



# THE KINGSMEN

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## Welcome Dan!

Or should it be welcome back to King's High School. Dan Reddix became the 8th head of the school and the youngest at 35.

He began his teaching career in his home town of Palmerston North. After six years teaching economics at Palmerston North Boys' High School he moved to King's in 2001 where he taught until 2005. In 2006 he became Assistant Principal at Otago Boys' High School and commenced back at King's at the beginning of this last term.

Whilst here previously Dan was coach for 4 years of what became a very successful 1st soccer XI.



### 75th Reunion

We have advised previously that this would be held at Labour weekend 2010.

Also we mentioned that this will be a big occasion and volunteers are required to work on a 75th Reunion committee. Warwick Larkins is the interim chairman with David Horne secretary and Doug Jackson treasurer. At this stage the functions and activities to be held has not been decided but people are required to organise events such as a dinner and a social. The Edgar Centre has been booked for the dinner. The 50th was organised by a committee, outside the Association's executive, with subcommittees.

Local people are required to make this a great time for yourselves and the many who will return from all parts of the country and overseas.

Please contact Warwick Larkins at King's during the daytime on 03 455 7547, evenings on 03 454 3902, email: wlarkins@xtra.co.nz or PO Box 163, Dunedin 9054.

### Administration

#### Subscriptions

Just a reminder for those who have not paid (\$20 p.a.) following the notices which are always enclosed with the July issue of the *Kingsmen*.

For those wishing to pay by Direct Credit our bank is the Bank of New Zealand, Dunedin Branch, account number 020900-0062936-00 detailing your name.

We had a couple of queries from ex-pupils living overseas. There are just over 80 members living outside New Zealand and they pay by various means with some having paid Membership for Life which is \$400, with the amount for anyone over 60 years of age on or before last 1st January \$200. However, a few pay by their own cheque in say Australian currency, which is acceptable as long as the bank and country are reputable and subject to clearance of funds.

#### Lost Member

Mail for A. T. G. (Gil) Ross (1936-37) has been returned as no longer living at 2/34 Kaka Street, Stoke, Nelson. Our man in Nelson has not been able to locate him.

## Mailing

For some years we have had a bulk postage rate for posting the *Kingsmen* within New Zealand. A substantial saving currently being 0.6575 cents instead of \$1 an envelope.

As you may be aware postcodes, addresses and envelopes have to conform to NZ Post requirements in order to obtain this discount as they are electronically scanned. A few members may disagree exactly with the address we show (suburbs) but they are as supplied by NZ Post.

## 1943 School Concert

The July 2008 issue had an article on the 1943 school concert along with a photograph of the 10 participants. We stated that the member of the cast seated second from left was Ted Ayson whereas it has been suggested that it is Max Cunliffe. We have checked old photos and believe it is Max, since confirmed. Apologies.

## Activities Around the Country

### Dunedin

#### 1. Dinner

On occasions ex-pupils, who would be good dinner speakers, but live out of Dunedin, visit the old town without our knowledge, or time to organise a function. However, the Rev Canon Dr Paul Oestreicher (1945–49) will be here with his wife in May 2009 and we have arranged for him to be our speaker on Thursday 21st May. Details will be supplied nearer the date.

### North Shore/Hibiscus Coast

#### 1. Social

A gathering will be held on Thursday 11th December commencing 5pm at Speights Ale House, Oteha Valley Road in Albany.

#### 2. Contacts

John Somerville (1950–54) 51 John Downs Drive, Browns Bay 0630. Email: tonyjaw@xtra.co.nz  
Grahame Howley (1951–53) 12 Stanaway Street, Hillcrest 0627  
Email: ghowley@ihug.co.nz

### Wellington

#### 1. Dinner

The tenth AGM and Annual Dinner of the Wellington Branch of the King's High School Old Boys' Association was due to be held on Tuesday 18 November at Turnbull House, Wellington. The highlight of the evening was to be an after dinner speech by Trevor McKinlay, who attended Kings from 1959–1963. Trevor has had a distinguished career in education as a teacher and school leader. He was appointed the 15th Head of the 134 year old Wanganui Collegiate in 1988. 2001–2008 he was Head of Markham College in Lima Peru. He was the first New Zealander to head any school in Latin America. Trevor has also been an innovator outside of his profession:

1975—Started the 40 Hour Famine Fund Raising Programme on World Vision's behalf.

1978—Member of the Borough Council that negotiated the rebuilding of Cromwell.

1987—Persuaded McDonalds Restaurants to build the first of four Ronald McDonald Houses.

1987—Part of the Founding Board of the New Zealand Child Cancer Society.

Ex-pupils of Queens were invited to attend and we trust it was an enjoyable evening.

#### 2. Contacts

Chairman: John Hedge (1966–70) PO Box 10694, Wellington 6143  
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Secretary: Morris Barling (1961–63) PO Box 26118, Wellington 6442  
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Treasurer: Brian Farrant (1952–55) 19B Kowhai Street, Eastbourne 5013.  
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### Nelson

#### 1. Contacts

Kevin St John (1957–62) 19 Bryant Road, Brightwater 7022. Email: kgstjohn@xtra.co.nz  
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### Christchurch

#### 1. Contacts

Chairman: Murray Dunbar (1953–57) 44 Ashgrove Street, Rangiora 7400.  
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Secretary: Ian Gamble (1955–58) PO Box 5178, Papanui 8542.  
Email: meadowpark@xtra.co.nz

Treasurer: Alan Malcolmson (1971–75) 10 Parkham Drive, Burnside 8053.  
Email: amalcolmson@foodstuffs-si.co.nz

Database: Alister Campbell (1949–53) PO Box 52, Lincoln 7640. Email: alandpat@xtra.co.nz



Following on from previous issues we have the 1943 third form photos. We would appreciate any help in naming the five unknown pupils, or even if you disagree with our research.

We wish to thank those who have written supplying names which have filled many gaps, although not everyone is in agreement, which is the problem after so many years.

Last issue the Third Form for 1942 3L and 3B were shown. A photograph for 3A has since been located and is on page 4.

## 1943 Third Forms Photos: Pupils Identified



### 3L Form Photo

*Back Row:* Mike Howley, Don Crawford, Ian Page, Colin McDonald, Garth Faigan, Colin Newbury, Bill Orchard, Kevin Crimp, Bob Allan  
*Second Back Row:* Neil St George, Ian Edwards, Alistair Coppin, Mr Emslie, Bill Brookes, Murray Woodrow, Laurie Mussen  
*Middle Row:* John McMillan, Ken McFarlane, Ron Birchall, Graeme Sinclair, Mervyn Bradley, Ron Moss, John Murray, John Browett  
*Front Row:* Lawrie Williams, Alan Milne, Leo Gosney, Ron Bruce, Keith Cowie, Ian McKinnon, Stan Duncan, Neil Walker, Eric Richardson



### 3A Form Photo

*Back Row:* Graeme Gordon, Alan Foot, Stuart Jones, Neville Mawhinney, Mike Oakden, John Laing, Eric Munro, Jim Arthur  
*Second Back Row:* Jack Skene, Noel Gillan, Mr Bob Crimp, Allan Mitchell, Russell Carter  
*Middle Row:* Russell Ogg, Barry North, Gordon Brough, Ian Clarke, Noel Hudson, David McLachlan  
*Front Row:* Bruce Brown, Victor Huddleston, Murray Birss



### 3B Form Photo

*Back Row:*                   ?,           ?, Dave Borne, Gerard Brook, Neville Edwards, Bruce Railton

*Second Back Row:*       ?, Neil Kitchin, Mr Ross Fraser, Bill Scorgie, Russell Walsh

*Middle Row:*           Lyall Wingham, Mervyn Gunn, Fergus Fraser, Garth Latta,           ?

*Front Row:*               Ron Webster,           ?, Ron Patterson, Melvin McPhail, Maurice Stewart

#### Third form entrants not named in 1943 3B photo

Murray Edmond, Arthur Ellis, Russel Leask, Walter McLean, Harold Masters, Frank Rogers, Ken Vinicombe, Keith Williams.

## 1942 Third Form Photos: Pupils Identified



### 3A Form Photo

*Back Row:*                   Keith Wilson, Ray Wallace, Cliff Simpson, John Sherwood, Percy Mitchell

*Second Back Row:*       Ernie Middlemass, Eric Bennett, Dallas Barrett, Paul Gaylor, John Wright, Brian Swete, Neil Scrymgeour

*Middle Row:*               Eric Caley, Les Dixon, Bas Allen, Trevor Aitken, Miss Oddie, Doug Jarvis, Tom Lloyd, Allan Hargood, Bob Lindsay

*Second Front Row:*     Andy Padgett, Harry Stinson, Robert Mackway-Jones, Gerald Clarkson, Bert Price, Dave Scrymgeour

*Front Row:*               Cliff Betts, Bill Little, Lindsay Wilson, Bob Kennedy, Neville Marquet, Johnny Alderson

## Missing

Those who entered King's in 1942, or who joined them subsequently, numbered 108, of whom 36 are known to have died. The addresses or circumstances of the following 19 are currently unknown to us:

Wallace Duncan Bidmead (was in Sydney, Oz), Spencer Grant Brent (brother of Gordon), John William Brown, Bruce Conrad Cameron, Gerald Paxton Clarkson (was in Melbourne, Oz), Colin Alfred Cowie (was in Johnsonville), Raymond Gordon Falconer, Paul Edward Gaylor, Darrel Alfred Hazelwood (was in Petone) James Allen Hopkins, William George McKenzie, Percy Rendel Mitchell (was in Dunedin? Rotorua?), Ramon Louis Mussen, Frederick George Pink, Robert John Reeves, Ledlie Alexander Stuart (was Otago Peninsula then Mosgiel), Raymond Sherwood Wallace, Lynsay James Wilson (in Onehunga?) Gordon Macdonald Wright, Owen Leonard Wynn (was Queenstown? Karitane?).

Similarly those who entered King's in 1943 or who joined them subsequently, numbered 91; 32 are known to have died, and a further 3 are believed to have done so—Eric Richardson (died 2000 in Blenheim?), Bert Fryer (died 2004 in Whangarei?)

and Ian McKinnon (lived on the West Coast but died c1984 in Lower Hutt). The addresses or circumstances of the following 12 are currently unknown to us:

Alan Graeme Foot (brother of Malcolm and Murray), John Alexander Laing, Russel John Leask (in Alexandra?), Donald Ian McLachlan, Walter Thomas McLean, Melvin John Alexander McPhail, William Archibald Orchard, Graeme Durant Sinclair (brother of Ross, in the UK?), Ronald Webster (was in Invercargill, now in Pt Chevalier? Christchurch?), Grahame William Wheeler (was in Taupo), Keith Stuart Williams.

It is possible that there may be more than one person with the identical name living in NZ, they may well be living overseas, their brother's address (if applicable) may, be unknown to us, or they may have died. We would welcome any information concerning them, no matter how tenuous.

[W. L. (Warren) Shirley (1952–56) has tracked down every one (120) of his intake, both dead or alive, largely through networking. With the forthcoming 75th Reunion (October 2010) in mind, we would welcome similar efforts].

## Life Résumé

### BOB BOOTH ACKNOWLEDGES THESE FURTHER PROFILES RECEIVED

1938–41	Lockhart	Raymond J.	Dunedin	1954–56	Reid	D. Christopher (Chris) Parnell,	Auckland
1942–43	Wilson	W. Keith	Dunedin	1957–58	Alexander	John L.	Dunedin—ex ODT
1944–47	Sims	Ken C.	Poole, Dorset, England	1958–62	Kaye	Barry John	Mangere, Auckland
1945–48	McIntosh	John D.	Christchurch	1966–68	Butler	Stephen J. (Steve)	Dunedin
1949–50	Wilson	Edmund J. (Eddie)	Dunedin—Died 11.3.1977	1974–76	Mason	Trevor Norman	Died Feb 2008 while attempting a ford on Flagstaff, Whare Flat Road
1949–52	Burns	Graeme E.	Dunedin				
1951–54	Smith	Ronald J.	Paraparaumu				
1951–55	Reid	Colin S.	Takapuna, Auckland				

## Memories

1. Jack Braithwaite (1947–50) has written advising how sad he was to hear of the deaths of Ewen Kirk (1948–52) and Robb Webster (1946–51). Jack played in the 1st Soccer XI with Robb in 1950 and while he had 1st XI photos wondered if anyone had a photo of the Otago Under 16 XI of 1949.

A phone call to Dennis Higgs (1947–51) also a 1st XI Soccer member and the photo was located. With his help and that of Harry Kerr (OBHS) the following were identified. Can anyone help with the others.

L to R: Bill Wray, Jim King (King's), Dennis Higgs (King's), Owen Cook (King's), Harry Kerr (OBHS), Jim Millar, not known, Jack Braithwaite (King's), not known, Ewan Ansell (OBHS), Brian Collins, Goalie unknown, T. J. (Baby) Arnold Teacher at both King's and OBHS during his career.



Otago U16 Secondary Schools Soccer Team 1949

2. Recently it was noticed from a book review and also a bookseller's pamphlet that a volume of the Biggles book had been published. In the years following World War II these were published covering the daring adventures of the fictional Squadron Leader James Bigglesworth an archetypal British hero.

This stirred the memory of a time in the third form: Arnold Anderson (1946–70, 72) was the English master and the boys had to read a book of their choice, present a review, and opinion of its merit. The day it was this writer's turn was also that of a boy we will call X who struggled at King's, unfortunately not passing School Certificate twice.

Arnold's opinion of good literature did not extend to a well known Biggles book which poor X presented and was informed of such. Perhaps they were in literary merit only a step or two better than comics of the time!

The writer had not seen or heard of X for about 8 years, when one day resplendent in a RNZAF uniform complete with the rank of a commissioned officer and flying wings the writer met X again. It is gathered that X went onto fly for Air New Zealand.

One notices many who have struggled at school have been late developers, and achieved since. In the case of X flying must have been what he really was interested in, and achieved doing.

## Dunedin King's

This article written by Warwick Larkins was published in September 2008 in *Points Unlimited* the newsletter of the Association of Rugby Historians and Statisticians.

Although probably not as well-known across the nation as its Auckland cousin King's College, King's High School (Dunedin) has nevertheless contributed substantially to the New Zealand Sporting scene. It has over 70 New Zealand Representatives at adult level in a variety of codes.

Although confused time and again with its Auckland namesake, much to the Dunedin King's chagrin, the two schools (as far as can be ascertained) have never met on any sporting field.

By being founded in 1936, when three King's were on the throne of England, it received its name, plus the colours of Cambridge and Oxford Blues. It was extremely fortunate in being granted a magnificent Coat of Arms by the Lord Lyon in Edinburgh on which a blue heraldic Lion stands at full height.

It's Rugby Service to Otago has been very significant, with close to 100 representatives and 12 All Blacks. Its first All Black was named with the Selection of wing/fullback Ray Bell in 1951–52. Bell, a good goalkicker, played 9 times (3 Tests) for his country, but finished prematurely with a severe knee injury.

John Hotop a 3 test 1st five-eighth was selected from Canterbury against the 1952 Wallabies and then again in 1955. He played for 6 different unions and also the South Island on 3 occasions.

Both Ian (Spooky) Smith and Chris Laidlaw were selected for the 1963–64 tour of the UK and enjoyed successful tours and All Black careers. Smith, an attacking wing, played 24 games (9 Tests) and scored tries with acceleration coming, it seemed, from nowhere. Hence, he received the name "Gimmerburn Ghost" from where he was employed on the Maniototo in Central Otago.

King's and Otago people will tell you Laidlaw is the country's best ever half-back. He had a long accurate pass, a good rugby brain and a sturdy body, which made him difficult to pull down. He was part of a legendary schoolboy combination with 1st 5 Rick Mains (elder brother of Laurie) and played 57 matches (20 Tests).

As a member of the University A team in the Otago University RFC (which has produced more All Blacks than any other club in the country) he showed incredible courage. In 1965, against South Africa at Eden Park for NZ Universities, he came back onto the field after going off concussed, and dropped a goal. NZ Universities finished the game with only 11 men. He captained the All Blacks in 1968.

Laurie Mains, a reliable and dependable goal-kicking fullback replaced Fergie McCormick against the 1971 Lions. This prolific goal-kicker scored 153 points for NZ.

It is one of the great mysteries of New Zealand Rugby that he did not play a test on the 1976 tour of South Africa, where he scored 132 points. Goal-kicking cost the All Blacks that series, with Duncan Robertson and Sid Going attempting kicks on occasions.

Mains later became a successful Otago and All Black coach. Like Clark, Vanisi, Willis and Hayman, together with many other King's Old Boys, he played for the cradle of Otago Rugby—"The Southern RFC".

Lindsay Clark, who gave great service to Otago Rugby with 157 games, was chosen as a replacement for his Otago teammate Keith Murdoch on the 1972–73 tour of Great Britain. This mobile prop played in seven games.

Then followed a most productive period in All Blacks representation with six All Blacks being selected in eight years:

It started in 1999 with Kupu Vanisi, a flanker (1 match), and 1st 5 Tony Brown (18 matches, 17 Tests). Brown, a courageous tackler and consistent goalkicker, suffered from injury later in his NZ Career—almost certainly due to his aggressive defence.

In 2001 Tom Willis, a hooker who captained the All Blacks, was selected. After suffering from the presence of Anton Oliver, the All Black Captain, he moved to Waikato in 2003, finishing with seven matches (5 Tests).

2001 also saw the debut of outstanding and tall tight-head prop Carl Hayman, who must line up with Laidlaw as the school's best All Black. The distinction of being the 1000th All Black came his way against Samoa in 2001. He gave the All Blacks wonderful uncomplaining service over a span of 46 games (45 tests).

Paul Miller, originally a Southlander born in Gore, played 2 matches in 2001. This vigorous No 8 was not tackled by many when in full flight. He played 2 games.

Joe McDonnell was a prop and played 8 tests in 2002. He was a fine attacking runner in the mould of Steve McDowell. His opportunities were limited with Otago, because of the presence of Hayman, Hoefl and Meeuws.

So there we have the 12 disciples of King's All Black Rugby! But, the school's contribution to the sport and media is continued with personnel such as Peter Montgomery, Murray Deaker, Chris Laidlaw, Richard Boock, and Mark Hinton.

Well might the schools motto be—"Doctrina Vim Promovet Insitam"—Teaching brings out Inborn Strength ....

## Honours

The Rev. Canon Dr P. E. (Paul) Oestreicher (1945–49), in his retirement Honorary Chaplain at the University of Sussex, has recently been awarded a Doctorate in Divinity degree by Oxford University. This was conferred by the Archbishop of Canterbury (under a right granted to him by King Henry VIII in 1535!) for his writings and for his work for human rights. This law states that those who have done the necessary work for a Doctorate should receive it even if they had for good reason (such as a plague, or the condition of the roads!) not been able to attend the University. In May 2009, the University of Otago will award him an Honorary Doctorate in Divinity, to go with his 'real' Doctorate and with his earlier Honorary Doctorates in Literature and in Laws from other universities. All this makes Paul look like an academic: he claims that in reality he is just a priest who is into politics (which he did study long ago) and journalism.

## Cultural Affairs

This year, with M. L. (Michael) Andrewes (1957–61) again musical director, the Really Authentic Gilbert and Sullivan Performance Trust staged *Ruddygore* (the original spelling). Subtitled *The Witch's Curse*, this Gothic melodrama soon received the popular name *The Supernatural Opera*.

R. J. (Richard) Boock (1974–77) has followed up his biography of former NZ cricket captain Stephen Fleming with the cricketing biography of the current captain *Daniel Vettori: Turning Point*. As well as his weekly column on sporting matters in the *Sunday Star Times*, Richard contributes a column commenting on TV programming in the *D-Scene*, a weekly freebie "mega-paper" launched in Dunedin some 5 months ago, but already taken over by Mr Fairfax.

C. D. (Chris) Fennessy (1984–88) and Epiphany Productions is holding a summer theatre school for children aged between 12–18 on 12th January 2009. After 3 weeks of fun theatre and dance training, a production of *High School Musical* will be staged.

In September, high country artist N. D. (Norman) Sinclair (1964–66) spent a weekend in South Otago teaching aspiring artists ideas and skills, as a fundraiser for Romahapa primary school.

G. C. (Grahame) Sydney (1962–66) has recently had published *White Silence: Grahame Sydney's Antarctica*, a book containing dramatic photographs taken during his two visits to that stark and awe-inspiring continent.

## Business Sector

It seems as if, like old soldiers, hairdressers too never die. J. L. (John) Alexander (1957–58), who operates Bond Street Hairdressers, has spent nearly 50 years in the trade, but still gets a buzz out of his work, and has no plans to retire despite some health hiccups in the last 5 years. Times have changed since John first entered the trade as an apprentice, when much of the hair was cut fairly short in an ever-present mist of bay rum. In those days there were about 30 specialist men's hairdressers; now he believes there may be only seven, with one being G. E. (Guy) Robinson (1959–60) who has similarly spent nearly 50 years in the trade, and who has a shop in South Dunedin. Nowadays also much longer hairstyles are the norm. Over the

years John has learned to be a good listener, even something of a psychologist to customers who may be facing marital difficulties, or trying to cope with redundancy, and who seek a friendly ear. However, more often the conversation turns to sport, where he is well-qualified to comment, having played soccer at junior and senior level for Caversham, and having been an Otago representative at snooker.

These days, the average life of a restaurant is said to be about 2 years, so it was refreshing to see that M. S. (Michael) Coughlin (1977–79) and his wife recently celebrated 16 years at their acclaimed Dunedin restaurant 'Bell Pepper Blues,' which is housed in the former 'Prince of Wales' hotel in Princes Street. However, the restaurant is reinventing itself, and adopting a more casual approach along with a new summer menu at bistro-style prices—although his famous and popular slow-braised and crisp pork belly, venison Denver leg, and creme brulee will remain, and he will continue to do special functions. Michael is also extending his interests to newly-opened 'Swell Café and Bar' at St Clair, and to the upmarket restaurant in the currently under-construction Saint Clair Beach Resort which

## Obituaries

- L. K. (Lloyd) McIver (1939–42) died at Auckland 30.1.07
- S. A. (Stan) Brighting (1938–41) died at Wanganui 16.4.08
- K. J. (Kebbel) Kenyon (1941–46) died at Tauranga 19.4.08
- P. W. (Peter) Crawford (1948–53) died at Wellington 5.7.08
- G. D. (Graeme) Taylor (1976–78) died at Perth, W. Australia 5.7.08
- S. B. C. (Stephen) McAnally (1941) died at Dunedin 11.7.08
- R. T. (Roy) Summers (1950–52) died at Wanaka 17.7.08
- F. J. (Frank) Petre (1936–40) died at Christchurch 26.7.08
- P. A. (Peter) McAlevey (1961–65) died at Palmerston North 29.7.08
- G. B. (Geoff) Mitchell (1944–46) of Riverton, died at Invercargill 30.7.08
- K. R. (Keith) Fraser (1944–45) died at Adelaide South Australia 6.8.08
- D. T. M. (Mason) Luke (1936–39) died at Dunedin 11.8.08
- R. J. (Robert) Taitua (1976–77) died at Dunedin 18.8.08
- G. R. (George) Campbell (1944–47) of Stoke, died at Richmond 20.8.08
- L. H. (Les) Dixon (1942–46) died at Christchurch 23.8.08
- K. R. (Kevin) Duncan (1959–60) died at Dunedin 30.8.08
- J. A. (John) Kennedy (1944–48) died at Wellington 30.8.08
- G. W. (Gary) Collings (1965–66) died at Pleasant Point 5.9.08
- A. D. (Tony) Longshaw (1968–69) died at Christchurch ?.9.08
- K. J. (Ken) Fahey (1951) died at Christchurch 29.9.08
- N. P. (Nick) Hill (1973–76) died at Adelaide, South Australia 1.10.08
- P. I. (Paul) Roberts (1995–99) died at Sydney N.S.W. 6.10.08
- N. R. (Ray) Currie (1946–48) of Arrowtown, died at Queenstown 11.10.08
- R. K. (Robert) Worcester (1964–68) died at Billericay, Essex, England 15.10.08
- R. H. (Robert) Ravenwood (1969–70) of Gore, died at Invercargill 26.10.08

is planned to open in mid-2009: as executive chef it will be his influence on the food. [Old Boys would hardly recognise the redevelopments in the St Clair beach area these days: alcohol and coffee is available at several venues—but one has to go to St Kilda to buy a child an ice cream!]

A. J. (Tony) Edmonds (1973–76) has been in the fishing industry for 30 years, and is the owner of Edmonds Fishing and its 12m vessel the *Lucy Ann* with its crew of one. Based at Taieri Mouth, Tony spends up to 170 days and nights a year fishing the waters between Green Island and Waikawa, focused on trawling, cod-potting and crayfishing, and spending up to 5 days at sea at a time. Trawling drops off in winter, but the crayfishing season from mid-June until the end of November compensates for this. In summer fishing is carried out from 4.30am until 10.30am and the catch then processed while fresh, which may take until daylight.

When Tamahine Knitwear ceased operations mid-year, a victim of global economics, 51 employees were made redundant which exacerbated the unemployment situation in Dunedin at that time. However, recently former director W. R. (Ross) Gamble (1960–62) was able to report that only 4 had yet to find new jobs and that Algie Clothing a Dunedin-based clothing importer had moved its embroidery plant into one-third of Tamahine's former premises in Kaikorai Valley.

In July, Otago Fresh Ltd opened a shop on the top floor of the Dunedin International Airport terminal, which enables visitors to Dunedin to buy Otago products and produce as soon as they enter the province. Products available include fresh fish, crayfish and clams (in season), Fishers meat products, Pasta D'Oro products, Gourmet Ice Cream Company products, Cadbury chocolate, Whitestone cheese, Alpine Gold juices, and West's beverages. A director of the company is D. N. (Dave) Humphrey (1951–54).

King's would appear to be quietly taking over Metro Real Estate in Dunedin. M. (Mack) Stephens (1952–56) is a principal; M. A. (Mark) Stevens (1971–75) is a managing partner; A. M. (Adam) Gain (1986–90) is sales manager; M. C. (Mervyn) Chave (1969–73), M. (Marco) Geisreiter (1975–77), C. S. (Chris) McLean (1968–71), M. J. (Martin) Montgomery (1979–83), and B. P. (Brent) Sanderson (1984–87) are all sales people. When it is considered that Lesley Crow is a daughter of J. L. (Lin) Rayner (1938–41), and that grandson, Jeremy Crow wishes he had gone to King's, the impression seems irresistible!

Grocery co-operative Foodstuffs (S.I.) Ltd achieved a major milestone by reaching \$2 billion in revenue from sales for the year ended February 2008. The group operates New World; Pak'NSave; Four Square supermarkets; and the Henry's Beer, Wine and Spirits chain. Chairman of the group, R. E. (Russell) Nieper (1956–57) intends to retire while at the top.

Olssen's Garden Vineyard at Bannockburn, co-owned by J. B. (John) Olssen (1960–64) has a cellar door bursting with various trophies, medals, certificates and artistically sculptured awards. This was added to recently at this year's Romeo Bragato Wine Awards held in Christchurch in August when their entry, 'Olssen's Jackson Barry Pinot Noir 2007' won the Bragato Trophy for champion wine, and the vineyard also won the Mike Wolter Pinot Noir Trophy for excellence in viticulture, which focuses on the growing of the grapes. As well, their wine-maker won a gold medal, with his 'Bannock Brae Barrel Selection Pinot Noir 2006' entry, made from grapes grown on the Bannockburn vineyard owned by C. R. (Crawford) Brown (1959–63).

Forsyth Barr Ltd, the stock broking firm which retains its head office in Dunedin, has 14 branches employing a staff of 200, and is 100% owned by senior employees, recently acquired the business of the NZX firm Ross, Sinclair and Co in Ashburton, which had been established by J. E. (Jack) Ross (1947–51) and D. N. (Neil) Sinclair (1954–57).

At the annual presentation of certificates to new members of the Otago Branch of the NZ Institute of Accountants held in July, J. A. (Jim) Valentine (1936–38) was presented with a 60 year membership certificate in recognition of his long service. The certificate was presented by national president Graham Crombie of Dunedin, son of the late Margaret Crombie, and grandson of the late Mr W. (Bill) Lang (Rector 1948–61). The Institute is celebrating its centennial, and in his presidential capacity, Graham was ceremoniously granted the Freedom of the City of London by the Remembrancer, while on a recent visit to London. This honour dates back to 1237, and was used to select those who could trade in London's square mile business district. Graham can now run sheep over London Bridge without paying a toll, draw his sword and walk around the City, if convicted of treason he could choose to be hanged with a silken rope, and he could not be arrested for being drunk and disorderly in London!

P. A. (Paul) Williams (1986–90), son of P. S. (Peter) Williams (1957–61) has recently been appointed International Marketing Manager for Pernod Ricard Pacific Ltd, based in London but responsible for the marketing of Montana and Jacobs Creek wines in Western Europe, the Middle East, and Africa. Paul has been with Montana Wines (now Pernod Ricard) since 1994. His brother, S. M. (Stuart) Williams (1984–88) is now Service Manager for Armstrong Prestige Dunedin (agents for Mercedes-Benz, Chrysler, and Hyundai motor vehicles). Stuart has been in the motor industry in Dunedin and Queenstown, since leaving school, and is third generation Williams to be involved in the motor industry.

J. M. (Joseph) Willis (1995–99), son of E. M. (Eoin) Willis (1967–71) and Janet Willis (Board of Trustees 1996–2001), and brother of T. E. (Tom) Willis (1992–97) runs a bar in London Town, and according to the Southern Rugby Club's *Pony Express* has been keeping company with Rebecca Loos, sometime amour of soccer superstar David Beckham!

## Sporting Triumphs

G. P. (Geoff) Rodden (1974–78, Board of Trustees 2003–) has been appointed assistant secondary schools sports director for the Otago region, because of his strong sporting background in administration and coaching.

### Athletics

At the National Road Relay Championships held at North Taieri in October, the Caversham Mixed Team won the gold medal. The team included G. A. (Geoff) Anderson (1970–74), son of A. T. (Arnold) Anderson (Staff 1946–70, 1972) and father of present boy B. G. (Ben) Anderson; R. H. (Royce) Madigan (present boy), son of N. G. (Neville) Madigan (1953–54); and S. A. (Scott) Sidon (2002–05), grandson of P. N. (Pat) Sidon (1947–48)

At the National Cross Country Championships held at Waikanae in August, the Otago Junior Men's team won the bronze medal. The team included D. J. (Daniel) Balchin (present boy), L. C. I. (Lyndon) Brown (2002–06), and T. A. (Tony) Payne (2002–06).



The Otago Peninsula Relay was held in August, and line honours went to Leith No. 2, which team included G. R. (Grant) Koedyk (Staff 1988–). Caversham No. 1 which won the trophy for fastest time included Daniel Balchin (3rd in his leg), R. J. (Robert) Brown (present boy) (2nd), Lyndon Brown (1st), Geoff Anderson (2nd), Tony Payne (1st), and Scott Sidon (2nd).

The Dunedin Half Marathon was held in September, and out of more than 1,000 starters, Tony Payne came 4th, Lyndon Brown 10th, Daniel Balchin 15th, and S. T. (Sam) McCutcheon (2003–07) 17th—not bad for such young athletes; while Year 11 pupil Alex Salis came 50th! While there was a smaller field in the Marathon, Scott Sidon still came 13th.

### **Bowls**

It is commuting time to England again for K. G. (Ken) Walker (1960–63) who has qualified for his sixth and seventh trip to the World Professional Bowls Association finals. In June he qualified for the Engage singles final to be played at Burgess Hill in Sussex in November, while he and Paul Girdler will compete (yet again) in the World indoor pairs to be played at Potter's Leisure Resort in Norfolk in January 2009. This caps a good season for Ken, who was recently crowned the NZ top ranked PBA bowler.

### **Cricket**

At the recent NZ Cricket Awards evening in Auckland, B. B. (Brendon) McCullum (1995–2000) was named Player of the Year for the 2007–08 season, and was awarded the Walter Hadlee Trophy for one-day batting. His brother, N. L. (Nathan) McCullum (1994–98) was named State Cricketer of the Year, for being the most outstanding player in domestic cricket. Brendon was again vice-captain of NZ when they made rather heavy weather of touring and defeating Bangladesh. The team now visits Australia in November, before returning home to face the West Indies in December.

G. S. (Gordon) Cambridge (1971–75), a Green Island club stalwart, and long serving member of the Dunedin Cricket Association and of cricket in general, has been inducted as a life member of the D. C. A.

### **Curling**

The Ranfurly Curling Club celebrated 75 years of curling in August at the Maniototo International Indoor Curling Rink at Naseby. Centre of interest at the celebrations was the stone used in NZ's first curling event held at the Woodhaugh Gardens in Dunedin, in the 1880s. The stone was uncovered by R. J. (Dick) Pilling (1940–43), who used to play for the club in 1956, when he was cleaning out his garage in Ranfurly. Dick has donated the rather careworn stone to the club, which has placed it on display at the Rink, complete with an explanatory plaque, for the edification of future generations.

### **Fishing**

Forty years ago, the Godby and Booth families from Dunedin owned cribs at Luggate, and began reeling in trout from the Clutha river. Twenty five years ago they were joined by the Ironside family, so the BIG (Booth, Ironside, Godby) Fishing Challenge Trophy was born, to be competed for at the social fishing competition held each October. G. (Graham) Godby (1947–51) now lives in his crib, and has meticulously recorded in a book the details of all fish caught since 1969, along with letters from bureaucrats, officials and politicians regarding catch numbers, competition licences, and other red-tape matters. This year 91 fish (about par) were caught by 50

anglers (no boats permitted): the 'Godby Squad' won with 35 fish—but for the first time ever, Graham was bereft of fish!

### **Freestyle Motocross (FMX)**

Team Koarse, which includes J. A. (Jason) Young (1999–2000) and C. D. (Craig) Ellis (1990–94), gave a performance at the Brass Monkey motorcycle rally at Otarehua during Queen's Birthday Weekend. When they returned recently to take their steel and plywood 2.8m tall, 8m long ramp to Alexandra for a performance at the Blossom Festival, it had gone! While it is probably only worth \$500 as scrap (prices have nose-dived recently) it cost \$2,000 to buy the steel and an estimated \$6,000 (i.e., 60 hours work) to construct, so the Team would like it back!

### **Harness Racing**

H. C. (Hugh) Foster (1956) was on the committee of the Tuapeka Trotting Club when he lived near Lawrence 24 years ago, and has retained his membership since shifting to Kaiapoi. At Forbury Park during Labour Weekend he watched 'Roadnight Charlie', a horse he owns and bred, win the Selwyn Paul Memorial Tuapeka Cup. Hugh has raced winners previously ('Daylight Express', 'Awakite'), but for the past 20 years he has sold rather than raced horses. However, following surgery to correct breathing difficulties, 'Roadnight Charlie' won first up at Marlborough in June, and has now won 4 from 10 starts.

### **Hockey**

Although the King's 1st XI withdrew from the 'Coaches Cup' tournament at Greymouth in September, there was still a King's presence, as former school captain, A. J. (Alex) Morton (1975–78) coached Cromwell College to third place. He subsequently played in a combined over 45 team at the South Island Masters Tournament in Timaru in October. Many Old Boys are still actively playing and coaching out there, and Alex has been involved in resurrecting the Central Otago men's XI which competes in the South Island Minor Association's 'Ian Smith' annual tournament.

### **Powerlifting**

B. R. (Bruce) Park (1951–54) has been successful at many different types of farming enterprise on his farm at Greenfield in South Otago (currently he is a dairy farmer), and has never let misfortune such as 4 days in a coma with meningitis some 15 years ago hold him back. In sport, frustrated at merely winning silver and bronze medals in cycling at the NZ Masters Games, eight months ago he tried powerlifting and immediately won a gold medal! Six months later at the NZ Powerlifting Championships in Timaru, he lifted 315kg gross, thereby breaking records for his age and weight class in squatting, bench press, and overall lift. Later this year he will compete at the Oceania Games in Tahiti, and all the proper training enabled him to successfully carry the flag at the opening of the 12th Annual Clutha Super Masters Games held in Balclutha recently.

### **Rowing**

NZ Universities crews dominated their Australian counterparts at three regattas held in July, winning 12 out of 15 races. A member of the heavyweight eight was S. D. (Scott) Vandenbosch (2001–05).

Because some rowers had commitments elsewhere the Otago selectors sent their youngest team ever to the provincial championships held on the Whanganui River. M. J. (Matt) Smaill (2003–05) was a member of the quadruple sculls and the eight.

## Rugby

H. (Heroshi) Tea (2003–04) represented Samoa, and played against the All Blacks at New Plymouth.

In the recent Air NZ Cup, B. M. (Ben) Nolan (1997–2001), J. M. (Jason) MacDonald (1995–98), U (Uili) Kolo'ofai (1996–2001), B. R. (Ben) Smith (2000–04), and G. R. (Glenn) Dickson (2000–04) represented Otago.

The Otago Development XV, coached by B. J. (Brett) McCormack (1985–89) was undefeated this season.

L. M. (Luke) Herden (1991–96) played his 150th club match for Southern, while W. J. (Warren) Moffat (1993–97) and Uili Kolo'ofai each played their 100th club match, also for Southern.

## Rugby League

There was no Dunedin competition this year, and would-be league players turned out for rugby clubs. However, a team was selected to play against Southland to celebrate the centenary of this fixture, and among those selected were O (Opini) To'omalatai (1998–2003), R. (Rima) Smith (1999–2003), and J. K. (Jason) Te Huia (2004–07).

## Soccer

Dunedin Technical won the Chatham Cup in 1999, when they unexpectedly defeated a strong Waitakere City team 4–0. The team was coached by R. F. (Roger) Brooks (Staff 1986–) who teaches and coaches at King's, and the team included D. I. (Dean) Wilson (1991–95) who married an Irish colleen, and is believed to be working as a glazier in Cork; G. I. (Graham) Marshall (1981–85) who scored the first goal, captained NZ, and now runs a building and construction business in Dunedin; and J. R. (Justin) Flaws (1994–98) who scored the third goal, and now works as a designer for the *Sun* newspaper in London.

This year Dunedin Technical played East Coast Bays in the final, and again there was a strong King's connection. Members of the team included: A. D. (Andy) Coburn (1993–97), R. T. (Richard) Smith (1991–95), R. J. (Riki) Chidley (1994–98), and H. J. (Hayden) Gunn (2003–07). Assisting the coach were M. W. (Malcolm) Fleming (1983–84), A. L. (Tony) Martin (1982–87), A. J. (Tony) Boomer (1979–83), and P. D. (Paul) Cameron (1978–81). Supporters who travelled to Auckland for the final included: J. D. (Jim) Stenhouse (1955–59), patron and life member; S. R. (Stephen) Dunn (1976–79) president, and his brother P. J. (Peter) Dunn (1970–73), manager of the 1999 winning team; G. A. (Grant) Ford (1972–76) and his son D. J. (Daniel) Ford (2002–06); C. G. (Craig) Johnston (1988–87); and Paul Cameron. Sadly they lost 0–1.

## Bits and Pieces

### A Tale of Two Reids

C. S. (Colin) Reid (1951–56)

*I was best known as "Reidy" at King's, a determined swimmer (it was in the family) and the eldest of three King's boys. We enjoyed the surfing at St Clair and St Kilda. I have a memory of Jim McCready calling me over one day in the St Clair surf and asking me to stay close as it was getting too rough and uncomfortable for him to get back to shore. We did get back, and he continued to teach me general science. Also I made the 1st XV with good games in those years, winning most of our inter-school encounters. U.E., as it was then called, saw*

*the end of my King's days and I spent three years at Dunedin Teachers College, eventually becoming a Phys. Ed. Area Organiser in Christchurch.*

*The grand world tour called in 1960 and that turned into a great adventure which continues to this day. I found employment as mains-greaser (donkeyman) on the MV Dominion Monarch which got me to London with a crew of "scab" seamen and was paid off with about £70. So I took off to Canada. I ended up working in the Joseph Brant Memorial Hospital in Burlington, Ontario, Canada. Stan Paris, a swimming friend and I toured the USA, Canada, and parts of Mexico. We visited about 45 states and shared a small tent in some strange places which afforded interesting encounters with the police and local farmers, most of whom relaxed on hearing the NZ accent.*

*Stan and I parted company when he headed for London to take a wife so I hitch-hiked to Houston with the intention of buying a motorbike and riding it to South America. I had enough money for a bike, but not for the "green-card" which was required for a motorcycle in those days. So I hitch-hiked to Mexico City, my first ride being in a Cadillac convertible. The owner and driver of this luxurious monster took me all the way from Houston YMCA to Mexico City in about three days. He was a student at Mexico City and kindly put me up in his place for a day or two. And the luck continued when I got to Oaxaca, where I slept the first night in a brothel—on the floor in my own sleeping-bag—really! In a chance meeting in Oaxaca I asked some American students to point the way to Guatemala City and was invited to join them in their Second World War amphibious DUKW. They had painted the beast white and called it EI Pato Valiente, the Brave Duck.*

*That was the beginning of a year long adventure. But the repercussions continue to this day. I still meet these guys from time to time in Mexico, or Denver, or Vermont. The purpose of their journey was to improve the understanding of Latin American students re American life. They felt that President Nixon, who had been there before them, had messed up the relationship. So, we travelled from university to university throughout Central and South America. We played basketball against their teams, and frequently won the games even when Colin Reid played. We sang songs, performed short skits on American life, and Colin Reid pretended most of the time to be an American especially as Nueva Zelandia is not very different from Nueva York or Nueva Jersey in a basic Spanish conversation. We were in frequent trouble since the DUKW accommodated a big dog and dogs are not permitted as tourists in some countries. However Robyn, the German shepherd, was good at hiding under the floorboards and keeping quiet at border crossings. We tried to sail from Panama to Colombia, but got seriously ship-wrecked when after three days the propeller shaft broke, and the 75 h.p. Johnston outboards we had fitted died in the rough seas. It took three weeks before we were eventually rescued by the American Army on the orders of Dean Rusk, the Secretary of State at the time. We escaped to Cartagena, as Colin Reid had been discovered as being non-American, and fortunately found a ship-owner willing to take us and our vehicle to Cartagena for US\$100. This venture was contrary to the orders of the American Ambassador who was against our rescue, and basically against our entire goodwill project.*

*Numerous adventures later we ended up sending the DUKW back by sea from Chile to Los Angeles, while we travelled by*

bus, train and plane to Rio de Janeiro where we eventually organised our repatriation to the USA courtesy of Varig Airlines.

There had been some publicity as we drove the disintegrating DUKW slowly across the USA and we ended up in Washington DC for a proposed meeting with President Kennedy. That didn't eventuate but we did get to sit outside the Oval office for about an hour, with the president apologising via his minions and telling us not to go away. We did see the president running for his helicopter. We were received by the Peace Corps boss and numerous other politicians, including Jacob Javits, Kenneth Keating, and Nelson Rockefeller—the only one to ask where the New Zealander was. In upstate N.Y. we wound the whole adventure up and I found work at Sam Gordon's Supermarkets. We made speeches to Rotary Clubs in New Jersey and New York, thanking them for their support and raising money. We sponsored three Latin American students to study in the United States.

My mother became unexpectedly ill in late 1962 so I returned to NZ and a new life. First as an aide to my mother, then in NZ as a pharmaceutical sales representative and later as a manager, with most of my subsequent working life in South East Asia. I lived in Malaysia, Indonesia (working for ICI Pharmaceuticals) Hong Kong (American Cyanamid) and Singapore for 20 years (mostly with Boehringer Mannheim, now Roche—for whom I had also worked in London as London Teaching Hospital Rep.). In 1963 I married Anne Turner from Blenheim and we enjoyed 36 years of domestic bliss until she also died unexpectedly (in 1999).

We had retired to the Far North by then, and I now live in two places; Takapuna, on the North Shore of Auckland, and also just south of the Whangaroa Harbour at Marble Bay where the swimming—especially with the dolphins—is good, and the fishing is even better. The main focus of my life these days is keeping the native trees in order at Marble Bay, and that means war against kikuyu, gorse, tobacco plant, lantana, possums, rabbits, stoats, and the local farmer's beef cattle—which broke through the electric fence last winter, and just about wrecked the place! We have kiwis nearby and they are frequently heard at night. I've seen one on the winding road into my place and I almost ran it over thinking it was a possum in the dark. It didn't run away either when I stopped in time, and I watched it fossicking in front of the car for about 5 minutes.

For personal reflection I have my siblings Christopher and Russell (both KHS Old Boys) to remind me of school days, and family days in Dunedin and Harington Point where we spent our weekends, and Judith Reid my sister who also lives near Auckland and who has become the family matriarch. I have a warm relationship with Liz Evans, widow of Owen Evans (1951–56) who also knows our native trees, and enjoys part-time life at Marble Bay with me as well. If anyone ever visits the Far North—near Kaeo and Whangaroa Harbour, call (09) 405 0880 and visit: the swimming, kayaking, fishing, and boating are fabulous.

#### D. C. (Chris) Reid (1954–56)

I was the middle Reid King's boy who progressed rapidly downward from 3L in 1954 to 4A to 5B, terminating myself after the first term in 1956. I won the junior swimming cup in the third and fourth forms but deservedly lost the senior swimming cup in the fifth form to Brent Torrance (1955–58)

a junior! Ted Hayes or 'Pun' Emslie, (I can't remember who) caned me on my final day in 5B; quite rightly I might say.

Our dad, Don Reid, a flour miller of Scottish extraction born in Tasmania, secured me a job as a cable layer with the P & T (Post & Telegraph) resulting in me, barely 15 years old, digging holes in roads, and being cycled around by my former schoolmates, not to mention the Queen's girls. My parents had warned me that if I did not behave, I would end up digging holes in the road and I did! Was this the "Roads Scholarship" I had heard mum talk of? What next? Sweeping the streets perhaps? After three months of swinging a pick axe and waving around a shovel, "Gus" Jeffery's uncle, Jno. J. Jeffery Esq., the accountant at Dalgety's and badly gassed fighting in WW1, kindly found me work in his firm as an office boy—a job I loved. Many King's boys found employment in the stock and station agencies around Dunedin in the 1950s Korean War wool boom years; Peter Crawford, Ron Smith, Byron Harford, Bill Townsend and Hugh Morrison to name a few. Where are all the stock firms and the boys now? Vaporised mostly; but I do know where Bill Townsend is—in Naseby, lucky man!

On the road selling chickenfeed and dog tucker around New Zealand took me to early 1963, followed by the mandatory OE which included seven jobs in one year in Sydney. From Sydney to the UK I followed in my brother Colin's footsteps and worked my way on the SS 'Northern Star' as an assistant steward. My working companions were "DBS's" (Distressed British Seamen) being deported and required to work their way back to the UK on account of their antipodean desertion, drunkenness and/or debauchery. These good men didn't smoke cannabis or tobacco; they smoked tarred rope under your bunk all night; the stink was lethal! Our section of the galley was called appropriately "Shit Creek". From London I somehow reached Tokyo via East Berlin, Moscow and Nakhodka on 100 pounds sterling, thence to NZ on zero cash! Penniless on my way down from Japan, for five weeks at the Changi Air Force base, the NZ Air Force boys kindly put me up in their barracks and fed me at their canteen! Security ... what security?

Four or five months in early 1965 blasting out a tunnel from Manapouri to Doubtful Sound was followed by inevitable failure in a small business in Christchurch—so I sold out for a thousand pounds and thought I should sit school cert.; I needed a job. A bureaucrat in education at Auckland delighted in advising me I could not sit school certificate, having not spent three years at high school; bugger! So I discussed this insurmountable problem with Cousin David Lange, two years younger than me. He responded immediately: "Christopher, you can sit UE, that's a public exam, they can't stop you sitting UE!" So I did and scraped through on 5 months' study with private tutors. David Lange's mother was dad's sister; she was Phoebe Fysh Reid who in 1929 migrated to Temuka from Hobart with other Reids following, shall we say, a family indiscretion.

I took the view that if Cousin David, a comedian from day one, could get through law school I might as well give it a go. The dean asked me if I knew anyone in the law to which I responded: "Yes, David Lange." "David Lange!!! (long silence), That's no recommendation!" "Well, sir," I said, "he's trying." "Very trying" was the response. And God bless Dean Jack Northey, he enrolled me. I did nothing to warrant that act of kindness but graduated with basic marks four years later in 1972 and Cousin David generously moved my admission to the bar. David returned to law school at Auckland while I

was there in 1970 and won first class honours for his masters degree in just one year. There was no matching that.

While at law school I found a wife and eventually we had two lovely daughters issue of the marriage. However over 20 years ago the good lady wife found a better man and may I say that if anyone out there hears of another worthy, reliable woman please let me know. My daughter Madeleine (29) recently returned from East Timor where for over two years she worked as a volunteer and latterly a consultant, for the UN doing IT work. She's just headed for London. My baby, Zoe, (27) was admitted to the bar last year and has a job in Auckland with an Australasian law firm. I am hopeful now that Zoe has wed her 5' 10" policeman husband they will produce my first grandchild. I'm only 67.

I've concentrated on defending drink drivers for the past few years as I ease out of the law. You can thank my client Jeremy Brown, me and Grant Illingworth (now QC) for all the evidential breath testing devices now having a statutory "Certificate of Compliance" (s 75A Land Transport Act 1998) and for drunken drivers obtaining the right to request a blood test whatever the evidential breath test result. I've also worked over the years with Peter Williams, QC, recently in Fiji, for the NZ fellow they've charged with conspiring to murder the "Interim Prime Minister". If you want my view, Fiji is or is about to become the Cuba of the South Pacific.

Margaret Pope, David Lange's wife, now widow, introduced me to someone at David's 60th birthday a few years ago thus: "This is Christopher Reid, David's cousin. He's a lawyer. Christopher works the lower end of the market; he'll fix a parking ticket for you." Margaret Pope knows my place! But in any event if those of you out there at the lower end of the market need a parking ticket fixed, give me a call: see [www.drinkdrivepro.com](http://www.drinkdrivepro.com).

I have many King's people to thank for my subsequent blessed life; Bill Lang who failed to turn up at his office after ex-submariner "Andy" Anderson ("I'll whip you with barbed wire and lettuce leaves") ordered me immediately to the rector to be caned for delaying morning assembly; Gary (Gus) Jeffery who in a chance encounter at the Christchurch Railway Station encouraged me with no justification, just sheer decency, to go to law school over a decade after quitting King's ("You'll be head and shoulders above the rest of them, Reid"); Laurie Cessford, the woodwork master, who granted me an "A" of which I am justly proud for making a wooden ironing board that mum actually used; Jim McCready I simply liked as a person, Arthur Chetwin and "Rubberguts" Geary for the same reason; "Ding" Donovan for his theatrical and magnificently gowned sweep with the cane and "Sahara" Ted Hayes and "Pun" Emslie—good men all. Thanks; but kindly excuse the grammatical errors, not long enough at King's!

S. A. (Stan) Brighting (1938–41) who died earlier this year in Wanganui had previously been a dairy factory manager in Invercargill, and later in Blenheim. He was conveyed to his final resting place in the vintage Austin hearse which previously featured in the TV programme *The Last of the Summer Wine*, and now spends a well-earned retirement in NZ.

Dr N. C. (Neville) Bain (1953–56), chairman of the UK Institute of Directors has long shown his gratitude to Otago University by donating prizes and scholarships. Recently he donated \$100,000 to the university's foundation trust, with the interest

funding an annual travelling scholarship of some \$5,000 for Master of Business Administration (M.B.A.) students.

S. K. (Kent) Chalmers (1989–93), the son of S. J. (Selwyn) Chalmers (1958–63), recently received a Neville Bain prize for outstanding Achievement in an M.B.A. programme.

L. S. (Lindsay) Bell (1971–75), son of R. H. (Ray) Bell (1939–41), is a helicopter pilot living in Twizel, but spends much time working out of the country. He has been involved in search and rescue, and has also worked in Antarctica. Before helicopters, he flew skiplanes. Lindsay is a keen tramper and climber, which interests commenced whilst at school.

R. M. (Max) Snow (1940–42), who died earlier this year was a Train Boy at King's before training as an agricultural cadet at (then) Lincoln College. He was recommended for and took up a position as manager of "The Point," a farm near Tarras, and never really left the district, marrying the only daughter of the owner of nearby "Morven Hills," the original land holding at the southern end of the Lindis Pass. The couple took over the management of the by then 14,000ha property in the mid-1950s and improved internal access, carried out extensive fencing, and embraced advanced agricultural practices which enabled them to grow their merino flock, improve genetics, and increase cattle numbers. By the mid-1980s, when a farming accident enforced his early retirement, they had more than doubled merino numbers to 18,000. Following rugby had also become a passion, and ultimately Max visited South Africa nine times, the first influenced by the debut of the only All Black from Tarras, the late Neil Purvis. In 1987 the Snows retired to Wanaka, where Max maintained a low profile, enjoying his involvement with Probus, church activities, and their garden. His ashes have been scattered on a hillside overlooking the "Morven Hills" homestead.

Postal historian G. C. (Greg) Francis (1955–56) was one of five New Zealanders invited to submit collections to the recent Praga 2008 World Philatelic Exhibition in Prague, and was the only one to collect a gold medal. He presented some 200 original envelopes which had either been posted from or to Otago since 1840. Pride of his collection is the only known surviving envelope destined for Gabriel's Gully, and an envelope postmarked Otakou. He also owns a one shilling stamp which was cut in half after the Suez Canal opened and halved the postal rate to Britain, leading to a shortage of sixpenny stamps (these are now worth at least \$10,000, as there are only 32 such stamps known to survive—the Queen owns two!).

Two more Old Boys are known to have achieved Golden Wedding status: M. T. (Malcolm) Isaacs (1950) and his wife Heather, and R. T. (Ron) Cain (1945–47) and his wife Noeline.

R. T. (Roy) Summers (1950–52) left King's and gained a Diploma in Agriculture at (then) Massey College before returning to Dunedin to work for Wright Stephenson before his transfer to Palmerston, then to Lawrence, and finally to Ranfurly. He subsequently joined the AMP Society based in Alexandra until 1994, serving on the AMP agents' executive and becoming president. In 1990 he and his wife had bought and restored a 100-year-old cottage on a small farm at Mt Barker near Wanaka, which they converted into a homestay business. In 2000 they sold the farm and shifted into Wanaka where they were running a thriving bed and breakfast venture when Roy died in July after a short illness. However, it is as a sports administrator and community stalwart that he will be remembered. He began his administrative golf career as treasurer of the Maniototo club in 1967, became president

of the Alexandra club in 1975, then a delegate to the Central Otago sub-association from 1978–95 (president for 13 years), and a member of the Otago executive for 21 years (a life member from 1995 and president in 1999). In 1985 he became the Otago delegate to the NZ Golf Council for the next 21 years, and was a strong advocate for the welfare of the smaller provincial clubs, making his thoughts clear on matters that other council members who came from large metropolitan clubs just did not comprehend. He managed four NZ Junior teams to tournaments in Japan, and five to Australia. Roy's love of cricket was also legendary: he and former CEO of Golf Otago J. S. (John) Roche (1956–60) once watched two international matches in two different countries on the same day, being at Lancaster Park in Christchurch until the tea interval, then flying to Sydney in time to watch the last innings of a one-day match at the Sydney Cricket Ground! He was chairman of the organising committee which initiated first-class cricket at Molyneux Park in Alexandra, and attracted notable guests such as Sobers, Donnelly, and Mackay. He was founder president of the Alexandra Squash club which built two courts under his leadership. He played senior rugby for Lawrence and for West Otago (and later coached both teams), and was a useful golfer who started at the NZ Open until last year. In the community he was president of the Lawrence Jaycees, president and life member of the Alexandra Jaycees (during which time the clock on the hill was built), fund-raiser for St John in Wanaka, committee member of the Upper Clutha Sports Trust, and a valued member of Wanaka Rotary and Probus clubs. He also possessed a strong singing voice, and played leading roles in a couple of Alexandra musicals. Roy had a cheerful and engaging personality, and his presence in the community will be greatly missed.

Dr S. J. (Stephen) Clarke (1982–86), R.S.A. Historian, has recently been appointed national CEO of the R.S.A.

Many years ago, A. M. (Allan, "Army") Thomas (1956–60) left the Deep South clutching a Diploma in Teaching from the Dunedin Teachers' College and a BA from Otago University to spend six enjoyable years as principal of Tua Marina school in Marlborough. He then spent 20 years at Massey University involved in teacher training, but increasingly missed the sunshine, fishing, sailing, gardening, white baiting, friends, and having fresh lemons to add to his gin. So when opportunity knocked, he accepted the position of manager of Rural Education Activities Programme (REAP) Marlborough, and moved back. His mission is to make learning opportunities available in early childhood centres, schools, and adult education for those living in rural locations, thereby leading to community self-development and social cohesion. For many adults, a REAP course is the first step in a return to formal learning, with participants often going on to take up new hobbies or interests, advanced training, and even a new occupation. REAP Marlborough offers a wide variety of courses, including digital photography, various cuisines (including how to lay a hangi), languages, carving, stone wall construction, fibre glassing, oil painting, flax weaving ....

G. R. (George) Campbell (1944–47) spent more than 20 years as a volunteer at the Richmond Riding for the Disabled. A true handyman, who spent time at the stables every day of the week, he also served as treasurer, vice-president, and president, making his home at Stoke available for the monthly committee meetings. He was popular with the 66 clients, as well as a favourite with the 14 horses, and he died at the stables after doing what he loved best: feeding them.

N. P. (Nick) Hill (1973–76) crammed a lot into his relatively

short life. Soon after leaving school, he, A. C. (Alan) Brocklebank (1973–77), and G. J. (Graeme) McGregor (1973–77) crossed the Tasman to drive tractors and bulldozers on cotton farms near Dubbo in NSW. On returning to NZ, Nick's love of motorbikes led him to join the Ministry of Transport as a traffic officer, and get paid to ride them! In early 1980s, Nick went on a Contiki tour in Europe travelling to Turkey and back via the beautiful Italian city of Siena. This whetted his appetite for travel, and two years later he returned, and with some mates purchased a Kombi van which took them to many off-the-beaten-track places until the van was side-swiped in Italy, and written-off after rolling three times; fortunately nobody was seriously injured, and the journey was completed by rail. Back in London, Nick worked as a barman at the "Fox and Goose," as a plumber's mate, and when a courier driver, delivered movies to Buckingham Palace. Eventually he got a job as a coach driver with Contiki, and for the next few years drove many tours through more than 50 countries in Europe and the British Isles. In between tours he played rugby for the Wembley Rugby Union Club, ultimately captaining the third grade team. Nick eventually decided to settle in Adelaide, where he joined the South Australian police, initially in the uniform branch, but soon in the CIB, dealing with drug law enforcement and major crime investigation, and was a well-liked and respected colleague. He met and married Nicole, and they had a daughter Sienna. Unfortunately he contracted an aggressive form of cancer and died in mid-October, but not before several King's mates managed to visit him. Sadly, G. J. (Garry) Paterson (1973–77) was just too late, but spoke at his funeral. [*This obituary was adapted from material kindly supplied by R. G. (Ron) Paterson (1948–50)*].

In 1908, a Yorkshire inventor, Alfred Scott, built a twin-cylinder two-stroke engine and mounted it between the frame tubes of a modified bicycle. He went on to produce a motorcycle with a low centre of gravity employing a radiator for its water-cooled engine, slung low in a lightweight duplex frame. It was the first bike to use telescopic forks and a kick-starter, and did not need pre-mixed petrol and oil: instead each was contained in separate tanks, and this "positive oiling" feature allowed the rider to adjust the mix ration according to the conditions. The Scott's innovative design saw them set the fastest lap times at the Isle of Man Tourist Trophy races from 1911–1914, with outright wins recorded in 1912 and 1913. Originally the bikes only had two speeds, but a third gear was added in the 1920s when the marque was approaching its hey day. Ten Scotts travelled to Timaru recently to celebrate the 100th birthday, one of them a 1927 Flying Squirrel model being owned by H. D. ("Hec") Browett (1948–51, Staff 1972–96). It was claimed that there wouldn't be many places in the world which could attract such numbers of the marque together.

R. A. (Robert) Clark (1964–69) was recently appointed DCC property manager. He has a background in property consultancy.

Recently Otago University was awarded a \$40 million government grant which will enable it to buy NZ's third gene-sequencing machine, and almost double the number of scientists working in the highly-specialised field of genomics. Gene sequencing allows scientists to examine the structure and function of living things, such as humans, animals, plants, and bacteria. Bioinformationists convert the sequencing data into information which may be used by others. Sequencing used to be a laborious process until the arrival of more affordable computerised machines developed in recent years. Otago University bought such a machine a year ago for \$1 million

[see November 2007 *Kingsmen*] and staff have already carried out contracts worth almost \$2 million for tertiary institutions, Crown Research Institutes and private customers. The funding will be spread over nine years, and administered by an Otago-owned trading consortium (but also involving Massey and Auckland universities, and AgResearch) which will carry out gene sequencing for NZ and international customers. Dunedin already has half of the nation's bioinformaticists, and most of the recruited scientists will be based here, hopefully including NZ scientists currently working overseas. Dr T. R. (Tony) Merriman (1981–85), a human genome researcher at Otago University will be technical advisor to the consortium.

Professor Emeritus E. N. (Erik) Olssen (1955–60), NZ's prominent social historian and still actively involved in research despite being retired, was recently made a Fellow of the NZ Academy of Humanities. The fellowships were awarded by the NZ Council of Humanities an organisation established in 2007 to acknowledge people who have made a significant contribution to NZ's cultural, social, and economic development.

Associate Professor Dr D. A. (Anne) Bray (Board of Trustees 1989–90) who died earlier this year, was recognised as NZ's leading intellectual disabilities researcher. Her choice of career had been influenced by observing the tenacity displayed by her mother in ensuring that her Down's-syndrome brother received an adequate education to allow him to move on to full-time employment. Anne was educated at Christchurch Teachers' College and at Canterbury University where she began her teaching career before being appointed as a lecturer in education of Otago University in 1974. In 1984 she was appointed assistant director of the NZ Institute of Mental Retardation (now the Donald Beasley Institute), rising to director in 1986. During her time at the helm, the institution grew into NZ's premier disability research centre, her strategy being that research should directly benefit the lives of the people with disabilities and that this research be undertaken in consultation and collaboration with such people. Early in her career she was associate dean of health sciences at Otago University, and in 2001 was appointed to the board of graduate studies, ultimately becoming chairwoman. In 2005 she was promoted to associate professor, research, within the faculty

of health sciences, and the following year was voted research supervisor of the year by the students. She was a member of numerous committees including the Otago Area Health Board (for 20 years) and the National Ethics Committee. Her work was recognised in 2006 with the award of the MNZM and in 2007 she was made a Fellow of the Association for the Scientific Study of Intellectual Disability. She created positive change in the everyday lives of people with disabilities.

The Dunedin Water Rescue Squad (WRS) is probably the most highly-skilled well organised unit of its type in NZ, yet the general public is barely aware of its existence. The squad is made up of 14 volunteers: S. C. (Scott) Weatherall (1993–97) who (among other things) works for St John is team leader, and M. R. (Mark) Whelan (1968–70), a mechanic, is also a member. The tasks for the squad range from pick-ups at sea, to swift water searches and underwater rescues. It is estimated that these volunteers have spent 1,000 hours of their own time in the past seven years, much of it in training (6–7 sessions each year): helicopter training, pool training, swift water training, diving, first aid, and an annual fitness assessment. Many more hours are spent on administration, while fundraising is also required to keep the squad "afloat." The bulk of the funding comes from gaming machines and local trusts, but members must raise the rest. Each member is provided with \$1,000 worth of gear which they carry with them at all times in anticipation of an emergency callout, while it is estimated that it may cost up to \$10,000 to fully train each member. Most have surf lifesaving backgrounds, and work or study full-time—if it wasn't for the generosity of employers, lives would be lost. It is frustrating that neither the government nor insurance companies recognise or acknowledge the thousands of hours put in by these volunteers, nor the millions of dollars saved for them by the squad. From 2000 to the end of June 2007 the WRS conducted 102 rescue missions, rescuing some 50 people and recovering some 15 bodies in that time period; in the first three months of 2008, the WRS was involved in 10 missions. Squad members can be ready and heading for most situations within minutes, and once there just get on with the job: it is in the water, they just love doing it, and think it's great fun!

When G. M. (Grant) Robertson (1985–89) was elected as Member of Parliament for Wellington Central he became our fifth M.P.

We wish all the  
Old Boys and their  
families a very  
Merry Christmas



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