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But see under Administration for
"Communications with Members."

School Wall of Fame

Christopher de Hamel 1963–67—Academic



Christopher has been very much his own person for virtually all of his life, and maintained a low profile while progressing steadily but unspectacularly through King's. The curriculum at that time didn't cater for his interests, although he recalls with pleasure the imaginative teaching methods of his Latin teacher Mr Ian Dunwoodie. He also disagreed with compulsory participation on the winter sportsfields, becoming the unwilling goalkeeper of the 4th hockey XI, a team left largely to its own devices, where he could take a book to read when not under pressure to defend. However as an avid collector of stamps he helped to resuscitate the defunct Stamp Club, and even became club president in his final year.

Fortunately, 14 year old Christopher had chanced upon an exhibition of A. H. Reed's small collection of medieval

manuscripts at the Dunedin Public Library and was "hooked" by these illuminated manuscripts. His enthusiasm attracted the attention of Mr Reed, who befriended and mentored the boy for "exhilarating sessions after school" where he both gazed at and attempted to copy the manuscripts. During his school holidays, he hitch-hiked around NZ in order to see the 77 recorded manuscripts, in the process discovering a further unrecorded 20 items: in 1969, while still a young history under graduate at OU, the Public Library published his first book, entitled *Books of Hours*. In 1972, Christopher graduated with a BA (Hons) in history, which wasn't strong in medieval history either, having chosen to study the Treaty of Waitangi for his dissertation topic, possibly because it was one of NZ's oldest documents, for the Treaty itself in those days lacked the mana which it now deserves.

Progressing to Oxford University, he achieved fame and a reputation to such an extent that Sotheby's the famous London auctioneering firm offered him employment in 1975, three years before he completed his D.Phil degree on 12th Century Bible Commentaries, as their expert on illuminated manuscripts. There his scholarship, enthusiasm and passion made the firm a major centre of scholarship and before long he headed a high-profile department with an annual turnover frequently in excess of £10 million. By the end of the 1980s he was the world's pre-eminent merchant and cataloguer of medieval manuscripts, and had negotiated the sales of all eight of the most expensive manuscripts sold at auction, including the *Gospels of Henry the Lion* for nearly £12 million, and in the following year he arranged the private sale of the Furstenberg manuscripts for 48 million deutsch-marks! Such spectacular successes made him a subject of interest throughout the Western world. Because of his scholarly passion and despite being fully employed, he also found the time to publish major monographs, guides and reviews: in 2001, and dedicated to the memory of Sir Alfred Reed, he published *The Book: A History of the Bible* which tells the *Bible's* story as an artefact and not as a theological treatise.

In 2000 he was appointed Donnelly Fellow Librarian at Corpus Christi College, Cambridge University, being the first full-time curator since the library was established in 1352! Estimated to be worth more than £1 billion, it houses the priceless Parker collection which contains the 6th century *Gospel Book* brought to England in AD 597 by St Augustine, and upon which Archbishops of Canterbury take their oaths of office at their enthronements; about a quarter of all known Anglo-Saxon

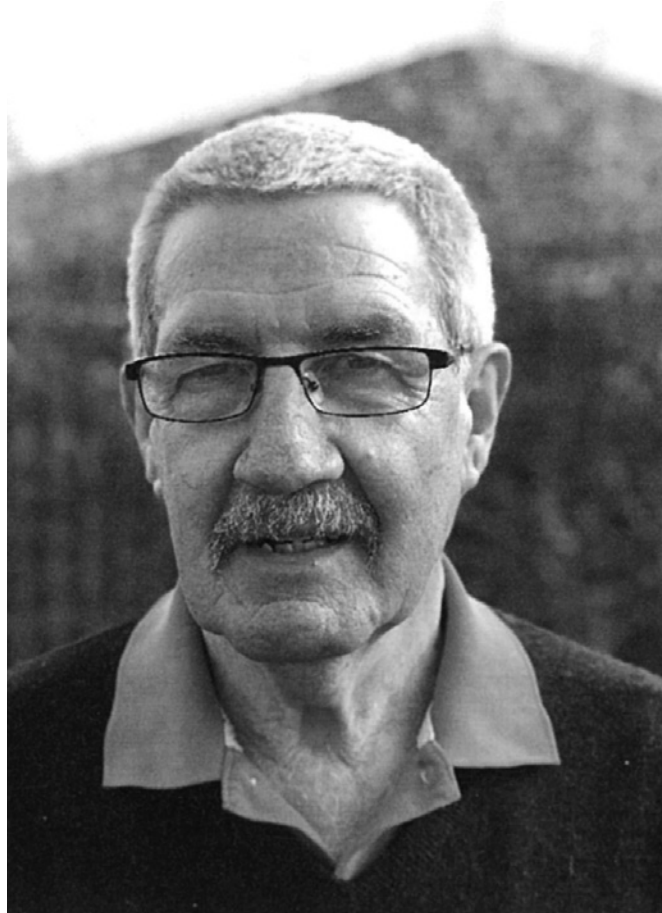
books; the oldest book in English; the *Bury Bible*; and other treasures. In 2005 he completed a Ph.D at Cambridge, and in 2010 was the recipient of a Festschrift contributed to by some 50 authors. In 2016 he published *Meetings with Remarkable Manuscripts*, choosing 12 of the most important surviving manuscripts and describing them as if he was interviewing a celebrity! The book has been favourably reviewed (e.g., “the most enjoyable book of high scholarship I have ever read, if only because the author clearly enjoyed compiling it”), won the Duff Cooper Prize for the best non-fiction book of 2016, and the Wolfson History Prize of £40,000 in 2017.

The total number of Christopher’s publications is not known: he is believed to have written descriptions of perhaps

10,000 manuscripts in his 25 years at Sotheby’s alone, while a bibliography of 170 publications was believed as not comprehensive even at that time! His work has been translated into at least seven languages, and he has lectured or run lecture courses in every continent except Antarctica.

Christopher retired at the end of 2016, although he remains a consultant (Senior Vice President) for Les Enluminures, of Chicago, New York, Paris, and London. In 2002, Otago University awarded him an Honorary Doctorate of Literature, where the History Department now believes that he is their most illustrious product of his generation.

Warren Lees 1965–69—Sport



Like Bill Sykes in the musical *Oliver*, Warren started small: as a ball boy at Carisbrook, which was at that time the home of Otago rugby and Otago cricket. It was probably inevitable that he would be attracted to both sports when he arrived at King’s, although he had already represented Otago and the South Island cricket team at primary school level. He represented King’s in each code for three years: in rugby at both half back and fullback, and like his elder brother Keith, was the cricket captain in his final two years. Against Shirley Boys High School, he shared in a partnership of 291 runs, scoring 136 himself, and in 1969 he led the team to win the Dunedin 2nd grade club competition, scoring 147 against OBHS. While at school he was a member of the Otago Brabin Cup team (under 20), and selected for the NZ team, for whom he played for five years. A prefect in his final year, he then proceeded to Dunedin Teachers’ College where he trained as a primary school teacher, during which time he was selected for the NZ Under 23 team

and also for the Otago Plunket Shield team. He also represented the Otago 2nd grade rugby team at fullback. He then secured a teaching position at Balmacewan Intermediate School.

In 1976, while holidaying in Europe with his wife, Warren was selected to tour the Indian Sub-Continent, playing three tests against both Pakistan and India. In the third test against Pakistan he rescued the team from a difficult position by scoring 152, which was at that time the highest test score by a NZ wicketkeeper. Sadly he could not cement his place in the NZ team, for the selectors persisted in the dubious practice of selecting a wicketkeeper on his supposed prowess as a batsman, and could not decide between Warren and other contenders. However he represented NZ in 21 test matches, taking 52 catches and stumping 7, while scoring 778 runs at an average of 23.57. In ODI cricket, he played in 31 matches, taking 28 catches and stumping 2 while scoring 215 runs at an average of 11.31. His international career in both codes finished in 1983. Sadly 1978 was a particularly difficult year for Warren for he was not selected for the tour of England, and suffered a personal tragedy, but was invited by Bayfield High School to establish a class for pupils with special needs, and ultimately to take responsibility for the school’s physical education programme, a position which he held for a decade.

Statistics can be difficult to follow, for it is often not clear what the basis might be. Warren is recorded as playing 146 first class matches, taking 304 catches and effecting 44 stumpings, while scoring 4932 runs at an average of 24.66, including 5 centuries and 18 half centuries. He captained Otago for 9 years, during which time they won the Shell Trophy three times and the Shell Cup once.

As Warren neared retirement, he was the first Otago player to be awarded the English tradition of a benefit year. In 1986, Brent Edwards, the *ODT* sports journalist wrote his biography, *Wally: the Warren Lees Story*. In the 1989 Queen’s Birthday Honours list, he was made a Member of the Order of the British Empire (MBE) for services to cricket. In 1989 he turned his attention to coaching Otago, which led in 1990 to his being appointed coach of the national team. In 1992, he coached the Martin Crowe-led team to reach the semi final of the World Cup tournament, losing to the eventual champions Pakistan. However later that year, bomb blasts in Sri Lanka threatened the safety of the team and he found himself no longer required as coach. He then worked fulltime for the Otago Cricket Association (OCA), before managing the OBHS hostel for 4 years, the Cumberland Hall of Residence at Otago University

for 4 years, and the Hall of Residence of Canterbury University (1500 18 year olds!) for more than 3 years.

In 2013 Warren began coaching women's cricket, the Otago Sparks, winning two titles in 5 years. This led in 2015 to coaching the White Ferns. When he had retired as a player he thought that representing NZ was the ultimate, but he has found that coaching NZ men's and women's teams had actually been a bigger highlight, although he claims to have been fortunate that both captains, Martin Crowe and Suzie Bates had been at that time the top leaders in world cricket.

Warren is a man of principle who has probably contributed more to Otago cricket than anybody else, as a player, coach, and administrator. For his endeavours he has been made a life member of the OCA, and honoured by a special dinner, only the fourth Otago great to be so rewarded. His basic family values and his sense of community have always been foremost in his mind, and he has proved to be an excellent mentor to young people both within the world of cricket and beyond.

Hone (John) Kouka 1982–85—Arts



Hone is of Maori descent, and his iwi affiliations are Ngati Porou, Ngati Raukawa, Ngati Kahungunu and Kai Tahu: at King's he was known as John. Arriving in his fourth form year, he impressed immediately because of his friendly manner and his multitude of talents: he participated in everything available, representing the school in basketball, and an aggressive loose forward in rugby.

In his final year at King's he was awarded his rugby blue, acted on the major production *Salad Days* (for which he received a drama blue), was a prefect, and chaired the School Council. Hone had also developed a love of literature, having been mentored by his inspirational teacher of English, Mr Paul Aubin. He progressed to OU where he graduated with a BA degree in English in 1988, and followed this two years later by gaining a Diploma in Drama from Te Kura Toi Whakari o Aotearoa/NZ Drama School.

By then Hone had realised that a Maori voice was missing on the stage of NZ theatre, and became determined to rectify this omission. He had attended playwright workshops in Wellington (1988), Nelson (1990), and Canberra (1992). His

first play *Mauri Tu* was performed at Otago University in April 1991, for which he was rewarded with the Wellington Theatre Award for being the most promising newcomer in 1991. In 1992 he lectured and performed at university drama classes in Sydney and Melbourne, and was the youngest ever to win the 1992 Bruce Mason Playwrights' Award, and also the 1992 Chapman Tripp Award for the most original production, for his play *Hide 'n' Seek*. He was awarded the Atairangikahu Award for Drama in 1993, and the Chapman Tripp Theatre Award in 1994 for the best NZ play for *Te Tangata Toa*, an Ibsen-inspired work which was heralded as a masterpiece in NZ theatre. In 1996, Hone was Writer-in-Residence at Canterbury University, when he was commissioned to write *Waiora Te U Kai Po* (*The Homeland*) for the 1996 NZ International Festival of the Arts: the play which is reminiscent of a Greek chorus subsequently toured nationally and internationally. In 2006, *The Prophet* completed a trilogy of plays—which included *Home Fires* and *Waiora*—which has been described as “moving, funny, and definitely unforgettable.” In 2011, to celebrate the holding of the Rugby World Cup in NZ, and to show that “you could rise to greatness from humble beginnings.” Hone wrote *I: George Nepia*, the story of his great-uncle whom many of the older generation still regard as NZ's greatest All Black. In 2013, he was awarded the NZ Writers' Guild Mentor's Award, and in 2017 won the arts category for the Wellingtonian of the Year awards. Hone's plays have been produced in South Africa, Britain, Hawaii, Canada, Australia, Japan, and New Caledonia, as well as throughout NZ: three having been translated into French, Japanese, and Russian. He has worked in a number of occupations, including forestry saw-milling and journalism all of which have provided him with the background experience which has furthered his career. Much of his work revolves around the family, conflict, identity, truth, prejudice, and how such issues can lead to alienation and even isolation. As well as writing plays, Hone writes prose, poetry, short stories (especially for children), novels, non-fiction, articles, reviews, films, TV productions, and (with others) waiata. Two films: *Born to Dance* (screenwriter) and *Mahana* (executive producer) were screened at the 2016 Berlin Film Festival.

Hone co-founded Tawata Productions, a theatre and production house producing works by Maori and non-Maori artists, and in 2015 he became artistic director of the Kia Mau Festival: a Maori, Pasifika, and Indigenous multi-arts platform based in Wellington. He has worked as a development executive with the NZ Film Commission where he mentored Maori and non-Maori film makers, and for Radio NZ's drama department.

In 2009, Hone was created a Member of the NZ Order of Merit (MNZM) for services to contemporary Maori theatre.

Administration

Treasureship and Subscriptions

From the beginning of this year Colin Nicholls (1955–59) has been our Treasurer with Murray Patterson (1962–65) handling the subscriptions. Unfortunately Murray has resigned from that position. We wish to thank him for helping with the administration since 2013.

The year is heading towards the 31st December which is the end of our financial year. Although a good percentage of subscriptions have been received there are still some from not only 2018, but further back unpaid. We cannot carry on sending *Kingsmens* to those members.

They may be forwarded to Box 163, Dunedin 9054, or by direct credit to our bank, the Bank of New Zealand, George Street, Dunedin, 020900-0062936-00 *clearly stating your name*. Ex-pupils living overseas may forward their country's cheque direct to us for conversion and banking.

Communications

1. With Association and ex-pupil matters our mail address is PO Box 163, Dunedin 9054 and the email: djmosgiel@gmail.com
2. Thanks to members 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. and/or
 - 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. Many have not advised for events. Would those who have not registered and have email please email Doug Jackson at: djmosgiel@gmail.com and advise what they want.
3. With the website contact John Barr <http://www.kingshigholdboys.co.nz>
4. We have a Facebook page www.facebook.com/kingshighschoololdboys
5. Please do not forward to the school.

Lost Member

We have not been able to locate H. E. (Howard) Clay (5th Form in 1948–1950) whose address was Kerikeri.

The School

1. School Rolls

The Ministry of Education figures for all Otago schools (secondary, co-education, intermediate and primary), show the top rolls at the official March figures as follows:

	2009	2018
Taieri College (co-ed and intermediate)	1031	1037
King's High School	722	1035
Otago Girls' High School	831	785
Otago Boys' High School	857	757
Kavanagh College (co-ed and intermediate)	876	742

The Otago Lakes area rolls are still increasing with:

Mt Aspiring College	645	961
Wakatipu High School	860*	889

*The new Remarkables School affected the figures from 2010 for a period.

The Invercargill rolls are interesting with:

James Hargest College (co-ed and intermediate)	1833	1799
Southland Girls' High School	1176	1033
Southland Boys' High School	1088	963

2. Travel out of Dunedin

In many of the school's earlier years our students never travelled officially for the school much further than Christchurch (from 1962), Oamaru, Invercargill, Gore and Alexandra. Those were mostly only every second year for the annual interschool sports contacts.

Travel has increased substantially, not just throughout New Zealand for sports, but overseas and for cultural and academic purposes.

In our March 2018 issue we mentioned in "The School" section that Nathan Farr was one of twelve young New Zealanders aged 14–18 selected to take part in a ministerial youth advisory group.

Also in our July 2018 issue we mentioned Liam Hewson attending a Science Forum.

The school has been producing during its working weeks a newsletter called *King's Week* and number 1023—2nd August 2018 had this article as follows:

Excellence Leads to Overseas Experiences

Currently, there are three King's students overseas competing and/or participating in international events. Callum Toomey, Liam Hewson and Keita Rudd, who are in Japan, London and Quebec respectively, are proudly representing King's on the international stage.

After winning the Otago Speech Competition in May, Callum Toomey travelled to Japan to compete against 19 students from around the world. We found out on Monday that he came 3rd in this competition behind students from China, and Hong Kong. Callum had to deliver his 5 minute speech in Japanese and then answer the unseen judges questions based on his speech (all in Japanese).

Liam Hewson is attending the London International Youth Science Forum; a two week residential event in London for the world's leading young scientists aged 17–21 years old from over 60 countries. While in London, he will attend lectures and demonstrations from leading scientists, involve himself in seminars, debates and discussions on scientific topics of world concern and visit industrial sites, research facilities and academic research centres in London, Oxford and Cambridge. For two weeks, the participants living together as an international community can exchange their ideas and experiences of the world to fulfil the aim of the Science Forum: to give a greater insight into science and its application for the benefit of all mankind.

Keita was selected for the four-person New Zealand Geography Olympiad Team from a nationwide Geography Competition in 2017. Keita is currently in Quebec, Canada to take on teams from over 60 countries. The Olympiad, challenges students across three disciplines: written response; multi media and field work. 2018 is the second consecutive year King's Geographers have represented New Zealand at the World Olympiad after Jonty Wispinski was a member in Belgrade, Serbia in 2017.

As a further illustration of how far they may go and what may be achieved we have reproduced another article from *King's Week*. Mind you they have to work hard for it.

Great Rift Valley Africa Expedition

On the second of July, in the last week of last term, four boys from King's left on an Operation Wallacea expedition to Africa. Arlo Munro, Cameron Bruce and Nick Unahi from Year 12 and Reuben Morison from Year 13 were accompanied by Ms May on the intercontinental journey to study Marine Biology in Tanzania and Malawi.

After three days of long flights and stopovers in Johannesburg and Dar Es Salaam, we arrived at Kisiba High School in Tanzania, where we met 20 other high school and university students from around the world.

There we stayed in makeshift dormitory accommodation in unused classrooms, with intermittent power and no running water!

Local food was delicious and bathing in the lake was a new experience. We learned the ways that local and foreign Scientists study Lake Masako, a small crater lake less than five minutes walk from the school. The Scientists are interested in the two species of Cichlid Fish in the shallow lake, as well as the biology and biochemistry of the lake itself. We also learned about the local culture, spending a day weaving baskets, talking with local students (who study English at school but speak Swahili) and visiting nearby Masoko Village, as well as watching a Football game between two skilled local teams on the most uneven field imaginable.

After four days studying in Kisiba, we bussed eight hours to a resort in Nkhata Bay, Malawi. Here we met new Lecturers and Scientists who study the diverse Cichlids in Lake Malawi. Though the lake is more than 500 kilometres long, over 700 metres deep and home to almost 900 species of the Cichlid family alone, the students focused their studies on just 13 of the species found in Nkhata Bay. To study these incredible Fish, we Scuba Dived to as deep as 15 metres and laid Transect Lines, along which we surveyed. By studying these species, the researchers from Operation Wallacea hope to find ways to conserve the natural resources in both Tanzania and Malawi, to ensure the environment surrounding the lakes remains as beautiful as it is now for future generations.

The last two nights in Malawi were a real treat. We travelled to Liwonde National Park and stayed at Liwonde Safari Camp. It was astonishing to see Elephants right in the camp just after we arrived. The next day we went on a Boat Safari and saw Hippos, Elephants and even Buffalo on the Shire River. We also went on a Jeep Safari. The morning group saw heaps of Elephants, Impala and even Kudu and Bush Buck. It was fairly cold and drizzly so the afternoon group didn't see many animals unfortunately.

On the return journey, we had a day to spend in Johannesburg. Ms May insisted we go to the Apartheid Museum, which turned out to be an amazing experience and we were there on Nelson Mandela's 100th Birthday. Three of us spent an hour and a half at the adjacent theme park on some thrilling rides, and later Reuben enjoyed an hour at the Aviation Museum while the rest of us had lunch.

All in all, the almost three weeks in Africa were a real eye opener in many ways in addition to the high level science work we did. The local people in both countries were welcoming and happy even though they appear to live a very subsistence level of life—entirely different to our own. Spending many thousands of Tanzanian Shillings or Malawi Kwacha for a drink or snack was a bit startling too. The four of us think this is a trip the Science Department should offer again, maybe every two years. We thank our parents and Mr Everett for helping us with the fundraising too.

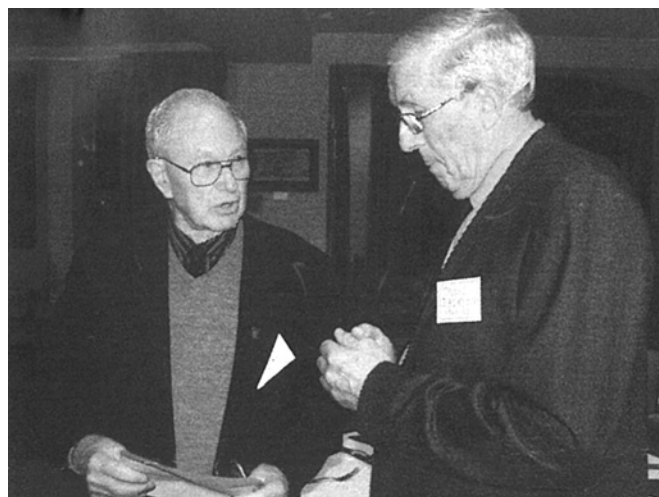
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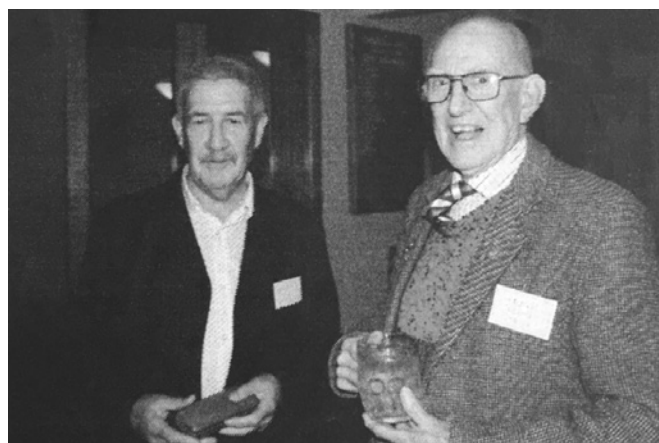
The annual dinner was held on 30th August at the Chisholm Park Golf Course lounge with an attendance of 61 ex-pupils,

some partners and guests which is at least 10 more than in the previous 2 years.

The speakers were two of the 2018 Wall of Fame inductees Warren Lees (1965–69) and Hone Kouka (1982–85) along with Rector Dan Reddiex.



John Bradley (1951–55) with President Doug Jackson (1960–63)



Warren Lees (1965–69) with Life Member Hugh Kidd (1950–54)

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North Shore/Hibiscus Coast

Grahame Howley reported as follows:

Below is our report on the recent gathering of the clan and we trust it will make its way into the next edition of the *Kingsmen*. Our third luncheon for the year was held recently, again at The Bays Club. Where would you get a three course meal for \$20?

There was a very good attendance of 21 with 14 apologies. Seven were swanning around overseas and the other seven were unavailable due to health or working hard (well working at any rate, we don't know about the hard). We have 41 Old

Boys on our luncheon list so we were happy to once again organise this occasion.

Our five minute speaker this time was Stephen Franklin (1964–68) and again it is a real wonder what our past pupils have been up to at school and during their working life. We only got part way through Stephen's talk when the meal was served and it seems to us that his working life would make a very good article for the *Kingsmen*. Sorry no photos this time, a slight glitch in the camera. Below is a copy of our menu that we had for our lunch.

WELCOME KING'S OLD BOYS

ENTREE

Bays Garlic Herb Bread
2 slices of Italian Bread

Soup Of The Day—Coconut & Tomato
Chef's daily creation with garlic bread

MAINS

Steak & Kidney Hot Pot
Served with steamed seasonal vegetables and mash

Sirloin Steak 150gm
Cooked to your liking served with chips or rosemary potatoes and your choice of mushroom, or peppercorn sauce

Vegetarian Pasta
Mushroom, spinach, olives, sun-dried tomato and pesto

Chicken Schnitzel
Freshly crumbed and served with chips or rosemary potatoes, tomato chilli jam

Fish & Chips Battered
Served with chips or pan fried potato salad or steam vegetables

Lambs Fry & Bacon
Layered on top of a creamy mash with bacon and onion gravy

Roast of the Day—Pork
Served with roasted seasonal vegetables, peas and gravy

DESSERT

Dessert of The Day:
Banana Cake with cream
Or
Fruit Salad & Ice cream

Our next, a final gathering for the year, will be on the 29th of November and this time our wives/partners will be invited.

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Educational Changes

In 2017 H. D. ("Hec") Browett (1948–51, Staff 1972–95) wrote two articles regarding Adult Classes and the school's problems of the 1970s. Below is a further one.

Probably from its opening in 1936, King's High School was a traditional High School as understood at that time. There were technical schools and an occasional agricultural high school in New Zealand but when King's was established it was set up to be a "High School," probably with the aim of being an academic institution. For boys, Dunedin boasted King's,

Otago Boys, Christian Brothers, John McGlasham College and King Edward Technical (which was co-ed) with a District High School at Mosgiel and until 1929 a District High School at Port Chalmers.

Dunedin was firmly divided with strictly enforced boundaries between King's and Otago Boys'. I well remember after I left Macandrew Intermediate some of my friends went to go to Otago Boys' because the boundary which I think was the South Road, dictated their fate. Others whose parents thought that they should eventually be tradesmen went to "Tech." Thus budding electricians, plumbers and carpenters became pupils at "Tech" although several King's Boys later became trades trainees because they were eagerly grabbed by tradesmen who wanted good apprentices.

I knew several who went to Mosgiel District High because their future was seen to be in agriculture or horticulture which were subjects available at Mosgiel.

In 1956 Mosgiel District High School was converted to become "The Taieri High School." It is now officially known as "Taieri College."

In the 1940s and 1950s many pupils male and female left school when they turned 15. Many left school at the end of form 4 (now called "year 10") because to become an apprentice one was required to have completed two years secondary education. Public examinations included "Public Service"—a sort of entry to work in Government Departments followed by School Certificate which was to become a Form 5 exam sat externally and one which 50% of those who sat, were allowed to pass. There were lots of anomalies with 50% pass rates for those who sat perhaps Latin, French, Mathematics, Science and the compulsory English. School Certificate became the measure by which someone passing would be allowed to enter Form 6 (now year 12). I remember some spending 3 years in Form 5 until they became eligible to enter Form 6.

Meld all of this system with rather variable teachers, the societal changes taking place—long hair and short trousers became part of the mix—and in Dunedin new schools, usually co-ed, opened at Kaikorai Valley, Logan Park and Bayfield. These new schools offered interesting subjects such as technical drawing and metalwork and where was a traditional "High School" going to compete.

King's High in its traditional manner had to adapt and change. Remember the "Art Room" on the shady side of the school, but no art! Pupils were "streamed" according to their ability—the top stream "took" Latin and French and "lower" classes were for commercial practice. Many will remember 3L, 3A, 3B and 3C which included a couple of periods of woodwork.

To be allowed to sit School Certificate the Rector had to sign that you had completed music and physical education for a stated time. The music was "School singing" and without a gym we had to play a sport—thus the compulsory cricket or rugby practice. Occasionally we had a Phys Ed Teacher who had us leap over devices set up at the back of the School Hall.

Perhaps The Editor will allow me to produce some items about changes which meant the School began to cater for all of those who became pupils and who began to flourish because of their actual abilities. The School Motto says a lot and must not be forgotten.

HOCKEY 1, RECTOR NIL

Jack was sorting through some old photographs when he came across this historic snap of the original King's High hockey players taken in 1946. Although Jack is now in his 88th year, he could name most of the team.

As he gazed at his teammates, memories flooded back of that unforgettable first meeting of the King's hockey players. Jack takes up the story of that never to be forgotten first meeting:

A note had gone round the school inviting anyone interested in playing hockey to meet behind the assembly hall at lunchtime. From memory, about a dozen of us turned up where we were met by a coach from the Men's Hockey Association. As he was taking our names, the Rector Dudley Chisholm, academic gown billowing in the wind, came round the corner.

Who could forget his antagonism to hockey at King's when he said, and I quote, "Ah gentlemen. Playing the ladies' game? Well, you are welcome to continue to play the ladies' game at this school with the following conditions. First, there will be no team from this school entered in the local competition. Second, there will be no inter-school matches between this school and any other school in hockey. Third, there will be no official uniform allowed for you. With those provisos, you are welcome to continue playing the ladies' game, gentlemen". Whereupon he turned on his heel and walked away, leaving us dumbfounded and open-mouthed. In retrospect, I believe the reason for his antagonism to hockey could be found in his many years of teaching at Waitaki Boys High School where Milner (The Man) was a dominating influence, and who was determined to ensure that Waitaki would be a New Zealand clone of an English public school, such as Harrow and Rugby. That model included elevating the prefects and the first XV to a status far above other students. I have been told that, like Waitaki, Chisholm wanted the King's prefects to be given the rights to administer corporal punishment; it is to the credit of the King's High prefects that they refused to comply.

However, we hockey players refused to be intimidated. We played six-a-side, on a patch of the sports field, laying down our coats to mark goals.

In the meantime, the Rector faced growing criticism for his attitude. The Hockey Association led the outcry. A further trenchant critic was Andrew Davidson (Andy), Principal of the contributing Macandrew Intermediate. The two men represented the great education debate of the 1930s and 1940s. Davidson ran a new school with an exciting forward-looking curriculum to which he attracted a brilliant staff. The aim was to try to meet the needs of students in a changing world. Chisholm, also with a new school, endeavoured to preserve what he deemed to be best for students in a traditional curriculum of the English public school system. Both had their strengths and weaknesses.

Eventually, the Rector had to give way and Frank ("Charlie") Charlton was assigned to look after us. My recollection of Charlie was of a kindly person who really cared about his students. Sadly, his classroom control was lacking and he had to cope with misbehaviour which he did not deserve. Interestingly, I am told he was a test pilot in the Second World War.

However, I don't recall this photograph ever being in the school magazine as one of the official sports photographs. From such a faltering beginning, hockey flourished at King's and resulted in not only school teams but also the old boy's club.

At the end of 1947, Dudley Chisholm retired and Bill Lang became Rector. As for me, I continued to play hockey until I was in the upper fifth form (the school certificate failures) when Bill Mayhew headhunted me for rugby. In my sixth form year, I joined the first XV. Did my status and possibility of gaining university entrance by accrediting improve? You may well think so, but I couldn't possibly comment



Back row: Mr F. A. ("Charlie") Charlton, Harry Hobson, Ewan Stratton, Robin Crimp, ????, Graham Parker, ????, ????
 Front row: Maurice ("Mot") Wood, Jack Rutherford, Bill Keen, Keith Ussher, Peter Aburn, Ron ("Lugs") Ayers
 (Grey Goodard who attended King's as a fifth former in 1946 is possibly one of those unidentified)

The most recent exhibition by B. V. (Barry) Cleavin (1953–58) at the Brett McDowell Gallery in Dowling Street revealed further evidence of his versatility, for among his typical lithographs and digital prints was a display of fine dynamic woodcut prints. While such titles as “Damnation & Hellfire,” and “The Last Horseman of the Apocalypse” might suggest doom-laden images, the bold heavy black strokes which are characteristic of the woodcut “are glorious in their often tongue-in-cheek maleficence, even as they draw inspiration from the [artist’s] perceived crumbling of our civilisation.”

In the recent *University of Otago Magazine* published twice a year and sent to alumni and friends of OU is an article by local historian I. M. (Ian) Dougherty (1966–70) entitled “Unsung Scientist.” This outlines the story of Leopold Kirschner, an international leptospirosis researcher much better known overseas than in NZ. The son of Jewish parents who lived in Austria-Hungary, his studies in Vienna were interrupted by service in the medical corps during World War I. Following the defeat and disintegration of the Empire, he fled the political turmoil and anti-Semitism by completing his studies at the Royal Tropical Institute in Amsterdam, where the first leptospirosis reference library in Europe had been established. In the early 1930s he joined the Pasteur Institute at Bandung in Java, which was then part of the Dutch East Indies, as deputy director of the institute which was responsible for preparing vaccines and carrying out diagnostic services for 70 million people. While there he undertook important work on the survival of the bacteria that cause the disease. Once again his work was interrupted by warfare; when the Japanese occupied Java in 1942; he and his wife were interned in appalling conditions, but allowed to minister to the needs of their internees, while clandestinely listening to the BBC on a radio concealed in a corner of his laboratory labelled “highly infectious material!”

After the war was over, Kirschner was recruited by Charles Hercus in 1946 and appointed to head the Microbiology Research Unit at the Otago Medical School. At that time, NZ was believed to be free of the leptospirosis bacteria, but he suspected that some illnesses within the farming community were caused by the bacteria, and in 1951 was able to prove that this was indeed the case. His seminal papers on the subject were major historical milestones in detailing the disease in NZ, and he became an internationally recognised and respected figure in leptospirosis research; being very articulate, he was invited to speak on the subject at numerous international conferences. Dr T. (Terry) Maguire (1949–53) spent two years as a technician in Kirschner’s laboratory, and remains grateful for his mentoring and for providing the solid grounding in bacteriology which he received while working with him, and which led to his career as a respected virologist at OU. Kirschner died in 1970 and is buried in the Southern Cemetery in Dunedin. While a major bacterial species, *Leptospira kirschneri* has been named in his honour, it is hoped that wider recognition of his scholarship should be obtained: at least an explanatory plaque, or perhaps a laboratory named for him.

Owen Marshall of Timaru has published more than 30 books, and is well known as a writer of short stories, novels, and anthologies. His most recent book, entitled *View from the South* is actually his fourth collection of poetry, and contains 150 poems arranged in groups and illustrated by photographs taken by his friend G. C. (Grahame) Sydney (1962–66). Owen believes that the poetry showcased in the book has been “enhanced and enlivened by Grahame’s images.”

Caversham Physiotherapy Ltd is under new management, as G. A. (Geoff) Anderson (1970–74) and his wife Barbara have sold the business to their colleague B. S. (Blair) Martin (1988–92). However its core business remains the same: maintaining the mobility as far as is practical of King’s old boys! The premises is favourable situated to do this, as patrons can virtually park outside the building which was formerly occupied by McCracken’s grocery. Furthermore it is also just across the road from Mitchell’s Tavern which provides really excellent meals and is patronised once a month by members and friends of the KHSOBA committee!

It took merely three months for G. P. (Grant) Howie (1978–82) to progress from lowly page 8 of the July *Kingsmen* to the front page of the *ODT!* A 30-year food industry veteran, Grant and his wife Sherie had earlier bought 99-year-old Fisher’s Meats, and among their plans to expand the business was the production of alternative proteins, arguably the biggest trend in Western food. Egged on by their vegan daughter, development of a product started in the firm’s Kaikorai Valley kitchen (“good food shouldn’t come out of a lab!”), and already the Craft Meat Company of Dunedin has hit supermarket shelves with its plant-based “No Meat Mince.” Ingredients include mushrooms, tomatoes, almonds, coconut oil and soy protein, and plans are afoot to launch “No Meat” sausages, burgers, and ready-made meals next year.

J. C. W. (John) Moyle (1984–88) is currently presiding over his family’s 80 years in the grocery business since his grandfather established a general store in Waipahi in South Otago. Some 15 years later the family shifted to Abbotsford where they bought the local store, and soon after John’s father opened the first grocery store in Green Island. As business rapidly grew, the store was expanded and in 1977 a supermarket under the A1 brand was opened. Over the years Green Island has changed: there are no longer half a dozen dairies in the main street, while the 1979 Abbotsford landslip and the more recent closure of the Burnside Freezing Works had adverse effect on trade, but the Moyle’s survived, and had also ridden out competition when other grocery retailers had attempted to establish in the town—being part of the Green Island community fabric had helped to maintain loyal customers. Soon after returning in 1996 from his OE, his father offered a “destitute” John a job, and he soon became grocery manager. In 1998 the supermarket was upgraded and joined the SuperValue group, and John and his wife Julie began to buy his parents out of the supermarket. Having outgrown the premises, in 2015 Moyle’s Fresh Choice Supermarket opened for business offering everything needed, full service, and good carparking on the “right” side of the road (where Otago Road Services had previously operated their depot). The new store has some 70 employees ranging from teenagers (part-time) to full-time, and there are relationships with suppliers that go back three generations. The Moyle family has always actively supported the Green Island community, its educational and sporting facilities, and various charities, and John has served three terms on the local community board. Celebrations for their 80 years in business have been low key, and although times have, and continue to change, there seems no reason to suppose that the firm’s centenary is beyond reach—after all John and Julie have four children!

The former KFC building in Roslyn (subsequently occupied by the Roosters restaurant) has recently been demolished, and the prominent skyline will be transformed by the construction of a multi-million dollar three-storey town house complex. Site owner and Metro Realty Ltd managing partner M. A.

(Mark) Stevens (1971–75), son of I. M. (Ian) Stevens (1944–45), said it would be developed as part of an expansion of the Metro offices in Highgate presently occupying the former post office, as the firm wished to maintain its presence in Roslyn. Six freehold town houses would also be constructed, three of which would immediately be placed on the market for more than \$800,000 each. Once the development was complete, the former post office would be refurbished, then leased.

Bits and Pieces

It had been suggested that an account by Lieutenant (Ret'd) M. M. (Bill) McIndoe (1945–47) of his participation in the Korean War would appear in this issue of *Kingsmen*. However retirement commitments, together with his wish to check and confirm long-forgotten facts from his naval service nearly 70 years ago has meant that he does not regard his report as sufficiently shipshape yet for publication: it is a work-in-progress which will be revealed in due course

R. T. (Ron) Cain (1945–47) and his wife Betty of Mosgiel, but previously of Fairfield, celebrated their diamond wedding recently, while P. R. (Peter) de Clifford and his wife Gwen, also of Mosgiel celebrated their golden wedding a short time later.

Professor T. R. (Tony) Merriman (1981–85) is looking forward to carrying out more research and fewer funding applications during the next two years: in October he won the prestigious James Cook Fellowship awarded by the Royal Society Te Aparangi. It will enable him to concentrate on the genetics of metabolic disease—gout, diabetes, kidney and heart disease—in Maori and Pacific people.

Justice of the Peace W. J. (Bill) Townsend (1954–57) who has given 26 years' service as a judicial JP was presented with a certificate marking his "valuable contributions" and his "meritorious service" to the Queenstown, Alexandra and Dunedin courts by Judge Michael Turner at a ceremony in the Alexandra District Court recently. A month previously he had been presented with a certificate of appreciation from the Otago Justices of the Peace Association in Dunedin. A former president of that organisation, in 2007 Bill had been made a Member of the NZ Order of Merit (MNZM) for his services to rugby, the rural community and as a J.P.

The Poolburn School in the Ida Valley recently celebrated the 130 years of its existence. Present at the occasion were Esther and C. G. (Colin) McKay (1951–56), now retired and living in Alexandra, who had spent six years teaching at the school. During their sojourn, the school committee had run a flock of sheep to raise money for "school extras" from the sale of the wool and the lamb.

Fifty years ago, at the beginning of the fishing season, the residents of two neighbouring Luggate cribs (the Booth and the Godby families) started a fishing competition between each crib. Fifteen years later a group of Luggate residents led by John Ironside asked if they might join, and so the B. I. G. Fishing Challenge Trophy (standing for Booth, Ironside, and Godby) was born. G. (Graham) Godby (1947–51) is the only original still alive, and he has kept meticulous records: 3,400kg of fish have so far been caught, and fishermen who may come from anywhere and can fish anywhere (but not in a boat) are eligible as long as they attend the 12pm weigh-in on the Sunday.

Sub-lieutenant J. L. (James) Edie (2006–10) after 11½ years involvement with the NZ Cadet Forces (NZCF) was recently appointed commanding officer of the training ship *Waireka* at a ceremony held at *HMZS Toroa*. James explains that *TS*

Waireka is a youth organisation with a military background which aimed to "prepare NZ's successful leaders of tomorrow. It is for people aged 13–18 years old. They learn discipline, leadership skills, firearms training, and first aid training." Presiding at the ceremony was his father, Lieutenant Commander G. L. (Grant) Edie (1975–78), nowadays North Auckland area support officer.

Each year the *ODT* stages a "Class Act" where Otago secondary schools select two promising students to represent them at a function where the Prime Minister presents them with certificates to mark the occasion. It has become customary for the *ODT* to check the subsequent careers 10 years later to see whether they have fulfilled their promise. In 2008, King's was represented by S. P. (Sam) Brown, and K. L. (Kai) Daniel.

In 2008, Sam held a black belt in taekwondo, had won the ITF sparring championship, had been a delegate at several youth forums, and planned to study architecture. Nowadays he is a registered architect and associate with Foster & Melville in Wellington, where one of his projects was designing a bamboo house in Nepal! Injury and work commitments have led to ceasing his taekwondo activities, although he had established a club at Victoria University while studying there.

In 2008, Kai was the Otago Under-17 cricket captain, in the junior Highlanders rugby squad, and planned to study medicine. Nowadays he is a director of Duffle & Co, a company he founded with a friend while working as a bank officer after completing a commerce degree and a science degree majoring in psychology. The firm sells satchels, duffle bags and articles of clothing made by crafts people in developing countries, with a percentage of the profits given to social and environmental causes there. He no longer plays cricket, by has played club rugby in Dunedin, Auckland, and England.

Obituaries

M. J. (Malcolm) Arnold (1956–60) died at North Shore 30.7.18

G. J. (Jack) Swallow (1948–49) of Mosgiel, died at Dunedin 3.8.18

R. F. (Ron) Ainge (1936–39) died at Sydney 5.8.18

C. D. (Colin) Green (1949–52) died at Christchurch 6.8.18

W. B. (Bevan) Arnott (1955–57) of Abbotsford, died at Dunedin 28.8.18

R. A. (Ross) Gillanders (Staff 1962–94, Board of Governors 1984–88) died at Dunedin 7.9.18

M. J. (Murray) Watt (1964–66) died at North Shore 20.9.18

N. W. (Norman) Edie (1941–44) died at Dunedin 16.9.18

S. W. B. (Stan) Duncan (1943–45) died at Mosgiel 24.9.18

R. G. (Ron) Paterson (1948–50) died at Dunedin 24.9.18

R. D. (Robert) Burgess (1955–56) died at Dunedin 26.9.18

A. C. (Alan) Graves (1942–46) of Alexandra, died at Dunedin 30.9.18

D. G. (Don) Reid (1952–53) died at Dunedin 17.10.18

C. R. (Crawford) Brown (1959–63) died at Bannockburn 19.10.18

D. S. (Dave) Marr (1948–49) died at Christchurch 20.10.18

C. A. (Colin) Tourelle (1954–58) died at Christchurch 26.10.18

J. A. (Jim) Bisset (1958) died at Timaru 27.10.18

B. D. (Bryan) Begg (1944–46) of Mosgiel, died at Dunedin 2.11.18

D. H. (David) Horne (1954–58) is still finding new places to visit, although they are becoming widely scattered. This year he has visited Tristan da Cunha, South Georgia (where Shackleton is buried), Tuvalu, Nauru, and the Marshall Islands, and plans to head for Aldabra in the Indian Ocean nation of the Seychelles, and the Andaman and Nicobar Islands in the Bay of Bengal.

Sporting Triumphs

Athletics

T. A. (Tony) Payne (2002–06) nowadays represents Thailand (his mother is Thai). At the Frankfurt Marathon he finished in 22nd place, his time of 2hrs 16mins 56sec setting a new Thai record. At the Asian Games he finished 8th with a time of 2hrs 24mins, despite 85% humidity.

L. C. (Lyndon) Brown (2002–06) is back in action again following serious back surgery, and ran 2hrs 59mins in the Amsterdam Marathon.

G. A. (Geoff) Anderson (1970–74) has also been overseas, competing in the World Masters Athletic Championships in Malaga, Spain where he finished 9th in the M60 1500 metres, and 9th in the M60 cross country: his team placed 2nd.

D. J. (Dan) Balchin (2004–08), nowadays an engineer with Fulton Hogan and based in Alexandra won the Otago cross country championships at Waikouaiti, and finished 4th in the National cross country championships.

Bowls

D. P. (Duane) White (1983–87) won the Dunedin regional final of the World Indoor Singles at the Dunedin Bowls Stadium, thereby qualifying for the national final.

Cricket

R. (Russell) Hendry (1952–56) already a life member of the OCA has finally stood down from the board after 15 years of service. A. M. (Adam) Gain (1986–90) has been reappointed to the board for a second term.

Cycling

K. (Kees) Duyvesteyn (2012–16) won the Tour of Timaru in August, and later also won the Under-23 category at the Calder Stewart Elite Cycling Series, in 2016 he had been selected for the NZ Under-19 team, but was unsuccessful at the Oceania Championships in Victoria—not altogether surprisingly for at that time he had no coach!

Hockey

M. M. (Malachi) Buschl (2013–17) made his national debut when the Black Sticks toured India in July. He and J. T. (Jordan) Ward (2012–16) were both selected for the NZ Under-21 team which competed for the Sultan of Johor Cup in Malaysia.

The Southern Dogs team which featured in the National Hockey League this season was a mixture of experience (former Black Stick James Nation, aged 41 and the veteran of more than 100 internationals) and youth (F. M. (Finn) Ward, aged 17 and a present student at King's); also in the team were Malachi Buschl, Jordan Ward, D. Q. (Dylan) Thomas (2012–16) and J. A. (Jason) Dungey (2002–06).

Multisport

S. C. (Scott) Weatherall (1993–97), a St John paramedic and local govt politician has been awarded the Tony Jackson Scholarship to compete in the Ironman in Taupo event in March next year. The scholarship includes entry into the long distance race, two nights accommodation prior to the event, VIP tickets for two to official functions, and a coaching package. The race

consists of a 3.8km swim, 180km bike ride, and a 42.2km run. Scott will compete in the race as an ambassador for the Key to Life Charitable Trust to raise awareness of mental health issues and suicide prevention. Earlier this year Scott completed his first Coast to Coast, the 243km multisport race from the West Coast to New Brighton over two days.

Rugby

T. E. (Tony) Brown (1993) is assistant coach of the Japanese XV, and the excellent performance of the backs in the recent test match against the All Blacks reflected his approach.

B. R. (Ben) Smith (2000–04) is again co-captain of the All Blacks, but his talents as arguably the world's best fullback seem somewhat wasted when selected as winger.

T. (Taylor) Haugh (2011–15) represented Otago in some Mitre 10 Cup matches this season.

Overseas author Peter Bills has recently written *The Jersey*. Subtitled the *Secrets Behind the World's Most Successful Sports Team*, it is written for a world-wide readership and not merely for NZ readers. The project took him three years to complete, and involved several visits to NZ, and interviews with 90 individuals, including current and former All Blacks, and senior figures inside NZ rugby. Among those whom he specifically thanked was the late I. S. T. (Ian) Smith (1955–59), C. R. (Chris) Laidlaw (1957–61), M. J. B. (Murray) Deaker (1958–62), and T. E. (Tony) Brown (1993).

Rugby League

Representing the Otago Whalers this season were K. D. R. (Koben) Katipa (1991) and H. J. (Hagan) Free (2001–10). Despite being undefeated throughout the season, and winning the South Island premiership, the team was not a finalist in the national competition, apparently for mathematical reasons!

Surfing

In July, G. W. (Greg) Townsend (1977–80), son of W. J. (Bill) Townsend (1954–57) retired as CEO of Surfing NZ after 23 years with the organisation: the longest serving CEO in any NZ national sporting organisation: Greg had organised the first national surfing environmental hui in Raglan in 2006 to discuss the protection and preservation of our surf breaks, and out of that initiative the Surfbreak Protection Society was established to represent the views of the surfing community on environmental issues. Greg intends to take charge of The Ultimate Waterman (TUV) event which has previously been staged in Auckland and in Invercargill and will be staged in Hawaii next year. "We have created the best multi-discipline water sports event in the world, which has been tried and tested in NZ. Now it is time to take it to Hawaii, the home of surfing." TUV has been set up by Greg to continue to provide an income to Surfing NZ, and he will also continue to support the national body by remaining a SNZ life member, mentor, and supporter.

Touch

T. (Taylor) Haugh (2011–15) was selected to represent NZ at a recent Oceania Tournament in Fiji.

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Email: djmosgiel@gmail.com and not that of the School. Contents for the March *Kingsmen* to be received as soon as possible and by 25th February. We would appreciate information from outside Otago which may be legally published relating to ex-pupils.