in December 2011. Wellington Central MP who holds Science and Innovation Portfolios.

Caden Shields; returned to Dunedin after a successful three-year scholarship in the USA on an athletics scholarship. Caden was the NZ junior champion for the 10,000m in 2007–8.

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Contents for the July *Kingsmen* to be received as soon as possible and by 30th June. Please inform us on events to be held and events that have been held. Also we would appreciate information from outside Otago which may be legally published relating to ex-pupils.