



The Dukies' Association

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DUKIE NEWS

The newsletter for all members of The Dukies' Association

The Maurice Colclough Sports Centre



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From Simon DGLISH, Chair of The Dukies' Association SHARE YOUR WEALTH OF IDEAS



We have welcomed some of you to the quarterly panel meetings, and

would be pleased to encourage more of you to step forward.

We need Dukies to represent every generation, and who have specific areas of expertise and would appreciate however much time you are able to give. The School website is being developed to include a TDA site, and we will be able to continue Chad Stather's good work by designing an online resource for Dukies.

If you have any ideas for how we can develop TDA, we would

like to hear them. If you would like to be involved, please email katherine.seton@doyrms.com in the first instance.

Over the last few months we have enjoyed the Dukies' Dinner at the School, commemorated those who lost their lives in the war at the Remembrance Parade, and experienced a wonderful production of West Side Story, in the General Nye Performing Arts Centre.

As the School goes from strength to strength, we look forward to supporting its Careers Fair on 20 March and programme of Sixth Form talks that are being planned for the Autumn Term 2015. The strong support of TDA will give our current Dukies a real boost.

This is our opportunity to give something back.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Simon DGLISH

EVENTS

Careers Fair – Friday 20 March

Golf competition – Sunday 24 and Monday 25 May

OBA Luncheon – Saturday 18 April (precedence given to OBA members)

Grand Day Production – Thursday 2 July

Grand Day – Friday 3 July

Drinks at the Mall – Friday 10 July

A compilation by Peter Godwin and others

ROBIN HARRINGTON

It is with great sadness that I inform you of the death of Robin Harrington, aged 80, having suffered a gradual deterioration of his health over the last 10 years.

Robin was born in 1934, entering the DYRMS at Saunton Sands in September 1945 and appointed to 'G' Company, (Kitchener House). In April 1946 he moved back to the School's pre-WW2 location in Dover.

Robin was undoubtedly one of the best all-round sportsmen ever to attend the School, a fact recognised by him being awarded the Victor Ludorum, for best all-round sportsman, for the school years 1949/50, 1950/51 and 1951/52. He captained the School 1st teams at cricket, rugby and soccer, played for the 1st XI hockey team and School athletics and swimming teams. At county level, one of his most notable achievements was to become the Kent high jump champion.

Robin's abilities extended beyond sport for he was a member of the choir, played the euphonium in the School band and was a very talented actor taking the lead part in a number of School plays.

By virtue of his all-round performances Robin was appointed Chief School Prefect for the school year 1951/52, performing his many duties in a

most efficient yet sympathetic manner.

Robin was not a paragon of virtue and was known to have involved himself in a number of pranks. Bruce Dutton-Cox recalls one occasion when he and Robin shirked a cross country run at the half way point, dug up some swedes, which they washed in a cattle trough, and proceeded to enjoy a picnic on raw swede. Result, they both had the 'runs' for the following 24 hours. On another occasion the 1st XV rugby team decided to enjoy a post-match drink in the Swingate Pub coinciding with a visit by the police. Robin, aged only 15 at the time, was cautioned by the police for drinking under-age.

On leaving school, Robin entered the RMA Sandhurst in September 1952 and was commissioned into the Royal Army Service Corps in July 1954. Whilst at the Academy he played for the 1st X1 soccer team, position goalkeeper. Robin took early retirement in the rank of Captain in the early '60s having spent a part of his service in Malaya.

Robin always appreciated just how much the School had done for him and often said that 'it was his making'. It was therefore not surprising that when he heard that reunion dinners would be held

every 3 years for the over '60s that he gave them his full support. This led him to planting the idea for an annual OBA Golf competition, the first event being held in 2006. He generously purchased the trophy for this event and it was only fitting that he should win it himself at the age of 72. Unfortunately this was to be the only OBA tournament he played in since deteriorating health was beginning to restrict his movements. In 2008 he purchased a trophy, The Harrington Claret Jug, which is presented annually to the OBA champion.

Earlier this year he presented Kitchener House with an 'Honours Board' and was sufficiently well to accompany Grace, his wife, to the opening ceremony at the House in April 2014. He had dinner with students in the Dining Hall, who felt extremely privileged to meet the gentleman whose name was recorded three times on the Victor Ludorum board.

Three of Robin's brothers, Peter, Michael and Roger also attended the DYRMS. Robin leaves behind his wife Grace, brothers Michael and Roger, sister Audrey, son Guy, daughter Lisa, step-son Stephen, and 4 grandchildren, Ben, Jessica, Eila and Charlotte. To them all we extend our heartfelt condolences on the loss of a very special man.



The Dukies' Association

PANEL MEMBERS

For further information on panel members, and to read how the panel is elected, please visit our TDA page on the School website www.doyrms.com/the-dukies-association. The panel meets four times a year, and welcomes input from all Dukies.

Simon DGLISH

Chairman (79 – 84, Wolfe)

Chris Crowcroft

Vice Chairman (63 – 70, Haig and Clive)

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Marketing Director, DYRMS

Karl Biscoe

(57 – 62, Clive)

Charlie Davies

(01 – 05, Marlborough)

Allan Mayo

(59 – 67 Haig and Clive)

Chris Russell

Executive Principal, DYRMS

Nick Scott-Kilvert

Director of Finance and Operations, DYRMS

Steve Sheppard

(72 – 79 Haig and Clive)

Abigail Trench

(97 – 04, Alanbrooke, Marlborough and Clive)

Andy Wilkes

(83 – 89, Wolseley)

Chris Winter

(86 – 93, Haig and Wolfe)

All panel meeting minutes are available to read online. Please visit www.doyrms.com/the-dukies-association

FRONT COVER PHOTO:

The Colclough family

SCHOOL NEWS

Adjutant General's visit

SCHOOL IS HONOURED

The School was honoured to receive a visit from the Adjutant General, Lieutenant-General Gerald William Berragan CB, on Friday 7 November 2014.

After a briefing from the Executive Principal, General Berragan formally opened the new Adjutant General's Room (a boardroom and conference facility). As Adjutant General, General Berragan has been Chairman of the School's Board of Trustees since his appointment in 2012 and the opening of this new room celebrates and recognises the historic link between the School and the post of Adjutant General, which started in 1801 with the appointment of Lieutenant-

General Sir Harry Calvert GCB GCH as one of the original School Commissioners.

"The AGs visit meant a lot to the students here at DYRMS. We were very pleased to receive the AG, just before the Remembrance weekend, and he has given us great support as we continue to grow and expand the School" said Executive Principal Chris Russell.

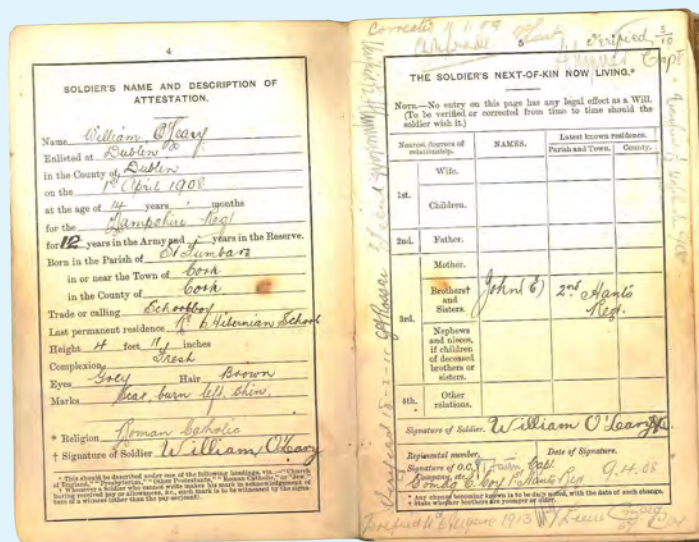
General Berragan then kindly presented Duke of York's Gold and Silver medals to the Chief School Prefect, our two Senior Prefects and the Senior Under Officer. These newly invested medal recipients then hosted General Berragan for a tour of the



School, giving him his first formal opportunity to see the completion of the £24.9 million pound building project from which the School has benefited.



THE SOLDIER'S SMALL BOOK



Kindly donated to DYRMS by old Dukie John O' Leary L/Cpl William O'Leary, a Royal Hibernian pupil.

1st Hampshires. Killed 1st November 1914 aged 19. No known grave. Named at the Cenotaph Ploegsteert Wood Military Cemetery, Warneton (Waasten).

IN BRIEF

DUKIES TIES

The Dukies' Association ties are ready! Modelled by our very own Jolyon Marsh, they cost £15 each and you can order yours today by emailing Katherine.Seton@doyrms.com with your name, address and preferred method of payment (cheque or BACS). Ladies scarves will be available soon.



SPORTS RESULTS

We played over 125 external fixtures and on a number of weekends more than half the School participated in games. Our overall results have shown improvement from last year and we continue to make progress. For one to shine they need to be lifted high by many, Dukies have shown incredible team camaraderie and spirit – play up Dukies!

For a list of all fixtures and results, visit <http://www.schoolsports.com/school/default.asp?Id=98>

JENNY YOUNG

Jenny Young (now Jenny Edwards) contacted her past Housemistress, Louise Rixon, in Clive House recently. Jen is an outdoor pursuits instructor and now enters road bike races for a semi-professional women's team. She says it's the 'best sport ever (apart from the crashing... leaves nasty road rash scars!) and Jen has raced against the likes of Laura Trott and Jo Rowsell. She says "I do miss Dukies....it truly has moulded me and made me who I am now". We will track Jen down and hopefully feature more about her in a future issue.

Music and the Arts Workshop

TRINITY LABAN AND DEAL FESTIVAL

On Wednesday 2 July, the Dance department hosted a workshop in collaboration with the Deal Festival of Music and the Arts, in partnership with Trinity Laban Conservation of Music and Dance. The workshop was taught by professional choreographers and graduates from Trinity Laban. Three local schools were involved in this event and over 30 students participated in the workshop including 10 Dukies. The students were privileged to have been taught by Tony Thatcher, who is the MA Programme Leader at Trinity Laban and is also an ex-student of the Duke of York's (Wolseley & Marlborough, 62-70). Tony was very excited to see DYRMS students involved



in the workshop and revisit the School as a teacher and mentor.

The students were taught the fundamental basics of body mechanics, choreography and compositions and were fortunate enough to watch a preview of the performance that the Trinity Laban graduates were working on. The students' highlights of

the day were being taught a section of professional choreography and having the opportunity to work alongside a professional dance company.

A spokesperson for the Deal Festival of Music and the Arts said "A massive thank you to everyone involved in Trinity Laban's dance morning. We were completely

captivated by the creativity and expression of the young people that you work with at DYRMS, Castle Community and Astor College, and I am really impressed by the development that I witnessed throughout the morning". The Dance department is looking forward to hosting further workshops with Trinity Laban and working with Tony in the future.

Miss A Gerrard



CLOCKTOWER SOCIETY

The original idea of Paul Harrington, The Clocktower Society is a Dukie collective of founding sponsors, donors and subscribers recruited by The Dukies' Association (TDA) to "give something back" by supporting the School and its students in need. Its purposes are therefore:

- To offer student support
- Fund leadership activities
- Give to a general/discretionary fund

Funds are received and distributed by The Dukies' Foundation (TDF), a registered charity which is able to offer tax incentives to Clocktower Society members; for example Gift Aid, where contributions can be enhanced by 25% at no

extra cost to the contributor provided s/he is a UK taxpayer.

Andy Barlow is the nominated Dukie trustee within TDF.

Legacies will also be encouraged and the first few have already been promised.

Legacies to charities are UK Inheritance Tax exempt.

We would like to find, in the first instance, up to 100 members of this Society. There will be recognition – a discreet lapel badge based on

the central logo – as well as an invitation to appropriate School events.

The proposition was

launched at the Mall Galleries in London in July 2014. There have been 30 positive responses so far, including signed commitments, pledges and expressions of interest. This is encouraging.

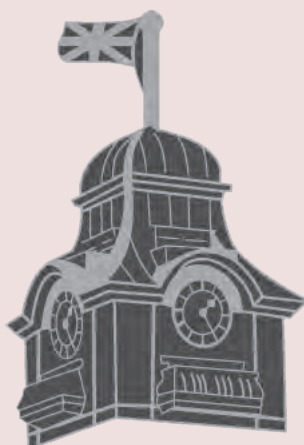
Some who are attracted by monthly giving (founding subscribers) are looking to club together to support individual bursaries.

Those founding sponsors, donors and subscribers will

be officially recognised in due course.

We are incredibly grateful for this support. Already a Land Rover purchased and maintained by Dukie generosity is used for leadership activities. If the Society succeeds, it could also look to support 5-10 students annually - at present, 1 in 10 students from military families face serious financial hardship.

There are no fixed amounts – as little or as much is gratefully received. The Dukie looking after this is Chris Crowcroft chris@crowcroft.co.uk or you can go direct to School to Katherine Seton Katherine.Seton@doyrms.com and either will be happy to tell you more.



In pictures

DUKIES' DINNER IN THE DINING HALL

The School welcomed over 90 old Dukies and respective partners to the Dining Hall on Saturday 8 November. There was a lively buzz in the air as

everyone enjoyed catching up and reminiscing over a three course meal, served by the School's caterers, Holyroyd Howe.

It was especially poignant for the class of '94, who enjoyed their 20 year reunion at the event.

If you have any further thoughts about this event, or suggestions for future events, please email Katherine.seton@doyrms.com



DUKIE CAREERS

Last March, The Dukies' Association and the School held their first Dukie Careers Day which gave current Dukies the opportunity to talk to old Dukies from different industries, business sectors and universities. This year we want to make it bigger and better! We already have 25 Old Dukies confirmed from a variety of industries and now we are looking for Dukies with experience in psychology, medicine, PR, marketing, HR, the media and arts.



If you know someone from one of these areas or if you would like to contribute your knowledge and experience from a different academic or career perspective please contact Katherine.Seton@doyrms.com or call 01304 245080 for more information.

The Dukie Careers Day will be held at DYRMS on Friday 20 March 2015 and from September 2015 we will be looking for speakers to give workshops or seminars in a timetabled Friday afternoon lecture slot.



School Visit SIR JOHN CARTER

The School was pleased to welcome Sir John Carter Kt, KStJ (Roberts, 1933 - 1936), his wife Lady Carter, their two daughters and a group of friends in May to officially open the new 'Sir John Carter Black Box Drama Studio'.

After the official opening, they met with students and staff, watched a video of the Menin Gate ceremony which took place earlier in the year and visited the School chapel.

Roberts House was noted for music in Sir John's time at the School, and the pupils used to have band practice for several hours a day. Sir John remembers "We used to go to London to the Guards Chapel in Wellington

Barracks to sing on an annual basis. Whilst at school I played the cornet and this was because they used to test the thickness of one's lips and if you had thin lips you played the cornet and if your lips were thicker, for example, you played the euphonium!! If you were extremely talented you had the opportunity of attending the Kneller Hall School of Music".

Because of Sir John's connection with Baroness Thatcher, he arranged for her to visit the School and a sword was made, the Thatcher Sword of Honour, which is presented each year to the most outstanding Junior Under Officer of the year.

Sir John goes on to say "As a



result of the education I received at the School, my business career prospered and I am greatly indebted to the School."

The School is extremely grateful for the support Sir John and Lady Carter have given through the years.



Work experience

ITV COMMERCIAL

This summer I was lucky enough to gain work experience with ITV in London. This was all thanks to Simon Daglish, Chairman of The Dukies' Association and Group Commercial Director at ITV plc, who made it possible for me to undertake such opportunities within his division. This was a very exciting and fulfilling opportunity and it has benefited me in many ways. I started the week on Monday 28 July by being greeted by Mr Daglish's PA, Andrea, in the main reception area. She had kindly organised a busy and jam-packed schedule for me at ITV for the week ahead. This included working for different departments in ITV Commercial: research, sponsorship, marketing, sales, trading, creative works, product placement and

multi-platforms. Once I had been given my ITV electronic pass to enter the building, Andrea took me to the third floor where I would mainly be based for the duration of my work experience. Andrea introduced me to Mr Daglish, who was, as always, very welcoming.

I kicked off the week working with research and then sponsorship, before heading off for my first lunch break at noon. I gathered a lot of information from working with sponsorship, learning about idents, adverts and current sponsorships, such as the well-known sponsorship of Coronation Street by comparethemarket.com. After lunch, I was able to work with the Marketing Department, which was particularly interesting to me as I have a great interest in

this area. After working with the Marketing Department my first day had come to an end and it was time to go home.

For the remainder of the week I was just as busy working with different departments and constantly gaining more knowledge and understanding not only about the different departments in ITV Commercial but also about work life in general. However, the week produced other highlights as well - I was extremely fortunate to have an ITN tour; it was fascinating to be able to see how ITN news is produced. I learnt a little about the fast-pace work force that is needed in order to produce relevant, accurate and up-to-date news bulletins.

On my final day of work experience I was able to go

to the ITV studios to watch the filming of "Let's do Lunch with Gino and Mel" which was a new and thrilling experience for me.

Overall I had a remarkable time during my work experience at ITV Commercial, which certainly gave me an insight into the real work life that I am about to embark on after completing my final year at DYRMS. I aspire to study Business Management and Marketing at university next year and go on to work as a sales or marketing executive in the future. Thanks to my work experience, I realised how important it is to work as hard as possible at school to ensure I can reach my ultimate goals in life.

*Millie McFarlane
(Year 13, Centenary)*

Presentation of School Cap BERET PARADE

Sunday 12 October was a very important day for our Year 7 and new Year 8 students. They all received a presentation of their School cap badge and beret from the Executive Principal to mark the completion of their basic parade training.



The formal ceremony acknowledges that our new pupils are ready to fully participate in all future School parades and it was a special moment for both pupils and their proud parents.

Executive Principal, Chris Russell, took the salute and presented the berets, assisted by Lt-Colonel Steven Saunderson, the "Officer Commanding" School Ceremonial. To recognise the current military service of many of their parents, pupils wear a family related regimental badge over their heart on their 'Blues' uniform.

The Adjutant-Chef, Christophe Kupiec, who was visiting the School from Lycee Militaire at Aix En Provence, our sister military

school in France, inspected the Senior Guard.

WO1 RSM Dowle, late Princess of Wales Royal Regiment said "With no previous experience and after only a few hours of drill instruction with me, our newest and very nervous Year 7 and Year 8 students paraded in front of their parents for the first time. Our Junior Under Officers worked extremely hard practising with the junior students to prepare them for this special day. This is the first parade of many, leading towards the School's Grand Day".

Ceremonial lies at the very heart of the School, reflecting our long and distinguished history.

Our Dukie Cap Badge was



granted by Royal Charter and carries the cipher of the reigning monarch. When conjoined with the School's unique "Heart badge" tradition, our students know that when on parade, they represent the School, their family's regiment/Corps/ or Service and their own family heritage.



Acknowledging those who lost their lives

REMEMBRANCE PARADE

Students, staff, old Dukies, families, governors and friends all came together to commemorate those lives lost in war on Remembrance Sunday.

The School's military band proudly played while the whole school turned out smartly on Parade to mark their respect for the fallen.

The Executive Principal, Chris Russell, together with Simon Daghish and Steve Sheppard, the Chairmen of TDA and OBA respectively, inspected the Guard and laid wreaths at the memorial. American cadets representing Missouri Military Academy and Valley Forge also laid wreaths to pay their respects, as did Chief School Prefect, Jacob Black, on

behalf of those at DYRMS.

The Chapel service that followed fully acknowledged those who lost their lives for us, with the added poignancy of those Dukies who lost their lives and whose names are cited on the Chapel's walls.

We will remember them.



The dedication of a new memorial board to the ROYAL HIBERNIAN MILITARY SCHOOL

On Sunday 14 September 2014, a special service was held in the Chapel to mark the dedication of a memorial board commemorating the sacrifice made by students of the Royal Hibernian Military School during the Great War. Plaques in memory of two Victoria Cross winners were also dedicated – Corporal John Shaul VC from The Duke of York's Royal Military School and Corporal Frederick Edwards VC from the Royal Hibernian School.

The service was led by the School Chaplain, the Revd Nicholas Cook CF and the sermon was given by the Rt Revd Trevor Wilmot, the Bishop of Dover. The memorial board and plaques were unveiled by the principal guest, Brigadier Mike Hill OBE, a Cabinet member of Kent County Council.

The new memorial board commemorating the eighty two fallen Hibernians is decorated with the cap badge of The Royal

Hibernian Military School and is inscribed with the dedication "To the Glory of God and in loving memory of those Old Boys of the Royal Hibernian Military School who laid down their lives for King and Country in the Great War of 1914-1918" (words were taken from the stone cross war memorial which still stands outside the old School in Dublin).

The Royal Hibernian Military School joined with The Duke of York's Royal Military School

in Dover in 1924. Until the installation of the new memorial board at The Duke of York's Royal Military School, the only memorial to the students of The Royal Hibernian Military School and their time in Dover was a small stained glass window (donated to The Royal Hibernian School in 1912 by Lady Lyttelton) which is displayed in the gallery of the Military Chapel of St. Michael and St. George.

School visit A LOVELY DAY

Thank you for a truly lovely day at The Duke of York's Royal Military School on Sunday. It was a real joy for me to revisit the School after so long and to see what you are doing now. I thoroughly enjoyed meeting everyone, watching the parade and going to chapel. We really appreciated the trouble you all went to, to make us feel so welcome. Both Leslie and I were impressed by the students that we met and spent time with. It was fun to hear the anecdotes concerning my father. I know that my father's appointment at the Duke of York's was undoubtedly the one that brought him the greatest fulfilment, he said as



much many times. He was passionate about the school and at the end of his time he was awarded a CBE for his service to the school.

Sara Clarke, daughter of Major-General Lloyd Howell (Headmaster and Commandant '67 – '72)



Students with Major-General Lloyd Howell

REMEMBER ME?

I joined the Dukies when they had been evacuated to Saunton Sands Hotel. The School relocated to Dover in 1946 and I left in 1948.

Whilst I was at the School I served in Haig House under CSM Grainger and in Roberts and Marlborough Houses under CSM Halsey. I was a member of the band from 1945 to 1948.

I believe it was in about 1947, the band appeared on a radio programme called "On Parade" which went out on a Sunday morning. We were vetted by a famous cornet player called Harry Mortimer.

I have enclosed a couple of short videos of the band from the Pathe news website (you can view these on the School's Youtube channel DOYRMS, Dover).

The names I remember are: Mick Lowry (father was CSM

of Wolfe House), a boy Fry (Father was CSM of Kitchener House), Denis (junior) Keating who was my best friend, Peter Tilsbury who I boxed whilst at the School, the Lyon twins and a boy we called headster Cook. Our Housemaster was Mr Douglas, the School RSM was Mr Jones and the geography and gardening teacher, Mr Snooks.

I left the School in 1948 and went on to the Army Apprentice School at Harrogate, I qualified as a wireless operator and joined the Royal Corps of Signals in 1951. I served in Germany, Korea and Hong Kong. If any Dukie remembers me and would like to get in touch, please email veronicadennett@googlemail.com

Chris Corrigan (Marlborough 42-48)



Me with Dukies in 1948. I am far right.

WHO WAS ARCHIBALD NYE?

To those of us who noticed, a modest pastel portrait of Archibald Nye hanging in the old Nye Hall was assumed to be some peacetime Colonel Blimp. He was in fact the most famous, reformist Dukie of us all.

His decorations include three orders of knighthood as well as a medal for gallantry (MC). He was Vice Chief Imperial General Staff for most of WW2 – “Alanbrooke ran the War, Nye ran the Army” (Dictionary of National Biography). In 1948 on the partition of India, Nehru asked for Nye as the first British High Commissioner (ambassador) to Delhi. He went on to reform the War Office into what is today the Ministry of Defence. He was trusted by four prime ministers – Churchill, Atlee, Nehru and Macmillan.

Archibald Nye was born on 23rd April 1895, an RSM's son. He entered the School in 1905 experiencing the move from Chelsea to Dover in 1909. Intending to become an army teacher, when WW1 broke out he enlisted from the School into the Leicestershire Regiment in which he was later commissioned from the ranks, wounded and awarded the MC. He gained a regular commission in the Warwickshire

Regiment – Dukie Peter Goble's father, the regimental bandmaster remembered him as 'an approachable officer.' Inter-war promotion took him twenty years from Captain to Lt-Colonel before he was appointed to run the War Office – he was an exceptional administrator.

A lifetime teetotaler, Nye paid his mess bills by playing fellow officers for stakes at billiards; and he qualified as a barrister while a serving officer. That early interest in teaching returned when he became a Commissioner for the School. He helped break the obligation for sixth formers to enter the services, encouraged university entry, more responsibility for civilian members among the teaching staff and greater feminine contribution, for example through the wives of housemasters who replaced the ex-CSMs who had held the posts – a contentious move to this day. In 1966/7, the Headmaster of the School became the C.O. rather than the previous more senior Commandant, while pupils went into civilian dress similar to the School uniform worn today (it was previously khaki battledress). On 13th November 1967 Nye died.

Nye challenged the overwhelming

military purpose of the School as dominantly a provider to the armed services – we perhaps forget that he was educating a teenage daughter by a late marriage at the time. He wrote in 1954 that “the main object of the School is to reward the services of the fathers by giving the sons the best possible education and to develop whatever natural abilities they possess in the most suitable way.” He saw the old Nye Hall built with its first properly equipped stage.

The General Nye Performing Arts Centre was officially thus named this year. Formerly the Nye Hall, the centre now boasts raked seating for 500, a newly equipped performance space and a dance studio. Three successful performances of West Side Story

took place in November with a joint cast from The Duke of York's Royal Military School and West Point High School, Virginia, USA.

Chris Crowcroft
(Haig and Clive 63-70)

Did you know?

That the 1956 film *The Man Who Never Was* begins with a wartime letter Nye wrote which was planted on a body deliberately sent into German hands in WW2? It indicated Sardinia, not Sicily as the target for Allied invasion. It was a ruse. It succeeded. Archie Nye usually did.



Dancers in the West Side Story performance

ALUMNI NEWS

Dukies Down Under REUNION LUNCH



On Friday 8th August, a few Old Dukies who live in Western Australia got together for a lunch in Perth to celebrate John Miller's 90th birthday. From bottom left, these were Tom Woolfrey (1935/39), Pat Woolfrey, Mary Butcher, Ted Grant (1941/45), Dave Bullock (1962/69) Helen Miller, John Miller (1935/1942) Jill Thomas and Terry Thomas (1949/56).

John joined the School in 1935 and in 1939 was made a Prefect. He was involved with the other prefects in the evacuation of the School in 1940. They were sent to The New Forest to erect tents and make camp for the rest

of the School but this had to be abandoned because it was discovered that the site was situated in the coastal exclusion zone. From there they moved to Cheltenham to set up temporary accommodation whilst a search was made for more permanent wartime accommodation. This was finally found in North Devon at the Saunton Sands Hotel.

John ended his time at the School as Chief School Prefect and on leaving in 1942 joined The Royal Air Force.

Ted Grant presented John with a framed photograph of the School prefects taken in 1939.



Prefects of The Duke of York's Royal Military School 1939
J.Miller, K.Carrivright, Dakin, Buller, R.White, Le Grand, W.Saunders
H.Snelling, D.Grantham, L.Tye, C.Bertram, B.Goosey, F.Marshall, W.Wride, Monaghan
Kent, Hooker, L.Lines, R.Wolf (CSP) J.Holbert, Warner, R.Hutton

Alanagh Chipperfield (Alanbrooke and Wolfe 00-06) & Sorcha Chipperfield (Alanbrooke and Wolfe 00-07) INTER-PROVINCES RUGBY

Alanagh and Sorcha attended the School between 2000 and 2006/7. On leaving school Alanagh went to Nottingham University where she obtained a BSc in Animal Science. Meanwhile Sorcha, who left school a year after Alanagh, went to Queen's University Belfast, her Mother's Alma Mater, and took a BA in Drama Studies.

Alanagh had started to play rugby whilst at Nottingham University and played for her local team, Sutton Bonnington. It was here that Alanagh developed her fantastic skills in the front row, and assisted her team in becoming the most successful ladies team in their division, becoming league champions in season 06/07. Alanagh continued to represent Sutton Bonnington, and helped them to become the most successful team in the midlands, despite missing out on a further league win in 07/08.

Sorcha also took up rugby at University, and played for Queen's for 3 seasons. Upon graduating, she moved to local club, Belfast Harlequins.

In 2009, Sorcha was asked to attend training sessions with Ulster, and played in a non-capped friendly against the British Army. This ignited her passion to play representative rugby, and Sorcha was delighted to be selected for the Ulster Training Squad again in 2010, and gained her first cap against Connacht in the Inter-Provincial series. Sorcha was selected again in 2011 for the

same match, but really broke into the squad in 2012, benching for all three Inter-Pro matches (against Munster, Leinster and Connacht.) In 2013 she managed to secure 3 starting places. In Summer 2013, Sorcha was invited to 7s trials in Dublin for the Irish team, but was not selected.

Meanwhile Alanagh, having taken a year out to live with parents in Germany, decided that teaching was a good career prospect and was persuaded by Sorcha that Queen's was a fine place to study for a PGCE. Alanagh agreed and so both of them lived together in digs in Belfast, and so it was a natural progression for both of them to turn out for Belfast Harlequins. Alanagh was playing front row and Sorcha second row.

This season, both Alanagh and Sorcha attended trials for the extended squad, and as a result of their dedication to training and fitness, both girls have been selected for the Ulster Women's Senior Squad for this year's Inter-Provinces.

The girl's ambition is to pull on the green jersey of Ireland and play for the National team. As a retired rugby player their father Graham, himself an Old Boy, is as pleased as punch and is looking forward to the day that inside the Maurice Colclough Sports Centre, there might be a Chipperfield suite!

*Graham Chipperfield
(Kitchener, Wolfe and
Wolseley 67-70)*



I owe it all to the Dukies

JOHN BOWLER'S RAMBLINGS

On June 12th 1929 I was baptised William John Bowler in the Parish of All Saints Nairobi, in the Diocese of Mombasa.

My great-grandfather William Bowler was born in 1828. He served with the 23rd of Foot in the Sikh Wars, in the Crimea (where he gained the Crimean medal with Alma Clasp), in Malta and finally in Gibraltar, where he died in 1864 age 36. He left a widow, two little girls and my one-year-old grandfather Willie John Bowler.

My great grandmother must have been relieved to get him into the Royal Hibernian School in Dublin, the Irish equivalent of DYRMS (founded in 1769 after the Seven-Years War).

I have seen Willie John's admission file in the Kew records. In the School he learnt the flute, beginning three generations of flautists. He served in the infantry in Ireland and India.

In turn my father William John entered the Hibernian School and eventually joined his father's Regiment the RWF. Having survived the carnage of World War I on the Western front with shrapnel and gunshot wounds he

left the British Army in 1920 and joined the King's African Rifles in Nairobi, Kenya, where he married my mother in 1927 (hence my exotic baptism certificate). Unfortunately he died of double pneumonia when I was one-year-old and my mother died of leukaemia when I was three,

hence my admission to DYRMS as a bone fide orphan. I arrived at Dover two weeks before World War II broke out. We listened to Prime Minister Chamberlain's announcement on the wireless that we were at a state of war with Germany.

Nothing much happened until mid-1940 when the German army came through Belgium and France like a hot knife through butter and we could hear the guns across the Channel, watched dog-fights overhead and saw the German planes strafing the barrage balloons round what we eventually learned were the top-secret radar towers. Thankfully we

were evacuated from our exposed position on Lone Tree Hill and all marched down to board the train at Dover Priory. All the way to London, we stopped at every station to be greeted by mugs of tea, cigarettes and sandwiches. They thought we were refugees from Dunkirk, which was taking

place at that time. They must have wondered about these little lads in khaki! Along with others, who had no home to go to in England, I was sent to the Queen Victoria School in Dunblane.

Bad memories of which include a strict discipline and having to have salt on our porridge instead of sugar!

Good memories are of going across to Stirling Castle on a Saturday afternoon to have a free tea (courtesy of Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders) and the beautiful country thereabouts including the haunting scene of the Battle of Bannockburn nearby.

In a matter of months the School reassembled at a site near Cheltenham, right in the middle of the beautiful fruit-growing country and the 'season of mellow fruitfulness'. What a frenzy and orgy of 'scrumpling' the glorious plums and apples. Local farmers must have thought us the final straw on top of the war but luckily for them the War Office (who owned the site) gave us notice to quit and we eventually reassembled at our final resting place for the duration of the war, the luxurious Saunton Sands Hotel in Braunton near the Taw and Torridge estuaries in North Devon. The entire School was shoe-horned into the hotel by dint of getting four boys in bunk-beds into each room.

I revisit the hotel to this day and I have wonderful memories of those idyllic surroundings of glorious sandy beaches the gentle falls of the steep cliffs and picturesque villages and looking back the staff must have performed miracles of improvisation to give us a good education and to fit our sports and athletics into friendly farmers' fields nearby.

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I recall one of the hazards of playing football in the fields near Saunton Post Office where the cowpats, still wet and yielding, made a deceptive thin crust!

All the trades and occupations for the boys were soon organised - in those days most boys joined the Army on Boy Service and the School taught them useful trades like tailoring, cobbling etc. - and of course there were the fife and drums and the School band in which I played the flute and piccolo.

Looking back the band was of a very high standard for they had practice every week day - even now I hear some very difficult pieces we used to play and wonder at the standard we achieved under Bandmaster Clancy. When I arrived at the School the education was basically a good grounding in the Three Rs provided, it seemed, by Sergeant 'instructors' in the Army Educational Corps but the outbreak of war brought us an influx of graduate teachers who elected to join the Educational Corps and we benefited hugely from that. From then on the School education began to improve, reinforced by the reforms introduced by our wonderful Old Boy General Archibald Nye and carried out by the new Commandant Colonel Ralph Barnwell after the war.

When, in 1944, the fields of Devon began to fill up with American GIs massing for the D-Day landings. We were popular with them for we played for their parades (usually on Saunton or Croyde beaches when the tide was far out and fine and hard packed sand made a good parade ground). In turn we were rewarded by going back to their huge tented camps. There we were given huge teas including peanut butter (a novelty to us as were Hershey bars). They were amazingly generous and pressed cigarettes on us for our parents and the new nylon stockings (which were unobtainable in England) for our mums and sisters. And suddenly one morning in early June they had all vanished - as we learnt on June 6 - to land on the Normandy beaches.

Rumours had begun to spread of

the V1 and V2 'secret weapons' landing in London but we were safely out of that in North Devon.

We celebrated Victory in Europe Day in 1945 in our own individual ways. I was 16 then and I would prefer discretion about that celebration - should anyone approach me individually I would be glad to confess.

It was not until 1946 that we finally arrived back at Dover and began to pick up the pieces - some of the Houses had been bombed and the old school was in need of a lot of TLC.

However we celebrated our return with Trooping the Colour - thankfully this went very well and Field Marshal Lord Montgomery of Alamein took the inspection and march past before presenting the prizes. Montgomery had been in the trenches with our Commandant, dear Colonel Barnwell, (in the Warwickshire Regiment) so that is probably how we got him so soon after his victories in North Africa and Europe. I recall in his rousing speech he said the parade was the finest drill he had seen since the war. On reflection I thought he had probably not much time to see many other drills since he took the German surrender at Lüneburg Heath the year before - but we were all flattered anyway.

The Nye and Barnwell reforms were just beginning (graduate teaching housemasters for example instead of the old Company Sergeant Majors) when I left as Chief School Prefect to join the Royal Regiment of Artillery at Woolwich. I wasn't a real soldier for I joined the magnificent staff band there - 120 members, a full symphonic orchestra and the oldest in London - it was as good



as going to a first rate music Conservatoire! All sadly gone now due to the stringent cuts down the years.

After my five years with the Colours (seven with the Reserve) I played with various orchestras until I joined the Royal Opera House orchestra where I played for 41 years - how lucky was I to play for world-famous conductors, singers and dancers getting paid for something I loved.

I really do owe it all to the Dukies. As an orphan they took me in and nurtured me. I won't pretend it was always wonderful but the discipline of those days was fair, firm but with an underlying kindness and I gladly acknowledge the huge debt I owe to the DYRMS.

"Play up Dukies"

*William John Bowler
(Kitchener and Wolseley 37-47)*



*Grand Day
1946
The Commandant,
Colonel Barnwell,
in the foreground,
the Headmaster ->
at the rear
Prefect W. J. Bowler
receiving the school
Bronze Medal.*

IN BRIEF

DUKIE SLANG

Dukie slang terms from my era (1987-1994) which may or may not be still in use:

Chike: native of Dover

Boffin: Studious or clever pupil

Louie: "Loser"

Gary Holland

SONS OF THE BRAVE

I found something this morning which I thought I had lost. My father's Prayer Book which says inside, "Compiled Chiefly for the Use of Soldiers". In the back is a piece of paper stuck to the cover. On it are the words of Sons of the Brave. He would have been 94 years old this year and went to the School. How glad I am that it was not lost.

My Dad, Major TM Dillon -White received his MBE (awarded 1 January 1962) from HM Queen Elizabeth II. He was awarded it, as far as I know, for services during the Malayan Emergency where he was Provost Marshall. I also have all his medals of which he was so proud.

Another thing I found that I thought was lost, was his 'ear compass'. It's a tiny compass that is hidden inside the ear; he had it in Burma when he was in the jungle. He told me, if he got captured, and managed to escape, he could find his direction with this. What a wonderful idea!

Maureen Bolton

NEWS CLIPS

Whilst looking on the internet, I came across some old Pathe News clips showing the School at Saunton Sands in Devon during WW2.

I thought it might be of interest. You may be able to post it on the TDA site or share it with Dukies who you knew went to school then.

Web page: <http://www.britishpathe.com/workspaces/ae-wjrogers/DYRMS>

Geoff Ralph

Maurice Colclough

DUKIE BEATS ALL BLACKS

I am probably one of the few people who ever told Maurice Colclough "Sorry, I have my team, but if you turn up I might be able to find a place for you."

It was soon after I left school, probably '72 or '73 and I was in the Dover Stage Hotel at the November reunion on the Saturday night when I was approached by one of the OBA grandees at the time and asked to organise the team for the annual OBA School rugby match the following day. Now, although I was playing club rugby at the time, and did for many years, when it came to an assessment of my abilities the column for attainment was noticeable empty whereas that for effort was occupied by various euphemisms such as 'tries hard'. I was, at school, a solid 3rd team member along with John and Paul. My selection as the organizer for the OBA team was more to do with being on the committee at the time and thus a known face.

Anyway, I reluctantly accepted the request, which was then broadcast to those present and duly went round the room imploring people to agree to turn up and play the next day. Towards the end of the evening I had sufficient names on my list to be as comfortable as I could be in the situation but was surprised by the number of people that came up to me asking 'if I had Maurice on it?' I responded that I did not whereupon to a man they all said

"but you have to have Maurice!" I replied that I did not know what he looked like and he had not come to see me. Much later he did approach me but was by then somewhat worse for wear and although I told him those immortal words I was not at all sure he understood them and was, in any event fairly confident that in his state it would be doubtful he would make it to the school anyway.

The following morning we all assembled at the cricket pavilion and to my dismay, but not my surprise, we did not have the necessary numbers and those present all seemed to be backs. I ended up as hooker by default, which was not at all a position I had ever played, just as well as I was, and still am a bit of a string bean somewhat lacking in muscles in the necessary places. We were about to stumble onto the pitch with fourteen players, much to the delight of the School team who were very perky and running around like March hares when a car lurched to a stop

almost on the pitch and a very large but very dishevelled Maurice fell out of it. After some delay he joined us on the pitch which he then dominated for the next hour or so. My position as hooker turned out to be not as bad as I had expected because although I did have some trouble with some dirty tricks coming from the opposing front row, which were resolved by a strike directed more to, rather than against the head by said member of the OBA, I was at least in front of Maurice in the set pieces which reduced my exposure to the various noxious fumes emanating from all parts of the said Maurice throughout the game – which we won of course.

Adrian Nunn

(Haig, Roberts and Clive 57-66)

The new Sports Centre that has been built to Sports England specification is named after one of our most successful sportsmen, Maurice Colclough. It was officially opened by Bill Beaumont and Maurice's family this month.

Please see back cover for full story.



2015 DUKIES GOLF COMPETITION

Location

Next year's competition is being held at The Wiltshire Hotel, Golf and Leisure Centre, Vastern, Royal Wootton Bassett, Swindon, Wilts, SN4 7PB. Phone: 01793 849999.

Date

Sunday 24th May 2015, first tee-off at 1302 hrs. A 'fun'round of golf has been arranged for Monday 25th May, first tee-off at 0902 hrs on either the 18 hole or 9 hole course, the course selected being subject to popular demand. NB. Monday 25th is a public holiday and members might wish to depart the hotel earlier, rather than later, to avoid congested roads.

Cost

The various costs for next year are as follows:-

Full package, comprising B&B, a 3 course dinner on the Sunday night plus two rounds of golf on the 18 hole course based on shared room: £89 per person

As above but preferring a single room: £89 plus £38-50 single room supplement = £127-50

Full package with one round of golf only: £83 per person

Full package less two rounds of golf: £69 per person.

One round of golf only: £25

One round of golf plus dinner: £49

Buggy: £22 per day

Deposit

The hotel requires a deposit of £30 per person from all those taking the B&B options to secure the booking. The deposit would be refunded in full if cancellation was notified 7 days or more prior to the event.

Rooms

10 twin rooms have provisionally been booked. If those accompanied by their 'better halves' would prefer a double-bedded room please let me know. Room check-in time is from 1400 hrs, and check-out time by 1100 hrs.

Golf prizes

Providing there are 17 members or more signed up for the event we get one free place. If this is

the case, the saving will be put towards the cost of prizes. If not, a collection to cover the cost will be made at the event.

Complimentary use of leisure facilities

The following facilities, free of charge, will be available :- Swimming pool, Gym, Sauna, steam room and spa,Wi-Fi

Arrival

It is recommended that members arrive by NO LATER than 1200hrs Sunday 24th May.

Event information

Please contact Peter Godden at p.godders@talktalk.net for the booking form.

BIARRITZ GOLF HOLIDAY

Advertisement

Keith Sutherland (Kitchener and Wolfe 64-70) is the owner of an innovative golf tour company which offers golfers from around the globe great golfing experiences in Biarritz (South West France) and the northern Italian Lakes. After a career with the Metropolitan Police, in 2002 Keith moved with his family to South West France where he was able to combine his lifelong passion for golf with a commercial enterprise. The relatively unknown and excellent golf courses of the area, combined with a great Atlantic coastline and the



vibrant and sophisticated town of Biarritz, proved a winning formula. Keith's company not only arranges tee times and advises clients about the golf courses, they arrange clients' accommodation, chauffeur

driven transport, restaurant reservations, a tapas tour to San Sebastian just over the border into Northern Spain and local vineyard trips, or to further afield in world renowned Bordeaux. After establishing the

Biarritz arm to the company, Keith wanted to extend the business to include another sophisticated golfing venue. As a consequence his company now offers the same high quality of golfing venues and service to clients in the stunning Italian Lakes of Maggiore, Como and Garda all of which are easily accessible from all UK airports. You can visit Keith's Biarritz and Italian Lakes websites at www.biarritzgolfingexperience.com and www.italianlakesgolfingexperience.com



Sports centre opened

RUGBY LEGEND OPENS NEW CENTRE

Rugby legend Bill Beaumont officially opened the new sports centre at the School on 11 December 2014.

The sports centre has been named after former England rugby international Maurice Colclough who was a student of the School and captained its 1st team. Sadly, Maurice died from a brain tumour in 2006.

Bill played with Maurice for both England and the British Lions during the 1980s, and was honoured to perform the opening by unveiling a plaque. Also present were Maurice's wife Annie and their four daughters along with the School's current rugby and hockey 1st team members.

The School has a superb sporting reputation, and its rugby team has just made it into the sixth stage of the Daily Mail Schools Trophy.

Chris Russell, Executive Principal of the School, said: "Maurice Colclough is one of our most famous alumni who starred on our rugby pitches. Therefore, it seems a most fitting tribute to name our great new sports facility after him. We are grateful to Bill Beaumont for opening the centre and to Maurice's family for attending. It has been a day of positive reflection as many stories about Maurice were shared, and his family were able to tour the School where their dad lived and studied."

