

# Ian Kennett



1979 - 1986 (Haig and Marlborough)

I left the school in 1986 and thanks to an introduction by the then headmaster, Col. Petrie I embarked on a career in insurance. As I remained in Kent, I regularly attended Old Boys events but had seen the numbers dwindle and a chance meeting with some 'younger old boys' on a train to Twickenham in 2001 led to the formation of what is now the Memorial XV and an annual fixture at Dover Rugby Club on the Saturday of the Armistice weekend.

I spend most of my spare time training for marathons and ultra-marathons to raise money for Walking with the Wounded, a charity co-founded by Simon DGLISH which supports injured service personnel.

In 2015 I completed the Marathon des Sables (250km self-supported race across the Moroccan Sahara) and the Ride of the Lions 'Waterloo ride', a 200 mile cycle ride from Brussels to London with the bonus of an overnight stay at the school and breakfast on the high table with some rugby legends.

I was asked to join the TDA in 2015 and was delighted to accept. I am keen to promote a strong alumni association, give something back to the school and help Dukies of any vintage in whatever way I can.