



The Dukies' Association

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DUKIE NEWS

The newsletter for all members of The Dukies' Association



LAUNCH PARTY

The Dukies' Association is officially welcomed

Also in the Edition: **The Dukies' Tribute**
The School will be travelling to Ypres to parade our colours and lay wreaths

Visit to America
Major Cresswell joins our students on an exchange trip to Valley Forge

OBE Honours
One of our own has been appointed as an OBE

From Simon Daghish, Chair of The Dukies' Association

WELCOME TO THE FIRST EDITION

To all Dukies, wherever you may be in the world, I wish you a very happy and prosperous 2014, and I would like to welcome you to the first edition of Dukie News.

The Dukies' Association (TDA) was launched at The Duke of York's HQ, Chelsea (now Saatchi Gallery) in September 2013. Over 250 Dukies and staff gathered to celebrate the forging of a solid new partnership that is being developed between the School and its alumni. Marking the beginning of TDA in the original School building will forever be a poignant moment in Dukie history.

Many of you were telling us that you wanted to give something back to the School, and that you wanted to work directly with the School to benefit existing students.

After many years in the world of work, you recognise what the School has done for you, and feel compelled to give something back.

The Dukies' Association aims to unite all Dukies through networking events, careers support and fund raising activities. An informal panel made up of male and female Dukies representing various decades, school staff and the Old Boys' Association is



meeting quarterly to develop a strong TDA for all Dukies and the School to benefit from.

The launch night video can be seen on TDA's page on the School website.

Simon Daghish

Message from the School's Executive Principal

WE ARE DELIGHTED TO BE IN TOUCH

On behalf of the School, I would like to say how delighted we are to be in touch with so many Dukies following the launch of The Dukies' Association.

Becoming an Academy in 2010, the School has undergone substantial change but we have never lost sight of our military heritage and tradition. We know that our alumni can offer the school so much more than has

been realised in the past. The world of work is growing ever tougher for our young people, and a strong Dukie network of existing and past students can help support them as they make their way in life.

Having been associated with the school for three years now, I am struck by the strong bond that Dukies have, the respect and support you show each



other, and how much the School means to you. By working closely together on developing TDA, we can truly make a difference and enhance the Dukie community in all respects.

Chris Russell

HOW TO JOIN

Joining TDA is simple. Log on to the School's website www.doyrms.com/the-dukies-association

There is a registration form to complete that will ensure you are added to our database. Membership is free and inclusive, and you will be kept up-to-date with School and alumni news via regular e-bulletins. Please also be sure to sign up to TDA's Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn pages.

A website for TDA will be developed in conjunction with the School's own website in 2014.

NEWSLETTER ITEMS

There will be three printed Dukie News newsletters each year. It is envisaged that these will be issued in February, May and September. A simple monthly e-news bulletin will also be issued sharing School news and events. Please spread the word and encourage as many Dukie friends to register. If you completed the online registration form earlier than November 2013, it has changed. Please update

us with extra information required. If you would like to contribute, or have any content suggestions, please email

amanda.baker@doyrms.com



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 Daghish
Chairman (79 – 84, Wolfe)

Chris Crowcroft
Vice Chairman (63 – 70, Haig and Clive)

Andy Wilkes
(83 – 89, Wolseley House)

Abigail Trench
(97 – 04, Alanbrooke, Marlborough and Clive)

Charlie Davies
(01 – 05, Marlborough)

Chris Winter
(86 – 93, Haig and Wolfe)

Ted Bartlett
43 – 47, Kitchener and Marlborough)

Karl Biscoe
(57 – 62, Clive)

Chad Stather
(81 – 88, Roberts)

Chris Russell
Executive Principal, DYRMS

Nick Scott-Kilvert
Director of Finance and Operations, DYRMS

Amanda Baker
Marketing Director, DYRMS

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

In Pictures

THE DUKIES' ASSOCIATION LAUNCH PARTY

The Dukies' Association launch event went so well that you all 'drunk the bar dry' quite literally! With a grand entrance from Major David Cresswell (rtd) and the School's Corps of Drums, a solo performance of a locally composed song 'Soldier, Soldier' and a rousing rendition

by the School Choir and assembled guests of *Sons of the Brave*, the evening went down a storm. Watch the video on the School's YouTube channel (search DOYRMS, Dover).



The Dukies' Foundation

The Dukies' Foundation (TDF) was established in November 2013. Originally known as the Amenities and Education Trust, the fund is managed by a group of Trustees, including our Chair of Governors, Dr Geoff Soar, and Vice-President of the OBA, Andy Barlow. An investment plan is being established that will see a continual 66% of the fund invested for growth, while the remainder will be an operational fund supporting student bursaries, student scholarships, investment in additional resources and capital projects.

The Dukies' Foundation is a charitable Trust, and benefits from Gift Aid. Because of its bond with the School and its charitable registration, it is intended that TDF should receive any donations to the School. There will be more to share about our fundraising strategy later in the year.

Celebrating Twenty Years of Girls

With a database of 700 and growing, The Dukies' Association now has over 100 female Dukies registered. A fair few of you were at the launch night and it was great to catch up on your news and careers. To celebrate 'twenty years of girls' a dinner is being organised at DYRMS on 16 May 2014. If you are interested in attending, please contact Katherine.seton@doyrms.com for further information.

The Need for Change

EXCITING TIMES

The School changed to a full State Boarding Academy in 2010. As part of the process, the School was also awarded a £24.9m grant from The Department of Education for enhancing our facilities. The new build project is fully underway, and by September 2014, we can expect to see four brand new junior boarding houses, a refurbishment of all Boarding Houses on the 'D' which will house senior school pupils. In addition, our Sixth Form House, Centenary, has been extended to accommodate Year 12 (lower

sixth) students as well as Year 13 (Upper Sixth).

Two brand new teaching blocks are being built, with the first now ready for use this term. A drama black box performance space, and a brand new Sports Centre built to Sports England specification have also been built and are now ready for use.

The Dukies' Foundation has generously donated money for new raked seating in the Nye Hall, and students and staff, who have patiently been trudging through mud for a few

months now, are truly excited about the plans.

As well as the new build work taking shape, our staff at the School have had many conversations with Dukies old and young. We understand that, while recognising the need for change, we must also stay close to our roots, to maintain our military ethos and heritage, and for "Dukie to look after Dukie". Our alumni have a significant role to play in supporting the School as we move forward.

OBA Ballot

We are pleased to be working with members of the OBA Committee as we develop TDA. Three members of the Committee also sit on TDA's panel, and all have been very supportive in TDA's launch year.

The School facilitated the successful OBA Dinner in the Dining Hall on Remembrance Weekend, where TDA members were also invited, and official Parade duties were shared by OBA and TDA members in this transitional year.

Members of the OBA Committee have agreed to ballot their members in March 2014. Members will be able to vote to merge into The Dukies' Association. It is hoped that OBA members will view this proposition positively and embrace the future as The Dukies' Association. Working together as one entity, means that so much can be achieved, as the School will provide valuable resources to support TDA and ensure its longevity. It is the School's dearest wish that this can be achieved so there is one body that can play a major part in the life of the School.

Future Events

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

TDA Careers Fair, 21 March 2014, DYRMS

The School will be in touch with Dukies who are happy to inspire the next generation by representing their industry at a Careers Fair, to be held at the School. There will be some presentations and exhibition stands for Dukies to talk to students directly.

Meningate, Ypres, Wednesday 26 March 2014, Belgium
Support our students who are providing a Guard of Honour at the Meningate for those Dukies who lost their lives in WWI

Sports Dinner, Saturday 29 March, DYRMS

Following the success of our first Sports Dinner, the School would like to invite alumni to a night with a well-known sports personality on Saturday 29 March. The evening promises good speeches, good food and good company.

Founders Day, 26 April 2014, DYRMS

Our very own Paul Harrington suggested that it could be a very good idea to celebrate the School in the month in which it was founded. The contract was signed for the Opening of Duke of York's HQ, Chelsea in 1801.

Grand Day, Friday 4 July 2014, from 12.30 noon

The most spectacular school day of the year. Dukies are welcome to come and reminisce at this year's Grand Day where we celebrate the successes of our students with parents, staff and friends.

Ladies night, 16 May 2014, 2014, DYRMS

For all female Dukies who would like to join a fabulous event to celebrate 20 years of girls studying at The Duke of York's Royal Military School. Please contact Katherine Seton (katherine.seton@doyrms.com) for more details.

Drinks in the Mall, Wednesday 9 July 2014, 7pm

Dukies will be invited to a networking event in London at the Mall Galleries. Overseen by a statue of The Duke of York himself, this event will run against a backdrop of the nation's best student artwork.

Welcome Home Dinner, Saturday 7 November 2014, 7pm

Dukies' Dinner in the Dining Hall.

Remembrance Parade, Sunday 8 November 2014

'Welcome Home' OBA Dinner

On Saturday 9th November, the School welcomed the Old Boys' Association back to their Dining Hall and, in many cases, for the first time in 40 years. Organised by the OBA and the School, the hall was filled with the voices of over 90 Dukies and their partners. In his speech to the Old Dukies, Chris Russell opened with a heartfelt 'Welcome Home' and followed with details regarding the school year ahead, with the planned completion of the new school buildings and the fight to regain the crown in our crest. David Gardiner and Ted Bartlett also gave speeches.

Ted Bartlett and David Gardiner gave speeches and highlighted the next OBA lunch that will take place at the Union Jack Club, London on 5 April 2014. Booking priority will be given to OBA members until 7 March, and then TDA members are welcome to apply. Please contact Ted Bartlett, epbartlett@yahoo.co.uk



In Pictures

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

It was bright and sunny, undercut by a brisk north-easterly. The old Dukies' company on parade, at least 100, was the largest for some years including female representation and the sight of several in the uniformed services. Elsewhere among current Dukies, a couple of grey tunics indicated exchange students from the USA. The band, slimmed down but in good form, was fresh back from an outing the day before at Twickenham, playing for England vs Argentina.

After the Centotaph occasion, the salute was taken by the



Chairmen of OBA and TDA alongside the School Principal. Chapel was brisk and muscally musical with favourite hymns including Sons of the Brave with its 'we come to ask that thy blessing/may rest on comrades far away.' Pupil Georgia Jackson sang a catchy new song 'Soldier Soldier' which merits wider hearing. The service was led by

Vice Principal Saunderson, OC Ceremonial & CCF. We learned that 90+ Royal Hibernians lost in WW1 will be recorded in Chapel (the Hibs merged with us in 1921). Chairman of the OBA and the Executive Principal read the lessons.

After that we socialised in the new Nye Hall and the Executive Principal gave lunch hospitality in School House. There was plenty of building evidence around about - 4 new boarding houses, two new teaching blocks, a black box drama studio and a new sports hall all due for completion by September next year.



It was, all in all, an inclusive weekend celebrating much of the old and showing us much of the new.

Chris Crowcroft



SCHOOL NEWS

College of Arms Start Work on our NEW SCHOOL CREST

The School has been in earnest discussions with the College of Arms, the Palace, the Crown Office and the Cabinet Office over the last 15 months. When we became an Academy in 2010, the School Crest was given up for a modern symbol. This was an error of judgement and shouldn't have been allowed to happen.

It did happen, however, and now the School is extremely keen to get the crown back.

The modernised 'Rose' isn't the same according to our students, and we agree. There is a slight hiccup in the plan however. Back in the day, when the School's Crest was granted, it was apparently not legal to be used by the institution. The Duke of York simply allowed us to use a version of his own crest. However, all is not lost. Based on the old School Crest, The College of Arms has promised us something

even better than what we had before. Once this has been confirmed, and artwork authorised, this will become the School Coat of Arms, and will also be used for The Dukies' Association and The Dukies' Foundation. Planned merchandise will follow as I know many of you have been asking about it. The School's colours of maroon and navy will remain.

Sixth Form Dinner



The Sixth Form Dinner was a brilliant night for Centenary House and many members of staff to enjoy an evening of great food and company. The guest speaker, Major David Bradley, was an inspirational officer who had been injured in Iraq, and had achieved great things since then; we particularly enjoyed hearing about his endeavours whilst canoeing the Thames. The advice he gave to us as young people looking forward to our own futures was excellent, and each of us had something memorable to take away from his moving words of encouragement.

Bryony Armstrong

Alumni Guests

PORTUGUESE MILITARY SCHOOL



In January, the School was pleased to welcome alumni guests from Colégio Militar, a military secondary school in Lisbon, Portugal. It was founded by general António Teixeira Rebelo in 1803. Initially intended to shelter the sons of military officers stationed abroad to fight the French armies and turn them into army officers, it endured through the French Invasions until the present. It is one of the eldest schools of Portugal and Europe and the most decorated military institution in Portugal.

Colégio Militar has been through many regime changes, revolutions and wars, providing a military education for thousands of youngsters who join at the age of ten and finish just before entering university or military academies. It is quite distinctive in its educational method, in which the elder students are ranked and put in command of the younger, perpetuating many rich and ancient traditions that keep a tight bond in the student corps (that often last throughout their lives).

Teaching is led by a mixed staff of military and civilian teachers. There is a high sports component in the curriculum which includes, among others, fencing, horse riding, competition gymnastics, and shooting.

Its anniversary is celebrated on March 3 with a parade descending "Avenida da Liberdade", Lisbon's main avenue. About 15,000 students have graduated from Colégio Militar.



26th March 2014

THE DUKIES' TRIBUTE

This will take place at the Menin Gate, Ypres on 26 March. The School will be visiting Ypres to parade our colours and lay wreaths in memory of our former pupils and their Regiments (see P9). Some Regiments no longer exist, having been amalgamated and/or disbanded, but through the work of a couple of old boys and the School's WO1 RSM Steff Dowle, many of their modern counterparts have responded and donated wreaths. The OBA will provide two wreaths and others have been bought by private donation.

A couple of coaches carrying about 100 pupils will leave the School early on the 26th for

the Ypres area. During the day they will have an educational visit to the battlefields. In the late afternoon they will return to Ypres. After dining they will change into uniform and in the evening (about 7 to 7.15pm) a Colour party, the band and drums, and an honour guard will parade through the town centre to the Menin Gate. The party is being led by WO1 RSM Stephan Dowle.

People begin assembling at the gate from about 7.30 pm and at 8 pm the "Last Post" will be sounded by buglers of the local volunteer Fire Brigade at the eastern entrance of the Menin Gate Memorial. This is an act of remembrance that they have performed every day since 1919 with a gap for WW2 when they

were banned from doing so.

Wreaths will be then laid in honour of all the Dukies and their Regiments. After all wreaths have been laid the buglers will play "Reveille". The School contingent will then march off to the sound of the band and drums. It promises to be an historic and moving ceremony.

The School is happy for any old Dukie to attend as a spectator. The OBA committee will be represented, at no cost to the OBA, by Geoff Ralph and Paul Harrington. Other members of the OBA/TDA have already indicated that they will attend, and our thanks go to Tim Foster for arranging the battlefield tour guide for the pupils.



However, it must be stressed that anyone who wishes to attend must do so at his/her own cost and make their own arrangements for travel and accommodation. Transport is not available on the School coaches.

After the ceremony of laying the wreaths, the School party will board their coaches and return to the School.

Geoff Ralph

England v Argentina at Twickenham

BAND PLAYS LOUD AND PROUD

In mid-October the Director of Military Music, Maj David Cresswell (Retd) was contacted to see if the School's military band would be available to provide entertainment and play the National Anthems for the international rugby fixture between England and Argentina at Twickenham stadium on 9 November 2013.

An opportunity like this could not be missed and so Major Cresswell (rtd) set out to prepare the band. "Of course the Argentinian National Anthem is not part of our routine repertoire, so naturally of prime importance was to get down to learning it" says Major Cresswell.

In addition to the two anthems the band was asked to play Jerusalem and a further 20 minute slot prior to the match. Laura Wright would be singing both Jerusalem and God Save the Queen and Josefina Achaval the anthem of Argentina. Recordings of the band's rendition of all 3 tunes had to be prepared in advance and sent for the approval of the singers. The band set about rehearsing the challenging opening of the Argentinian anthem in particular, and polishing other suitable repertoire such as Swing Low and the rugby anthem 'Jupiter' in earnest before the two week half term break, leaving 5 short days for

final preparations once back at school at the beginning of November.

A 07:00 departure from Dover was necessary to reach the ground in time for the morning rehearsals. Once changed into uniform the band marched confidently along the south stand to take its place for the opening performance. It was brilliant to hear the crowd joining in with Swing Low and Jupiter and also their warm applause at the end of this slot.

But the pinnacle had yet to be reached. Taking position in the middle of the pitch was a thrill for all the band and then after the after the

introduction of Jerusalem had been confidently played, the sound of the near capacity crowd singing along was amazing. The entrance of the players was punctuated with pyrotechnics and then it was time for the Argentinian anthem. Josefina's beautiful voice sailed over the band's confident playing, to be followed by the awesome sound of the crowd thundering out God Save the Queen. With little time to take it all in, Drum Major Ieuan Bevan gave the word of command to step off and the band had done it. The band marched off to rapturous applause feeling 10 feet tall!



Valley Forge Exchange

BAND PERFORMS IN AMERICA

On the early hours of Sunday 7th November, Major Cresswell, four Dukies (Alex Lynch, Christopher Holden-Pollard, Stephen Israel and Harry Cowley) and one of the Valley Forge exchange students (Naill Gallagher) embarked on a long awaited, exciting journey to the USA.

We set off for the eight hour journey 'back in time' to Wayne, Pennsylvania – close by the city of Philadelphia. Instantly we were greeted with friendly service, some considerable humidity and both new and old accents. We were now the foreign exchange students. Still fresh in the day, Bandmaster Phil Evan (Royal Marines Ret') transported us back to the school campus and saw that we were comfortable in our rooms at Rose Hall. Unfortunately for us we were on the top of the hill, leaving the remainder of the activity far down at the bottom, however we persevered. Instantly as we arrived band members were called to meet us and the other interested students of the Academy and College

also shared their salutations. We were now set for an early night to begin the morning's rehearsals at 0630. The music we were faced with was completely new to all Dukie participants.

In the morning we reluctantly slid out of our beds for the morning rehearsals and to meet the remaining band members. The music we were faced with was on the whole completely new to all the Dukie participants and so after lessons had started for the Valley Forge students, Maj. Cresswell spent over two intensive hours with Christopher and Harry rehearsing and fine tuning the woodwind parts, whilst Alex and Stephen received technical tutoring from a friend and colleague of Mr Evans, retired Royal Marine Drum Major, David Taylor. Stephen, still recovering from the jetlag found a comfortable place to sleep on some chairs, only to have Mr Taylor awaken him with a brash cymbal crash to the ear!

Later that evening at 16:00,

the band formed outside the musician accommodation, Von Stuben Hall for an outside marching rehearsal which would go on until dinner at around 18:00. This was the first time we had marched with their band and new marching styles had to be adapted as they followed the drill styles of the Royal Marines. The music was challenging to play let alone march to and concentration was needed by the instrumentalists to focus on the notes, whilst Alex and Stephen had to adapt to the new drumming music (which had to be memorised) and the new stick drills.

On the Friday we put all this practice to work when we performed in the 'Valley Forge Tattoo Musical Extravaganza 2013'. We played and marched to music such as 'Rocky', and the theme from 'Game of Thrones'. We first marched on the Colours and then left the arena to allow other performances take place. These included the spectacular works of the Valley Forge drill teams, The Herald Trumpets (under



direction of Maj. Cresswell) and the Washington Pipe Band. The impressive Valley Forge Field Music division also took part, sharing their interesting movements and stick drills, whilst beating complex patterns. Last to appear was the Regimental Band which we would be performing with, and after pulling off intricate manoeuvres with a forty man band, Mr Evans and the rest of the staff all said that 'this was the best band they have had so far... the quality of musicians and the depth of concentration excelled all past beliefs of the band, and it most definitely showed'. The night was also professionally produced, with professional filming and lighting, making the night feel more memorable and special than ever.

By Harry Cowley – Lower IVth – Roberts House

Tomb of the Unknown Warrior

Students provided an Honour Guard and Buglers for the Torch of Remembrance Service at Westminster Abbey on Thursday 7 November followed by a wreath laying at Dover Marine Station (on Friday 8 November).

They were specially selected to provide the Guard of Honour to stand guard over the Tomb of the Unknown Warrior and to play the last post and Reveille bugle call. The torch is annually lit at the Tomb of Unknown Warrior during a ceremony in memory of the British soldiers who died in the First World War and is then taken to Belgium to light the Belgium Torch of Remembrance.



In attendance at Westminster Abbey were MP Andrew Murrison, Minister for International Security Strategy, The Right Reverend Dr John Hall, The Dean of Westminster Abbey and Col. The Hon. Peter

Trustrum Eve, President of the British Torch of Remembrance, who met and thanked the students.

The student guards also took part in a wreath laying ceremony when the Torch

travelled back to Dover Marine Station en route to the battlefields of Belgium.

The School first provided an Honour Guard in 1919 when the body of the 'Unknown Warrior' was brought back to Britain from the Western Front via Dover Docks.

The British Torch of Remembrance was lit in Belgium after the 1st World War and then extinguished by the Nazis in the 2nd World War. The original torch was brought to Westminster Abbey to be relit and returned to Belgium, this tradition has continued every year since.

Inter-House Song Competition JAMBOREE ATMOSPHERE



After 26 years as a spectator, it was a great privilege and enormous fun to be the guest adjudicator at the 2013 Inter House Song Competition. The challenge for me came not only on the night, but several days earlier as I sought to stretch my musical comfort zone and become familiar with the modern song choices of each House. Thus, well prepared

by courtesy of YouTube, I recognised the music and words of every offering!

As ever there was an exuberant, jamboree atmosphere in the Hall. The palpable sense of keen competition was tempered by the usual warm and mutual support for each House's performance. Ultimately, the judges congratulated the boys of Wellington House as being worthy winners; their victory being won amidst tough competition. However, it took the individual contribution of every performer to create what was a hugely entertaining evening.

*Former teacher and CCF Officer,
Andrew Nunn*

Brigadier (Retired) Brian Parritt CBE FASCINATING TALK

On Wednesday 13 November, Brigadier Parritt gave a fascinating talk on his experience of the Korean War at the book signing of his latest publication 'Chinese Hordes & Human Waves'.

Brigadier (Retired) Brian Parritt CBE served as a Gunner Officer in Korea from 1952 to 1953. He took part in the Third Battle of The Hook and as the Forward Observation Officer in a company level night attack by the 1st Kings Regiment where he was wounded. He studied for three years at Hong Kong University and qualified as a First Class Interpreter in Chinese (Mandarin). Throughout his service he held a variety of



senior Intelligence and Security appointments all over the world, including Hong Kong, Singapore, Malaysia, Borneo, Malta, Libya and Cyprus.

He is the author of four books on Maritime Terrorism; a four-volume account of British Military History in the Far East in the 19th Century and a History of British Military Intelligence from the Middle Ages to 1929.

He was awarded the MBE during the ENOSIS Campaign in Cyprus and the CBE in Northern Ireland.



Commemorating WWI PUPILS TO BE HONOURED

2014 marks the hundredth anniversary of the start of WWI. The School will be commemorating the part former pupils played in the war and will be honouring those who lost their lives in action.

During the conflict over 230 Dukies died in the fighting, and as we heard at the November reunion, one VC was won by a Dukie and one by a former pupil at the Royal Hibernian School which later merged with the DYRMS. Their colours still hang in our school chapel alongside ours.

The names of the dead are recorded on the School's War Memorial and details can be found on this site:

<http://www.doverwarmemorialproject.org.uk/Casualties/MoreMemorials/Schools/Dukies.htm>

Many of those who fell in the War have known resting places and their graves are tended with care and respect by the War Graves Commission. However, many bodies were never recovered and they have no resting place. Their names are recorded on one of four British and Commonwealth memorials in the area of Belgian Flanders.

Perhaps the two best known memorials to those with no graves are:

The Thiepval Memorial

The Memorial to the Missing of the Somme, which bears the names of more than 72,000 officers and men of the United Kingdom

Blane F W H - *Welsh Borders*

Booth H S - *Yorks and Lancaster Regiment*

Carter G - *The Bedfordshire Regiment*

Ennis T - *The Sherwood Foresters*

Hall F E C - *The Suffolk Regiment*

Hallett S W - *The Middlesex Regiment*

and South African forces who died in the Somme sector before 20 March 1918. There are ten Dukies commemorated here:

Maycock G T - *The Royal Warwickshire Regiment*

Melville J - *Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers*

Pearce C G - *The Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry*

Thomas C W - *The Argyll and Southern Highlanders*

The Menin Gate Memorial

The Memorial to the missing in the battlefield area of the Ypres Salient in Belgian Flanders. It bears the names of 54,389 officers and men from United Kingdom and Commonwealth Forces (except New Zealand and Newfoundland) who fell in

the Ypres Salient before 16th August 1917. These too have no known graves.

The numbers themselves are staggering. The sacrifice made by our soldiers more so. There are fifteen Dukies whose names are on the Menin Gate and they are:

Adshead H H - *The King's Royal Rifle Corps*

Anderson W - *The Highland Light Infantry*

Batters N J - *The Devonshire Regiment*

Elder R W - *The Gordon Highlanders*

Ellis J H - *The Devonshire Regiment*

Golding T G - *The Gloucestershire Regiment*

Hungerford A V - *The Queen's Royal West Surrey Regiment*

King H W - *The Royal Fusiliers*

Lake J D - *The Queen's Royal West Surrey Regiment*

Milne W - *The Gordon Highlanders*

Pegram J J - *The Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry*

Pitman P - *The Irish Guards*

Scott A H - *The Royal Horse Guards*

Wood J E - *East Yorkshire Regiment*

Winter R W - *The Northumberland Fusiliers*

ALUMNI NEWS

Lt Col Stokoe

ONE OF OUR OWN RECEIVES OBE

Former pupil Lt Col Niall Stokoe (CO Queen's Gurkha Signals) has been appointed as an OBE. Lt Col Niall Stokoe was commissioned in to the Royal Signals in December 1992. Fortunate to spend a lot of time as a subaltern, he commanded troops in 9 Sig Regt (Radio), 30 Sig Regt (with 250 Gurkha Sig Sqn) and 14 Sig Regt (EW) between 1993 - 2000. During this time he completed his long Gurkha Language Course as well as operational tours of Northern Ireland (1993) and Bosnia (1996 & 1998). Following troop command he became Second in Command of 249 Sig Sqn (AMF(L) which gave him the opportunity to ski a great deal as well as the chance to return to Bosnia for the 3rd time in

1999. He completed AJD in 2000 and returned to 30 Sig Regt as Adjt, serving in that post from 2001-2003

Upon promotion to Major in 2003, Lt Col Stokoe spent a year in G6 Ops/Cts HQ LAND prior to attending ACSC 9. Following the completion of the Defence Technology MA and the year-long staff course, Lt Col Stokoe was posted to the USA as the UK Exchange Officer working in US Army G6 in the Pentagon, principally involved in the development of CIS Architecture in support of US Army transformation. He returned to the UK and assumed command of 12 Mech Bde HQ & Sig Sqn (228) in 2008, serving until 2011. Thereafter he deployed to Op HERRICK as part of the UK

Staff Element working with the US Marines in HQ RC (SW).

He was promoted to Lt Col in 2012 and was appointed as SO1 J3 PJHQ. He was the Team Leader for the Counter-Terrorism and Rest of the World Operations team, working across PJHQ and Whitehall in the delivery of operational effect in some 17 different theatres. Upon completion of this tour, he assumed command of 30 Sig Regt and Commander QG Signals in Jul 2013.

Lt Col Stokoe is married to Sandra and they have two children, Alex (10) and Lucy (8). He is the Chairman of Corps Football and continues to play at a competitive level.



THE OBA DINNER

"Having travelled down from Fyfe for the dinner, I arrived at my room only to hear a knock five minutes later. I opened the door and there was Richard/Arthur Harold, one of my peers from back in the day at DYRMS!

I had (happily) met Richard a few weeks earlier at the set-up of TDA at the Saatchi Gallery. I had been somewhat apprehensive about attending that event as I didn't think I'd recognise anybody. So many years. The first person to speak to me was Richard. "Hello, I'm Richard Harold!" Joy of Joy, I recognised the name. "I know you don't I?" Richard was in the same house, Kitchener, as me and at the same time.

Richard introduced me to

his wife Fay and we all had coffee, and a good 'blether' prior to going back to our rooms to prepare for the dinner.

We were collected by a minibus and transported to the school. Although it was dark, we could see there was a terrific amount of building work going on, with the bus having to weave its way through various diversions. On to the dinner, and I was seated at the same table as Richard and Fay. Also at the table was another of my heroes from the day, Howarth and his wife, we always called each other by surnames when we were at the school! Although, I was also called a lot of other imaginative names whilst there as well.

The evening was well organised and I tip my hat to all concerned. I thoroughly enjoyed my night, and listening to Richard Harold with his exhaustive knowledge of the history of the school was a real highlight.

Alas I was unable to stay for the Remembrance Sunday Service and March, although others have been kind enough to post photos of the event".

Ken Matthews

Friday 4 July, 2014

Over 60s

Reunion Dinner

This event is effectively a privately arranged dinner for old boys and their partners. Dukies wishing to attend are not required to be members of either the OBA or The Dukies' Association but should be aged 60 years plus.

At the time of preparing this notice over 100 have registered and paid to attend and it is hoped this number will increase to 130+ come the date.

165 double/twin bedrooms have been reserved at the Ramada for the night of the dinner of which 51 have already been allocated.

Anyone wishing to attend is advised to contact the organiser, Peter Godwin, by phone on 0121 308 3931 or by email p.godders@talktalk.net.

Thursday 3 July, 2014

OBA Golf Competition

This year's event is to be held at The Sittingbourne and Milton Regis Golf Club (first tee-off 12.30). Following the competition a two course dinner has been arranged at the club. Bedrooms have also been reserved at the Ramada Hotel for those wishing overnight accommodation and for those attending the Reunion Dinner on the Friday night. Anyone wishing to enter this competition should contact Peter Godwin per the contact details entered above.

NB. Competing golfers under 60 years of age are most welcome to attend the Reunion Dinner on Friday 4 July.

Ted Grant

DUKIE DOWNUNDER

An extract from his own newsletter that he distributes to Dukies in Australia, New Zealand and beyond recalls:

On the 14th of June, on invitation from Amanda Baker, I visited The School and met with Executive Principal Chris Russell, Vice Principal Steven Saunderson, and Finance and Operations Director Nick Scott-Kilvert.

We had a lengthy discussion on the direction in which the school was heading and the aims of the TDA. I was shown the plans of the school's current and future building and development and was very impressed by the scale of these projects. This impression was enhanced when after our meeting Amanda took me on a tour of the school and showed me the work in progress.

During the tour I visited Wellington House where I was met by a very smart young

prefect, Robbie Dowell, who conducted me on a tour of the house.

I also visited the new Centenary House to see the luxurious conditions in which the Upper Sixth now lived.

All single rooms with full en suite facilities, work station and modern furnishings. Whilst there I met girl CSP Sam Lynch.

During my earlier talks I learned that on the change-over to academy status the school was rebranded and only the much simplified white rose was used in its new logo. The school is fighting hard to have its crest, including the crown, restored as its rightful logo.

At the end of the day I was left with the impression that under the current leadership team The School was in very good hands and that its military traditions would be vigorously upheld and defended.

The tour now being over we adjourned to the dining room for lunch, dropping in on the school RSM Steff Dowle on the way. Amanda informed me that being Friday it would be fish and chips day. Back in my days at the school if one did not like fish on a Friday one went hungry. In today's modern environment the menu had other choices for non-fish lovers. One thing that had not changed was having to queue with a hundred or so hungry students for my lunch. This queuing applied to all staff including the RSM.

Before leaving I visited the chapel and was pleased to see that Steven Saunderson had arranged for the correction of the misspelling of James Toohey on the wall of honour, one of the two Dukies in my "Tale of Two Dukies" article.

Warren Becomes Marine Commando

Warren Rowe, (Haig and Roberts, '04 – '10) returned to the School in October 2013 to discuss his first year's training for entry into the Royal Marines. CCF students listened in awe as Warren and his colleague described the challenges they had to face as they competed to enter this most elite force. Stories of yomping for miles with heavy back packs and weapons did not deter many of our Dukies, and they all swarmed around our guests at the end of the presentation to ask more questions. We wish Warren luck in his future career as a Marine Commando.



School Calendar Events

Dukies are invited to any event in the school calendar that is marked with an asterisk*. For child protection purposes, we politely ask that you let us know if you would like to attend. Please refer to the school calendar on the website, www.doyrms.com/school-calendar-lent-term-2014 or alternatively contact katherine.seton@doyrms.com and she will post you a hard copy of the calendar. Any key events not in the calendar will be communicated via this newsletter or an e-bulletin.

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Glenn Barton

'The Geneva Convention'

Writers and old Dukies Martin Bodenham (l) and Art Cockerill (r) get together over Christmas in Vancouver. Martin's latest thriller is 'The Geneva Convention.' Art wrote 'The Charity of Mars,' the bicentennial history of DYRMS. Martin and his wife Jules have recently moved to Canada where they are building a house; Art and wife Charlotte are longtime Canadian residents.



OLD BOYS' RUGBY REUNION

The game was played in two halves by two teams in torrential rain and on a boggy pitch. The over 30s drew 7-7 and then the under 30s played the second half and won 14-0. Players and supporters went on to the local Three Cups Pub to watch the Dukie band Hong Kong Streakers who were really good.

For those of you who don't know, Dukies have a Memorial Rugby Team. Over the last 13 years we have gone from strength-to-strength and the game has been played at Dover RFC for about the last 10 years. From humble beginnings,

devised over a beer on a train, the fixture has now become a firm favourite amongst players and supporters alike. Indeed, at the last count we had something in the order of around 100 Dukies involved in some form on match day. The rugby is closely supported by Dover RFC and runs independently from the OBA and TDA. We play every year on the Saturday of Old Boys as The Duke of York's Memorial XV for either the Memorial Plate (Senior's game) or the Memorial Shield (Froot's game). The senior game is held in honour of Christian Redman who was

killed in the Bali Bombing, whilst the youngsters play for Richard Credland who simply expired before his time.

So, what does this year hold? Well, plans are being put in place to potentially host the game at the school this year. More details will follow but the Memorial XV Committee will be working with TDA in order to create a fantastic match day atmosphere. The rugby would be nothing without your continued support so on behalf of the Memorial Rugby XV I would like to thank you all. If you would like to be a part



of this fantastic organisation, please email andrew.a.black@gmail.com for more information. Play Up Dukies you Sons of the Brave!!!

*Andrew A Black
President, Memorial XV*

Visit from Andrew Fyfe

SHELL AND INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS

Having not returned to the school for 25 years, old boy, Andrew Fyfe made the long journey from Aberdeen to Dover for the Old Boy's weekend, 2013. There has been added emphasis to forming a stronger connection between current and past Dukies, this talk clearly demonstrated that and I believe this small presentation to be the first of many to come.

Mr Fyfe had not been in the main school block for decades and the reminiscent value was clearly expressed through the vivid memory of his. Upon this visit, however, he was the one stood in front of us students. He started by telling us about his time at the school; being in Marlborough house (when

The Duke of York's was still an all-boys school). Taking part on the sports fields, marching onto the parade square and the general Dukie lifestyle seemed all too familiar to the returning 'Old Boy'.

Upon looking at the distinctive logo on the interactive board, Mr Fyfe was reminded what he was to talk about. His industry, could be spotted a mile off with his opening question: "Does anybody know how much a barrel of oil is worth today?" only to a puzzled response from a group of quiet teenagers. 'Corporate objectives' appears along with a business' other objectives and functions, appears on the A level syllabus and was a topic that we, as a class, had completed. Mrs

Ganley had informed the guest speaker of this and this did not go unnoticed. The talk related very well with our studies and Shell's objectives and functions seemed bring our syllabus to life, in real terms and experiences by Mr Fyfe. The sheer, overwhelming size of Shell shocked us all, as we had only known the huge profits and costs, of an international company, as numbers on a textbook.

I think I can safely speak on behalf of the whole Year 13 Business Studies class, when I say that the morning talk was enjoyed by all. The success of a past Dukie at such a senior position in a transnational company is truly inspirational. It gives me hope that The



Duke of York's Royal Military School can really equip us all with the necessary tools to lead a prosperous life. I'd once again like to thank Andrew Fyfe for his time in his evidently busy working week and Mrs Ganley for arranging the presentation.

Liam Hodgetts

