



The Dukies' Association

# Dukie News

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Dukies Return to DOYRMS

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Dukies unite to mark the Armistice Centenary



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# The Dukies' Association

The Dukies' Association (TDA) meets throughout the year to discuss TDA events and matters arising.

The panel always welcomes any input from Dukies, to have your say please contact the panel via email: alumni@doyrms.com.

## TDA Panel Members

### Simon Daghish

Chairman (1974 - 84, Wolfe)

### Chris Crowcroft

Vice Chairman (1963 - 70, Haig & Clive)

### Karl Biscoe

(1957 - 62, Clive)

### Ian Kennett

(1979 - 86, Haig and Marlborough)

### Allan Mayo

(1959 - 67, Haig & Clive)

### Stuart Milligan

(2000 - 07, Roberts & Haig)

### David Richmond

(1961 - 68, Haig & Clive)

### Abigail Stoddart

(1997 - 2004, Alanbrooke, Marlborough & Clive)

### Andy Wilkes

(1983 - 89, Wolseley)

### Chris Winter

(1986 - 93, Haig & Wolfe)

### Alex Foreman

Principal, DOYRMS

### Adam Kent

Director of Finance & Operations, DOYRMS

### Holly Applebee

Alumni & Development Officer, DOYRMS

# From Simon Daghish, Chair of TDA

Happy New Year to you all, I hope you had a wonderful Christmas and have recovered from the excesses of the holiday season. I think I have room for just one more mince pie!

But before we look forward to 2019, I hope you will indulge me and allow a little reflection on what a fantastic year 2018 was. The TDF has flourished with you as well as staff and parents contributing hugely to the £335,000 now raised which will make a huge difference to school life.

Further to that, Chris Crowcroft, when setting up the Clocktower Society, made an ambitious goal of 100 members which we passed in November. Many congrats Chris - that is an amazing achievement and thank you all who have been part of it.

We also had a record turnout for the Reunion Dinner and Remembrance Day which was a joy to see. Judging by some of the blurry eyes on parade the next morning, all had a great evening.

So the next event to look forward to in 2019 is the Army v Navy in May which has grown enormously in popularity and I very much hope you will be able to attend this brilliant gathering.

I do hope you enjoy this edition of Dukie News, thank you Holly for your diligence in putting this edition together and to you all a very happy, healthy and successful 2019, and I hope to see you in May.

**Play Up, Dukies!**

## Dukies in the News

**Richard Thompson** (1987 - 94, Wolfe & Kitchener), has been awarded an OBE in the New Year's Honours list for his work on counter-terrorism.

**Edmund Coggin** (2014 - 17, Kitchener), appears in Series Two of Channel 5's 'Raw Recruits: Squaddies At 16', the series started on January 7 and will be available on catch-up.

## 2019 Events

<b>March 15</b>	TDA v School Hockey
<b>March 20</b>	Dukies Inspiring Dukies Careers Fair
<b>May 4</b>	TDA at Army v Navy Rugby
<b>June 30</b>	TDA v School Cricket
<b>July 5</b>	Grand Day
<b>November 9</b>	Reunion Dinner
<b>November 10</b>	Remembrance Parade and Chapel Service

Looking back with pride





# TDA at Army v Navy 2018

More than 150 Dukies gathered outside Twickenham Stadium on May 5 to bathe in the sunshine and rekindle with friends from the past.

TDA invited Dukies to the School Land Rover with the School flag flying proudly, before and after the rugby match to enjoy drinks and snacks. The day was great, a fantastic chance for everyone to share stories and memories. The Army won the Babcock Trophy

after beating the Royal Navy 22-14. Two early Jon Humphrey penalties gave the Navy the lead before Matavesi saw the red card for striking with the head. Three quick-fire first-half tries from Chris Leathem, Junior Bulumakau and Jamie Miller quickly handed Army the lead.

James Dixon converted a penalty at the start of the second half but Ratu Vakalutukali flew over for the Navy

to ensure a nery end to the game. The win is the Army's 62nd in the Army vs Navy game and means the Navy still has not won the Babcock Trophy since 2010.

**TDA holds this exclusive and fantastic event every year. The 2019 Army v Navy match takes place on Saturday May 4 at Twickenham Stadium. For TDA tickets, please email [alumni@doyrms.com](mailto:alumni@doyrms.com)**



## Dukies Inspiring Dukies

Dukie Alan Newman (1963 - 70, Haig & Clive) returned to the School to offer the Sixth Form students a talk on Psychology. The students were inspired by Alan's talk which provided them with an understanding of career paths in Psychology.



## Careers Fair

Wednesday 20 March 2019  
at DOYRMS

We are now arranging our next Dukies Inspiring Dukies Careers Fair and would like to offer a wide range of industries and opportunities for our students.

If you would like to offer careers advice to our Dukies of today or know someone who could, please email [alumni@doyrms.com](mailto:alumni@doyrms.com)



# TDA Reunion Dinner 2018



Reunion Dinner 2018 was certainly a night to remember with some 225 Dukies gathering for an enjoyable occasion in the School's amazing wood-panelled dining hall.

Watched over by a portrait of the School's founder HRH Frederick Duke of York, former students reminisced over their time at the School, particularly exchanging tales of sporting prowess. It was good to see a large cohort of 1968

students of intake and leavers; this was matched by the Dukies of 1998 leavers.

Guests were entertained by student Takara signing 'Soilder, Soilder', a song written by Dover resident, Mrs Vida Ivatt and orchestrated by Major David Creswell to mark the centenary of the start of WWI. A special performance by Dukie Chris Maile (1978 - 80 Haig & Wellington) on the Bagpipes also

entertained guests who clapped along to songs such as 'Flowers of the Forest'.

Speeches and toasts were given by Chairman of TDA Simon Daglish, Principal Alex Foreman, and Dukie Paul Harrington.

Much thanks goes to the many staff who helped with catering, logistics and other duties to make the dinner such a success. We hope to see you again in 2019!





# 1968 Leavers' Reunion

The 1968 leavers hosted their own additional reunion during Remembrance Weekend.

The event was organised by Dave Richmond (1961 - 68, Haig & Clive) aided and abetted by Jay Nicholson (1960 - 67, Wolseley & Wolfe). The group met on the Friday night and Saturday morning to share their Dukie stories and House and sports team pictures.

The meeting also heard about the work of the Clocktower Society, from some of the group who are already supporters of The Dukies' Foundation and donate to its projects.



# 1968 Intake Reunion

Some 34 Dukies from the 1968 intake gathered for a 50-year reunion. Among those who came were Graham Brook from Australia, Jim Carr from Canada, Joe Corr from Florida USA, Richard Acott from work in Lebanon (although he lives in the Philippines), Chris Merry from Holland, Andrew Whiting from France and several from far distances in the UK.

The reunion was held at the Dover Marina Hotel on the Friday night.

Dick Catt presented everyone who attended with a copy of the School list from 1968 and Graham Brook was presented with a School tie, for travelling the furthest to be there.

The group were also given a School tour by RSM Dowle; this was the first time some of the group had been back to the School since leaving, so it brought back many memories. The House with the most returnees was Roberts! The reunion was put together by Colin

Wiles, Dick Catt and Peter Barton, following on from Colin's arrangement of the 35-year reunion, 15 years ago. All those attending, contributed to contacting missing Dukies, but sadly there are still some Dukies the group are unable to contact.

The group would love to increase the numbers for the next gathering in five years, contact [alumni@doyrms.com](mailto:alumni@doyrms.com) to get in touch if you joined in 1968.





## A Dukie Win at Old Boys Rugby

The Armistice weekend once again saw many OBA and TDA members brave the weather and head to Dover Rugby Club for a day of catching up and rugby against Dover RFC.

With no under-30's match this year, the Dukies over-30's team entered the pitch through a tunnel of honour, formed by 'Dover Minis' youth team throwing poppy petals, a fitting start to the Armistice weekend. Players from both sides mixed, plus a front rank of 'Dover Minis', all stood firm for the buglers last post and two minutes silence.

So, with only one match refereed by Dukie Graham Chipperfield (1964 - 70, Kitchener, Wolfe & Wolseley), the match commenced and provided a well-balanced and

competitive spectacle for the large contingent of supporters. Some dazzling passages of play mixed with some howlers, but all played with passion and sportsmanship. The final score produced a Dukies win!

In the club house, players and spectators were offered a free curry buffet, while the bar dished out copious quantities of beer and of course isotonic drinks for the athletes (isotonic or something with tonic). Stories and reminiscing created a friendly and happy atmosphere, with England v New Zealand in view and unusually not being the main event.

A request for next year; if the past 1XV captains from the last 10 years were to contact their sides and

produce two players for the day, we could have an U30's game for 2019. Please contact [alumni@doyrms.com](mailto:alumni@doyrms.com) to put your name forward for the team.

Thanks should go to the supporters from the OBA, TDA and Dover, the players who turned out and the club for hosting the event once again.

My thanks personally as an Old Boy of the School and as Chairman of Dover RFC go to everyone who attended for making this momentous anniversary such a wonderful event to be part of.

**Article by Richard Catt (1968 - 74, Roberts, Kitchener & Marlborough)  
Chairman Dover RFC  
OBA Rugby**



## British Torch of Remembrance

As part of the Armistice Centenary commemorations, Hon. Secretary Andrew Nunn attended the Last Post ceremony at Ploegsteert, Belgium. He took the opportunity to lay a wreath to honour the six Dukies named on the memorial; Serjt F C Spiers. Somerset Light Infantry, LCpl J Lake. The Buffs, LCpl J W Kaveney. East Yorks Regt, LCpl J W Lewis. Hampshire Regt, Pte G A Hayman. Northamptonshire Regt, Pte B Knight. Royal Berkshire Regt.

## Did You Know?

The Duke of York's Royal Military School now uses the acronym DOYRMS instead of DYRMS. The exact date this change happened is unknown, but it is thought to be about 20 years ago when the School's website was created which is [www.doyrms.com](http://www.doyrms.com)

# Dukies Remember *100th Anniversary of Armistice*

## Westminster Abbey

Students and staff led by the School's Principal Alex Foreman took part in the Torch Lighting Ceremony of the British Torch of Remembrance at the Tomb of the Unknown Warrior in Westminster Abbey. This historic and significant event took place in the presence of His Excellency Rudolf Huygelen, Belgian Ambassador and Tobias Ellwood MP PC, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State at the Ministry of Defence.

In a service led by the Canon of Westminster Abbey, the Rev Anthony Ball, students formed a Guard of Honour to stand over the Tomb of the Unknown Warrior during the service, as well as a Colour party and buglers. Senior Under Officer Lewis commanded the Guard of Honour, which consisted of Junior Under Officers

Megan, Sam, Ammo, Holly, Saskia and Tammy. The Colour Ensigns were Junior Under Officers Charlotte and Fiona. Junior Under Officer Georgina and Bugle Major Valen played the Last Post and Reveille. Also, American exchange students were privileged to attend.

The contribution of these students was overseen by School staff members Lieutenant Colonel Steven Saunderson, Regimental Sergeant Major Steff Dowle, Major David Cresswell and Major Andrew Nunn.

Tobias Ellwood served in the Royal Green Jackets and reached the rank of Captain; he is currently an Army Reserve Colonel. Mr Ellwood was also the MP who bravely tried to save PC Keith Palmer's life after he was fatally stabbed by the Westminster terrorist in 2017.



## Scarlet Poppies - *The Remembrance Concert*



There wasn't a dry eye in the house following the beautifully performed and emotional 'Scarlet Poppies'. The concert was the suggestion of Dukie Allan Mayo, following a meeting of TDA. The inspirational cultural event provided students with cross-curricular elements such as Wartime poems, dance and drama.

The School's performers were joined by 'The Mayson Orchestra', put together by Allan's son Ollie, comprising of professionals and members of the Academy of St Mary Le Bow orchestra, conducted by Alex Robinson. Ollie was delighted to be able to

commemorate the centenary of WWI with DOYRMS and perform some of the best Classical repertoire by British composers.

The School would like to say a huge thank-you to Allan Mayo for his idea, The Mayson Orchestra for its performance and to TDF for its financial support.



## Our Tommys

Thanks to the kind donations from alumni and parents, the School purchased two 'There But Not There' Tommy figures. These stood proudly outside Chapel for Remembrance Weekend.





# Remembrance Sunday at DOYRMS

Remembrance Sunday saw members of the The Dukies' Association join with parents and families of current students in a parade at the School's war memorial. The parade was inspected by Principal Alex Foreman, Chairman of the Dukies' Association Simon Daghish and Vice Principal Lieutenant Colonel Steven Saunderson. This was followed by a chapel service in the School's Royal Military Chapel of St Michael and St George, where the School Colours were laid upon the altar in an act of reverential remembrance.



*Showing relentless Dukie spirit despite the rain!*

## Dover Service at Cruise Terminal



A School Guard of Honour and buglers attended the Service of Remembrance at Dover Marine Railway Station (now the cruise terminal) in support of the British Torch of Remembrance and South Eastern Railways, as the torch continued its journey to Ostend, Roeselare, Bredene, Ypres and Brussels.

During the Great War, Dover played a large part in defending the nation and as a port ferrying troops to the Continent. This made the service for the WWI 100th anniversary all the more poignant, and the town's civic dignitaries along with some 70 members of the public stood alongside our students and staff to pay their respects.

## National Memorial Arboretum

It was reported more than over 10,000 military and members of the public attended the service held at the base of The Armed Forces Memorial in dry but chilly conditions at the National Memorial Arboretum. Following the service, His Royal Highness The Duke of Gloucester took the salute at the march-past.



Dukies including Peter Godwin and Robert Cross, proceeded to the School memorial where the five wooden crosses which were laid during the 'Service of Remembrance' on 16 September 2018, for those Dukies known to have been killed in service since 1945, were still displayed. Peter Godwin used the occasion to lay a cross in memory of Derek Morgan (Wellington, 1948 - 53, who died on the 29 October 2018).



# The Clocktower Society

*The Clocktower Society recognises all legators and donors who support the Dukies of today through donations to our School's charity, The Dukies' Foundation. The Clocktower Society recognises all donors with a specially commissioned lapel badge, as well as invitations to exclusive School events such as Clocktower Society Dinners.*

## Why We Support the School

We asked some of our Clocktower Society members why they choose to support The Dukies' Foundation...



**Christopher Sheldrick**  
(1969 - 74, Kitchener & Wolfe)

*I am supporting DOYRMS through The Dukies' Foundation because it is such a remarkable School and it must be heart-breaking to see young people leave because of financial difficulties. The donations made by us Dukies will ensure many are able to finish what they have started. Play Up Dukies!*

**Paul Upton,**  
(1953 - 57, Clive)

*I joined the Clocktower Society because, having left DOYRMS over 60 years ago, I felt it was time to make a direct contribution to its aims and to keep in contact with its current activities.*



**William Dickins**  
(1949 - 56, Kitchener & Roberts)

*The school gave me a great start in life, both mentally and physically, and today I am still living off that solid foundation. I am now 80 and still in good health, so the physical base was a great start in life.*

*The mental foundation when I left School at 18 was enough that after retirement at 60, I set-up and am still operating an international consulting company 24/7. Thus, I am only too happy to share some of my resulting good fortune with the establishment which gave me such a great start in life. I believe many others Dukies feel the same way.*



**Anthony "Jack" Stacey**  
(1957 - 65, Kitchener & Wellington)

*I recently learnt of the foundation and Clocktower Society and am very pleased to contribute a modest monthly amount, partly to re-pay a debt.*

*The School gave me all of the stepping stones required to pursue a career as a worldwide medical practitioner both with the Royal Air Force and then with the Foreign Office. This not only included good grounding in the sciences, but also the discipline and confidence to depart the White Cliffs of Dover towards professional training, which in all honesty was mostly easy in comparison to the Duke of York years!*

*All of this was provided practically free, my parents being asked to contribute very little, except pocket money. More than this, I maintain life-long friendships with school friends from my era. My hope is that the current pupils will be assisted by Clocktower members, such that they too will be able to look back with gratitude and pride, on a most worthwhile school career.*



1974 Wolfe - Christopher Sheldrick, centre back row



1965 Shooting Team - Jack Stacey, centre front

## Clocktower Reaches 100 Donors!

November 2018 saw the Clocktower Society reach 100 members! The School would like to say a huge thank-you to all our Clocktower Society members, without you the work of The Dukies' Foundation would not be possible.

**If you are interested in joining the Clocktower Society, or would like more information about The Dukies' Foundation, please email: [alumni@doyrms.com](mailto:alumni@doyrms.com)**

# The Annual Clocktower Dinner 2018

October 2018 saw the biggest Clocktower Dinner yet with record numbers of our donors attending. A three-course dinner was enjoyed and reminiscent chats were had among all attendees about their time at DOYRMS.



# The Dukies' Foundation

The Dukies' Foundation (TDF) is the School's registered charity having made grants of £725,000 to the School since it began. Charity fundraiser, TDF trustee and Vice Chair of The Dukies' Association, Chris Crowcroft (1963 - 70, Haig & Clive) has succeeded Alan Jones as TDF Chair. The Dukies' Foundation would like to give a large thank-you to Alan Jones, who provided TDF with five years of excellent service.

Recent grants have continued towards the TDF's goal of enhancing the lives of the Dukies of today, such as providing funding towards a School trip to CERN Hadron Collider in Geneva next spring (assisted by a donation from Dukie Don Birch). TDF is currently receiving funds towards 'Action for Physics', an event in London, for which funding is being matched by Dukie Adrian Nunn. Over Remembrance Weekend, TDF co-funded with Dukie Allan Mayo, the remarkable 'Scarlet Poppies' concert. TDF is also helping to fund the Dukies expedition to the Chennai & Gats region of India in 2019 to build new facilities for disabled children. The School's Wellbeing Workshops have also been aided by TDF, to provide counselling for students. To date, TDF has been able to award nine student bursary awards to enable students to stay at the School.



But there's always more to do! So if you're interested in supporting The Dukies' Foundation or want more information, please contact [alumni@doyrms.com](mailto:alumni@doyrms.com)

**Chris Crowcroft**  
Chair of The Dukies' Foundation

# War Memorial Campaign



*The war memorial was cleaned before Remembrance Sunday, thanks to donations.*

On 17 October 2018, TDF launched the Dukies war memorial challenge. This idea of Peter Vincent (1958 - 68, Haig & Wolfe) and Paul Harrington (1957 - 67, Haig, Roberts & Clive), aimed to raise £10,000 for a full restoration of the war memorial.

Less than a month later, the TDF reached its target and the full restoration of our war memorial is to be scheduled when the good weather returns in spring / summer 2019. The war memorial surfaces will be cleaned and smoothed, the inscriptions re-carved and repainted, and the bronze sword will be professionally cleaned and restored by a bronze expert.

The School and TDF would like to say a huge thank-you to all those who kindly and generously donated to our war memorial restoration campaign.

# Your Stories

## DOYRMS Swagger Stick

Porl 'Stan' Stephenson (1978 - 85, Kitchener & Roberts) recently donated an original Georgian Malacca DOYRMS swagger stick to the School's archive collection.

Porl, in his own words, "had too much time on [his] hands one day, and was plodding around a well known auction site" when he came across this Georgian Malacca Swagger Stick with the Duke of York's Royal Military School crest. His "fingers were crossed" as he "weighed in to start a bidding war", which he won.

Porl thought it was appropriate to return the swagger stick to the

School, where it would have originally been used after the School's move from London to Dover.

Now the swagger stick is at the School, RSM Steff Dowle is currently deciding on an official use, whether it should be a part of the School's museum or possibly as an award for military achievement, such as being presented to the Head Stick Orderly each year.

**The School would like to thank Porl for generously purchasing this swagger stick and donating it to the School.**



## 1908 Royal Visit Souvenir

The School was contacted by an executor for a lady who had recently passed away. Within her possessions was a souvenir of the Royal Family visiting the Duke of York's Royal Military School in 1908. The souvenir is printed on crepe paper and is believed to have been produced at the time to commemorate the visit. The souvenir has now been added to the School archive collection.



Photo top left: The Royal Family visiting the Duke of York's Royal Military School in Dover, photographed by Christina Broom, aka Mrs Albert Broom, circa 1908. Left to right: King Edward VII, Queen Alexandra, The Prince of Wales, The Princess of Wales and Princess Victoria. (Photo:Popperfoto/Getty Images)

## We Need Your Stories

This is your Dukie News and we need your stories to share and inspire all Dukies, including our current students. If you have an interesting story or pictures from your time at DOYRMS, or want to share your success since leaving the School, please email [alumni@doyrms.com](mailto:alumni@doyrms.com)

# School News

## Walking Home for Christmas

The School took part in the 'Walking Home for Christmas' campaign, raising money for Help for Heroes and Walking With the Wounded - the charities co-founder Simon DGLISH is a former Chief School Prefect and currently Chair of The Dukies' Association.

The School never seriously considered asking all students to walk home for Christmas at the end of term (some of them do live rather a long way away from Dover), but plans to challenge all students (and staff) to 'Walk a mile for Christmas' soon came to fruition. Four laps – 1,600 metres – of our state-of-the-art athletics track seemed to fit the bill.

With an aim to raise £10 per student and staff, we aimed to raise £5,000 in a little over a week. To achieve this, we would need to raise more money for a single charity event than any other in DOYRMS memory.

Sunday December 2, dawned grey, murky, and with squally showers. Did this deter the Dukies... Certainly not! Students, in a variety of attire from onesies to fancy dress, all proudly sported their special 'WWTW' Santa hats and walked the mile.

Since then, the Dukie family of students, staff, alumni and parents have raised a staggering £5,813 to date!

**Stephen King, School Librarian**



## White Rose Academy - Hockey Report

The White Rose Academy (WRA) has been set-up to support sports development at the School, and the project has seen significant investment in hockey this term. The students have been fortunate with the support they have been given through TDF; and in short time, a great deal has been achieved. The most able students, about 90 boys and 90 girls have received an extra hour's coaching a week and travelled to watch premier league hockey. The 1st teams now have new high quality hockey sticks for matches, and the girls received a coaching clinic from Grace Balsdon (current GB player).

Each academy player will receive an academy hoodie, and new team strips have been bought. Also, awards have been presented at the sports assembly for students who have shown the greatest commitment to the academy. Despite its infancy, the WRA is already having a significant impact on the performance of our students. This was highlighted by the progression our girls 1st team hockey made over the course of the season. In their penultimate match,

the students beat Deal hockey club 1 – 0, having lost to them twice 3 – 0 earlier in the season. In their final match, the girls beat Kent College Pembury 3 – 0, having lost to the same school 7 – 1 at the end of last season.

On November 29, the 1st XI girls hockey team took on the staff, in a match supported by the WRA. It was a close fought encounter, with the girls taking the lead. The staff fought back and pipping the girls 3 – 2. Staff and students then enjoyed a fantastic meal at the local Indian restaurant, where Paul Harrington (co-founder of the WRA), presented a stick to the player of the match and a pair of AstroTurf trainers to the runner-up.

Looking ahead, it will be excited to the boys' progress, having had the extra training through the WRA in the first term. The TDA is keen to test the boys with a fixture on March 15 starting at 6pm; a new TDA playing strip is being bought for the match. **If you are interested in pitting your skills against the 1st XI boys hockey team, please contact Andy Barlow [andy@barlowfm.co.uk](mailto:andy@barlowfm.co.uk)**

**Should you be interested in supporting development of any of the major sports at the School through WRA, please email [alumni@doyrms.com](mailto:alumni@doyrms.com)**



1st XI girls hockey team v staff



# School News *continued*

## International Day

International Day provided students with the opportunity to grab a passport and visit 25 of the countries which make the vibrant diversity of our School community. Students sampled delights from around the world while learning about each country's culture and tradition. Brightly decorated stands, costumes, flags, smells of delicious dishes, face painters and even a cyclist filled the Old Gym where visitors picked up a 'passport' which was stamped at each stall. Performances included the Fijian haka, Nepalese dancing, and a Russian love song. **The event was funded by Dukie Andy Barlow (1973 - 78, Wellington), through The Dukies' Foundation. The School would like to say a huge thank-you to Andy for this wonderful event.**



## Grand Day 2018

More than 500 Dukies in full ceremonial uniform coped with the blistering heat to parade the School's Colours. They were inspected by guest of honour Reviewing Officer, Air Marshall Christopher Nickols CBE on Friday July 6. This was followed by Trooping the Colour led by the military band.

About 3,000 parents, Dukies and guests attended Grand Day which included a prize-giving service, Spitfire fly-past and jumps by the Royal Logistic Corps Parachute

Display Team. There was also a range of vintage military transport on display such as jeeps, tanks, and aircraft.

Alex Foreman, the School's Principal, said: "Grand Day is the most celebrated event in our School calendar as it combines the high achievements of our prize winners as well as the Trooping of Colours – a ceremonial parade by the whole School which is practiced all year and symbolises our military heritage and ethos."



## TDA at Grand Day 2019

TDA will be hosting a stand at Grand Day on **Friday 5 July 2019**

for all Dukies. We would love to see as many of you there reminiscing about your Grand Day's and stories of the School. Timings for the day will be sent by email closer to the event.

# Obituary's

## **Douglas McKenzie**

**27/01/1959 - 03/11/2017**  
(1970 - 77, Wolfe)

Douglas went straight to Sandhurst from the School, being commissioned into the RCT in 1980. He served in Germany, N. Ireland and England, before leaving the Army as a Captain in 1989. During his Army career he qualified as a Civil Engineer at the Royal Military College of Science, later being employed by Thomas Telford in London. Douglas was a keen free-fall parachutist, completing almost 1,000 jumps. He was also a qualified glider pilot and SCUBA diver.

## **John Crisford CBE**

**06/12/1940 - 2018**  
(1950 - 56, Kitchener)



John joined The Duke of York's Royal Military School in 1950 at the age of 10 where among other things, he learnt to play the euphonium. In 1959, he joined The Royal Horse Guards (Blues) band and a year later he joined The Royal Military School of Music, Kneller Hall. Here he was awarded the Professors prize for "Best All Round Pupil" and "Worshipful Company Bronze medal". His name appears on the honours board in the Band Practice Room to this day.

John married Jean on 31 March 1967 and they had two girls, Alexa and Andrea in 1968 and 1971 respectively. They were married for 51 years until his unexpected death on 2 May 2018.

During 1967, John joined the REME band, Arborfield, where he stayed for two years before finally joining the RAPC where he remained for the rest of his army life. His career in the army spanned 22 years whereby he served in the UK, Germany, Norway and Kuwait (where he was on loan to the Kuwait Armed Forces). He also did two tours in Northern Ireland during The Troubles. He left the army in 1981 and worked for local government for several years and thereafter for a nationwide flooring company before finally moving to Hunstanton in 1997 (a part of the county John and Jean both adored), where he worked as a postman until his retirement in 2005.

John loved the game of rugby union and qualified as a referee for Notts, Lincs and Derby and later as a National Touch Judge for top class clubs. He was also an avid Oxford United football supporter and attended the game on Saturday 28 April when they beat Rochdale 2-1 at home and secured their place in league one for the next season.

Shortly after moving to Hunstanton, he set up the Hunstanton Concert band as although Hunstanton had a band stand, they didn't have a permanent band. He also served as a councillor on Hunstanton Town Council.

John commenced studies for an Open University degree in 1981 and was awarded Bachelor of Science (Hons) in 2006. While he

had retired in 2005 from paid work, he probably became busier than ever when he sought voluntary work with the Royal British Legion having been a member for many years. He was elected onto the Board of Trustees, became the National Vice Chairman and finally the National Chairman in 2013. During this time he led the biggest change programme that The Legion had ever experienced, and with his Chief Executive, left the charity fit to face the 21st Century. His drive in working for The Legion was due to the help that they had given his father following his treatment as a prisoner of war during the Second World War.

In June 2016, he was awarded the CBE in the Queen's birthday honours list for "Voluntary service to ex-servicemen and women". Recently he had joined the Fakenham Town Band, and the International Military Musical Society as well as supporting the Household Cavalry Memorial Guard.

A lovely man who adored his wife and two daughters, John will be sorely missed by so many people. Gone but never forgotten.

## **Alexander Beaumont**

**03/04/1947 - 24/04/2018**  
(1958 - 64, Wolfe)



Alexander Beaumont sadly passed away after suffering a heart attack on 24 April 2018.

Alex was a member of the school 1st XV and kept goal for the hockey 1st XI as well as being an accomplished athlete specialising in discus and shot.

Like many of his generation, he worked on the cross-Channel ferries in the summer, but then chose to stay on and make the merchant navy his first career. He worked on several cruise ships and bar-tending was his speciality.

In 1974, he finally settled in Sydney Australia and in 1977 put his bar-tending skills to good use by opening his own bar school. This became an extremely successful enterprise and Alex ran a chain of schools for most of his life. His schools provided staff for many of the country's top hotels. He developed the skill of 'flaring' (juggling bottles and glasses like Tom Cruise in "Cocktail") and at one time was the flaring champion as well as cocktail mixing champion of Australia. Alex went on to be the President of the Australian Bar-Tenders Guild and eventually of the International Bar-Tending Association. He worked as a consultant to many hotels and clubs, and trained and supplied staff for many shipping lines.

He travelled extensively lecturing on bar-tending and authored the best-selling "101 cocktails". He was hugely respected and liked by everyone who knew him and was famed for his wit and for his loud booming voice.

Alex leaves four daughters by two marriages. He was proud to be the father of two NSW basketball players, Natalia and Tatania. Alex's funeral in Penrith, NSW was attended by two old

Dukies, Jay Nicholson and lifelong friend, Bob Ashford. Bob delivered a splendid eulogy which touched on Alex's time at the School and in Dover.

## **Peter Goble**

**25/07/1937 - 23/11/2018**  
(1947 - 52)

Peter joined the Duke of York's Royal Military School in 1947 after the loss of his father in wartime.

After leaving DOYRMS in 1952, Peter became an army apprentice at Arborfield later joining the Royal Army Medical Corps where he rose to Warrant Officer Class 1. He made a second career in hospital management in Harrogate. In retirement, Peter specialised in military research, including into DOYRMS and also became a skilled wood carver. Peter was father to Jason and lived in Yorkshire where he cared for his wife Valerie who sadly died previously this year.

Peter was an unsung but devoted Dukie who gave much back to DOYRMS, in respect of the School's history through his research and to other initiatives like The Army Children's Archive. He was also a founding member of the Clocktower Society which will record his name in perpetuity.

## **Angus Macpherson**

**21/08/1973 - 22/12/2018**  
(1984 - 91, Haig & Wolseley)



Angus will always be remembered by those who knew him as a man of courage, kindness, generosity of spirit, and responsibility. Responsibility which made him both Prefect and Head Chorister in his time at School. His sense of courage and endeavour led him to learn many things after leaving School,

including skiing, parachuting, skydiving and hand gliding. He also took piloting lessons for both microlight and helicopter. After graduating in Computing from York University, Angus went on to enjoy many successful years as a consultant for Deloitte, followed by more successful years self-employed. He is survived by his loving wife Richeldis, daughter Rosie and son Cullen.

## **Maurice Blower**

**28/02/1946 - May 2018**  
(1956 - 61, Roberts & Clive)

## **Wayne Robbins**

**22/02/1954 - 05/06/2018**  
(1965 - 70, Kitchener, Marlborough & Roberts)

## **Stephen Riddlestone**

**29/06/1958 - 18/06/2018**  
(1969 - 76, Marlborough)

## **Kimberly Wadsworth**

**02/10/1985 - 2018**  
(1997 - 2004, Marlborough)

## **Derek Morgan**

**22/07/1937 - 29/10/2018**  
(1948 - 53, Wellington)

# Your Photos



School in the Snow, 1970.

Photos sent in by Paul Bell (1965 - 71, Kitchener, Wolfe & Roberts)



Leaving Home

Juniors of 1947

School Band at Saunton

Photos sent in by Robert Marsh (1947 - 56, Haig & Kitchener)

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