



The Dukies' Association

# DUKIE NEWS

The newsletter for all members of The Dukies' Association



## MENIN GATE

Dukies honour former pupils

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The School regains the Royal Crown

**Careers Day**  
Old Dukies return to School to inspire current Dukies to think differently about their futures

**Nye Hall Seating**  
Seating funded by The Dukies' Foundation is in place

# Message from the School's Executive Principal

## BUSY TIMES AT SCHOOL

Welcome to issue 2 of Dukie News! The last newsletter was very well received, and many of you took the trouble to get in touch and share your thoughts.

Since the first issue landed on doormats in February, so much has happened at the School; the very first Careers Fair took place in our new AG's room at the School; many Dukies past and present visited the Menin Gate in March to pay their respects to the soldiers, including 19 Dukies, who died but whose bodies were never able to be properly laid to rest in the First World War; the School was visited by five senior Bangladeshi Generals who were considering best practice



in leadership and citizenship for their own military colleges; and everyone at the School was delighted to receive 'Good' in every category in our recent fully integrated academic and welfare Ofsted Inspection.

I do hope as many of you as possible and your respective partners are able to join us at

our drinks evening at the Mall Galleries, London. Taking place on Wednesday 9 July, from 6.30pm to 9.30pm, it promises to be a lively and engaging evening, and I look forward to catching up with you there.

*Chris Russell*

## From Simon Daghish, Chair of The Dukies' Association TDA GROWING IN STRENGTH

Hello to all fellow Dukies! And what a few months it has been. The Dukies Association was formed in March 2013 to consider whether there were enough interested Dukies wanting to forge a more meaningful and reciprocal relationship with their old School. So far we have heard from 800 of you who have freely shared your details with us to develop our database. We have over 1,000 subscribers to TDA's Facebook page, while our Twitter fan base continues to grow. Just a year later,

the OBA (which has three representatives on TDA's panel) has voted to merge with TDA over the next few months.

Ten Dukies recently returned to the School to support its very first Careers fair, and so much has been learnt to ensure it's even bigger and better in 2015. Resource and support willing, Dukie students are keen to benefit from our help.

Over the next few months, a newly integrated website will be developed for both



the School and TDA. Please do keep in touch, share your thoughts and suggestions with any of the panel members and do come along on 9 July.

Play up Dukies!

*Simon Daghish*

## LADIES NIGHT

Unfortunately, the 20th anniversary of Dukie ladies celebrations did not go ahead as planned in May. Despite a big interest, ticket sales were slow and the feedback received was because of the date and the location. This event will now be rescheduled for a Saturday night in London.

## HOW TO JOIN & UPDATE

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

If you would like to update your details, please submit a new form or email [katherine.seton@doyrms.com](mailto:katherine.seton@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](http://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)

### **Steve Sheppard**

(72 – 79 Haig and Clive)

### **Allan Mayo**

(59 – 67 Haig and Clive)

### **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](http://www.doyrms.com/the-dukies-association)



# SCHOOL NEWS

## SCHOOL NUMBERS UP

### The New DYRMS CREST, SHIELD AND BADGE

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 to regain our crown. For nearly 200 years, the School used the emblem that was embroidered on the Military Colours which have been presented to the School by every monarch since its foundation. The use of this crest was allowed by Frederick Duke of York but we have since learnt that it cannot be used by a single institution. In 2010, when the School became an Academy we lost the crown and adopted the more modern, single white rose logo for the next four years. In 2013, Executive Principal, Chris Russell met with the College of Heraldry to regain the crown. The modernised rose was not the same according to our students. But now, we have something exclusively designed for the School by the College of Arms, which includes the crown and our very own lion passant. As a School, we are very proud to have been given both. This badge will also be used for The Dukies' Association and The Dukies' Foundation. The School's colours of maroon and navy will remain. On the right is the final design for the School.



**Crest** – top of the image  
The winged sea lion rampant (rearing up, standing profile) refers to the tri-service links which the School has. Its wings symbolise the RAF, the sword as the Army and the fish-tail (piscine parts) as the Navy. The lion stands above the white rose of York.

**Arms** – central  
On the shield are three argent (white) York roses with the three lions of the tri-services standing above. Each passant lion symbolises the Army, RAF and Navy. In the dexter (right) forefoot each lion holds a sword pointing upwards. While the School colours of maroon and navy remain, two gold bands have been added to the background of the shield. The scroll underneath the shield reads 'Deo et Patriae Servire' in Latin ('To serve God and Country').

**Badge** – bottom of the image  
This badge will be used as the main School logo. At the top stands the national passant guardant lion above a wreath of white York roses (barbed and seeded proper). The wreath is a complete circle and within it lies the crown of HM Queen Elizabeth II (only permitted because a royal licence has been obtained) and below, the white rose which represents our Founder, Frederick Duke of York. The School logo will also have a scroll which reads 'The Duke of York's Royal Military School' and above it '1803', the year that the School was founded. The Badge could not incorporate the National Wreath as this is restricted to Regimental Colours but a wreath of eight white roses has been shown instead.

The admission numbers at the School are steadily increasing. We currently have 452 students on roll, and will be able to take up to 722 in the future. Word of mouth is our biggest advocate, and it is wonderful to have welcomed a few new students who come from Dukie families. As an academy, the School can now take any student (who has the right to reside in the UK) who would like to buy into our special blend of military ethos and education. We remain a full boarding school.

### Drinks Invitation JOIN US AT THE MALL GALLERIES

All Dukies are invited to this year's annual drinks evening at the Mall Galleries, London. The Duke of York's statue stands pride of place next to the Mall Galleries. Taking place on Wednesday 9 July, from 6.30pm until 9.30pm, the event will be a relaxed and informal affair, giving all Dukies and their partners the opportunity to catch up on School news, and to support The Dukies' Association as it moves forward. The event coincides with the twelfth year of the National Students' Art Exhibition held under the patronage of the Royal Society of British Artists. It features the best young artists in the country exhibiting alongside work from some of the UK's finest professional artists. It is a truly inspirational exhibition, celebrating gifted and talented students in Schools, Colleges and Academies. A few of our Dukies will enter their work, and we keep our fingers crossed that a couple of their pieces will be included. Tickets are £15 per person to help contribute to the cost of the evening. For further information, and to request a ticket, please email [katherine.seton@doyrms.com](mailto:katherine.seton@doyrms.com)

## Sporting Assembly

# COLOURS, COMMENDATIONS AND AWARDS

This has been a very full and exciting sporting term and the end of term assembly was a good opportunity to recognise and celebrate the efforts and achievements of all who competed.

We have had a very mixed season in both Netball and Hockey and, having looked through the results, consistency seems to be the key to further developing and improving both our play and success. We competed against some of the best sporting schools in the area and to our credit came away with a few scalps. Sport is not only a timetabled commitment but a healthy way of life and I look forward to seeing the continued efforts and enthusiasm of all students over what will hopefully be a fun, sunny summer term. At the end of the day, we strive



for success but it is the taking part and sportsmanship that counts.

### Some of this Term's Highlights were:

- The use of the New Sports Centre for both PE and sport and the great games of netball that christened the hall's use.
- U13 A rugby completing an unbeaten season, over two terms of rugby.

- Fantastic effort by the U12 Girls netball winning five out of their seven matches including wins against Junior Kings and Wellesley House.
- The 1st XI hockey team getting to the Semi-final of plate in the Frank Mason Tournament.
- A very productive season for our Cross-Country runners in particular Kelly Cochrane's consistent placing amongst the top runners in Kent and

Michael Booth's top win at our home event.

- The good nature of most of the Interhouse competitions over the term.

The U18 Rugby sevens team performed magnificently at the Kent Sevens. Results were:

Gravesend Grammar - Dukies won 28-0

St Olaves Dukies lost 28-14

Judd School Dukies won 31-21

Maidstone Grammar Dukies won 31-14...

Plate Semi Final vs Colfes School - Dukies won 33-26

Plate Final vs Rochester Maths School - Dukies won 29-14

The boys did amazingly well. Play up Dukies!

*Mr Cloete, Director of Sport*

## Duke of Edinburgh Awards DUKIES ACHIEVE BRONZE AND SILVER



On Friday 14 March 2014, over 200 students, from DofE Units from across the county received their DoE Awards in the Nye Hall.

The evening of celebration included a fanfare by members of the DYRMS military band, musical entertainment from DYRMS student Georgia Jackson and a speech from Nigel Baker from KCC Integrated Youth Services.

John Andrews, Chairman of the White Cliffs Panel of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award, said

"We are tremendously proud of our young people who have demonstrated a commitment to their community by achieving a DofE Award. My thanks also go to all the unit leaders who gave up their time to support our young people's efforts. These awards promote teamwork, self-discipline and commitment, as well as encouraging increased confidence and new friendships". Our thanks to TDA members who have contributed to the outward bound budget.

## Visit From MISSOURI MILITARY ACADEMY

It was a pleasure to host the staff and cadets of the Missouri Military Academy as part of their tour of the UK. Following a three day trip to London, the cadets were challenged to a game of football (American soccer) by DYRMS students and attended a formal dinner in the Dining Hall.

The Duke of York's Royal Military School is proud to be part of a new Memorandum of Understanding with the Missouri Military Academy

to share best practice and to support the military ethos of both Schools. We are also affiliated with Colegio Militar in Portugal, L'Ecole Militaire in France, Valley Forge Military Academy in America and the AG of Bangladesh. Our international connections provide both students and staff with exchange visits and collaborative working opportunities.





# Duke of York's Royal Military School WELCOMES NEW CHAPLAIN

On Sunday, 18th March, the Bishop of Dover, the Rt Revd Trevor Willmott, visited the School to license and appoint the School's new Chaplain, The Revd (Lt Col) Nicholas Leonard Cook CF. Padre Cook, as he will be known to the students, is the School's 26th Chaplain since formation in 1803.

The School's Chapel of St Michael and St George was blessed with fine weather for the ceremony, which was attended by all students, along with invited guests, staff, governors and representatives from the Friends of the School and The Dukie Association. Also in attendance was Brigadier Chris J. Claydon MBE, Commander 2 Brigade, who inspected Parade in the morning.

"It was a delight to be back with the community of DYRMS on Sunday to license its new chaplain and to see at first hand some of the recent developments in the exciting new facilities now available to its students. Talking with some of the students I was struck by their energy and enthusiasm for their studies and by their passion to engage with the issues of the wider world. I rejoice that the school goes from strength to strength" – Trevor Willmott, Bishop of Dover

The position of Chaplain is a unique one within the School – Padre Cook will be available to support and aid all students, irrespective of background or personal religion. He will hold regular Chapel services on Tuesdays, Thursdays and

Sundays, and be a visible presence around the School throughout the week. As he commented after the ceremony:

"I'm delighted to have been appointed as the Chaplain to this prestigious school and for everyone's welcome at the Licensing Service. After 26 years as an Army Chaplain the school looks a bit like 'more of the same' – but the students will be demanding in very different ways and I only hope that I can meet their expectations! My abiding interest has been teaching and learning and I'm currently the



Chief Instructor of the Armed Forces Chaplaincy Centre but I'll need to be ministering, educating and entertaining at a whole new level. The School has an amazing history, reputation and facilities and I really hope to be able to make a lasting contribution to shaping and influencing generations of young people for service, with honour, of their fellows."

## NYE HALL SEATING AND NEW BUILD

Students are now using the new Nye Hall Seating which was financed by The Dukies' Foundation and can hold up to 490 people. The premier of this seating will be at the Grand Day performance in July and

for the show debut of West Side Story in October. Every Monday, the whole School assembly uses the seating as shown in the photo.

BAM have now completed Centenary House and, from

September, Sixth Form girls will live on the upper level while Sixth Form boys will be situated on the lower level. Facilities include two patios, two kitchens, two shared lounge areas, pool tables, laundry

facilities, pay phones and two gender separated lounge areas. Clive House are currently using this new boarding house while their Senior House is being refurbished.





# The Dukies Visit WWI Battlegrounds

## AN OLD BOY'S PERSPECTIVE

When it was confirmed that the School was to visit the Belgian town of Ypres and the surrounding area to commemorate the 230 or so Dukies who perished in WW1, a number of members from the Old Boys Association (OBA) felt that they would also like to join the historic visit.

In 2013 the germ of an idea was planted by three members of the OBA who had visited the battlefields of the Somme and the Last Post ceremony at the Menin Gate in Ypres.

The "stand out" moment for the OBs of that visit was

meeting staff and pupils from a South African school. They were seeking out the graves and names of their school's former pupils. Later on they assembled at the Menin Gate to lay wreaths in an act of remembrance. Also at the Menin Gate was a Canadian school making a similar trip. The three of us were left reflecting on how, here in Belgium, were schools from thousands of miles away honouring their past pupils. Why couldn't our school, which is about 100 miles away, do something similar?

The School took up the challenge and on 26th March the historic visit took place. As the day drew closer the OBs also prepared for the visit. Wreaths for the regiments were sourced, meetings held with the RSM, contacts with Regimental Secretaries made, tour guides to help the pupils on the 26th were found, and the word was spread throughout The Dukies' Association and OBA network.

On Monday the 24 March a number of us set off. We planned to visit Thiepval, Tyne Cot, and Ypres. All these sites have a record of Dukies who

have no known graves. We also intended to visit Poperinghe, a small cemetery 12 kilometres from Ypres.

As I drove down to collect one OB (Mickey Muston), Paul Harrington set off to collect Allan Mayo. We were genuinely thrilled to be making the journey. Tim Foster came over from Ireland and Nigel Wylde drove up from Germany. Others were travelling there by car, and Andrew McCoig flew his plane in to the local airport.

Each had a reason or story linked to the few days we spent there. Nigel went to visit a small







graveyard set in some remote woodlands. He was searching for his relatives, found the grave, paid his respects and set off back to the hotel. However, on the way back police were everywhere blocking the roads leading from the cemetery. It transpired that some poor person had been murdered and the body and car set on fire.

Mickey Muston was focussed on Thiepval because a relative of his wife is commemorated on Lutyens's great Memorial overlooking the Somme. Mickey found the name and the OBs present stood in silence as he laid a wreath, not only for his relative, but also for the

10 Dukies whose names are recorded there.

Adrian Nunn (Roberts and Clive 1957-1966) contacted us from the USA, where he now lives and works. Adrian was unable to make the journey and, in answer to his request, we paid our respects at his grandfather's grave in Poperinghe. True to the founding principles of the School, Adrian's dad became a Dukie and so we took photographs and were able to send them to Adrian for his family to see.

Chris Charter, accompanied by his wife, Vanessa and son, Edward, made the journey to

find his grandfather's grave at Tyne Cot, and Allan found the name of his mother's cousin, Pte John Devereux, on the Menin Gate. At Tyne Cot there are 6 Dukies on the memorial and 15 at Menin Gate. Needless to say, wreaths were laid to mark their passing.

On the evening of the 26th March, we gathered at the Menin Gate for the ceremony of the Last Post. Many more OBs appeared in the town. Mr & Mrs Derek Jones, Peter Milne, Karl Biscoe and David Gardiner were spotted.

In a truly moving ceremony, the pupils and staff of the Duke of York's Royal Military School were simply magnificent. Don't take my word for it; have a look at the video produced by the School, which can be viewed on

the School's **YouTube** channel @DOYRMS, Dover and a longer version can be purchased on Grand Day or by emailing [katherine.seton@doyrms.com](mailto:katherine.seton@doyrms.com)

*GJ Ralph  
(58 – 65 Kitchener and Clive)*

Viewing the recent Menin Gate video reminded me of my time at DYRMS. We went to Ypres in 2007 with Mr Carson, our then History teacher. I've managed to find a group picture of our Lower 6th A-Level group, although it doesn't include the whole class



*Jennifer Wood  
(02 – 09 Wolfe)*





# Engineering Design Trust STEM DAY

Year 10 and 11 students had the exciting opportunity to attend an enrichment activity day concerning STEM careers.

The day kicked off with the explanation that STEM means Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics. The acronym was chosen to create more competitiveness between technological occupations and encourage the pursuit of such jobs such as: doctors, chemical engineers, vets, mathematicians, physical scientist, etc.

An array of individuals all in STEM careers were present at the event; each gave well-rounded background information on how they entered and shaped the careers they had pursued for more than 100 years combined. It is safe to say that the engineers who were present interested the audience especially, with a large majority of the students aspiring to go on to do the same in the future. It wasn't long before our brains were put to the test and

challenged by a number of truly mind boggling brain exercises that most definitely got us all alert, awake and ready to go!

We were put to the test yet again by the final and greatest challenge...the crane challenge. We were given a basic kit between groups of six; using this kit we had to construct a fully operating crane which could lift a weight of a toy lorry in 30 minutes; at first this sounded easy, but we were all soon proved wrong. We had to yet again use team work, communication, perseverance and problem solving skills to be successful with the task.

As the day concluded, we had the chance to talk to the individual representatives who were all involved in one STEM career or another. This finished off a pleasant and lively day we would love to repeat again.

*Nicole  
(Year 11 Marlborough)*

# Folkestone Canteen Visitors' Book STEP SHORT

On Friday 31st January, eight buglers from our School played proudly at the launch of the Folkestone Canteen Visitors' Books online, a major local project organised by 'Step Short'.

Step Short have uploaded the names contained in the Mole Café visitor books revealing the details of 42,000 soldiers, nurses and others who passed through the town on their way to the Western Front between 1914 and 1919. The names are contained in eight visitors' books that have been kept at the Mole Cafe on the harbour, where many of the millions of soldiers who boarded troop ships on their way to the battlefields paused for a last cuppa and a bite to eat.

Amongst those who signed the books were Major General



Hugh Trenchard, war artist John Lavery, VC recipient George Saunders and Major Winston Churchill, posted to the 2nd Battalion, Grenadier Guards in November 1915. Step Short has scanned every page of the historic documents, brought to the charity's attention by historian Charles Fair a few years ago, and has now finished the job of transcribing every one of the handwritten names.

You can listen to the BBC Radio Kent recording on our YouTube channel at [DOYRMS.com](http://DOYRMS.com), Dover.

# School Receives 'Good' Rating in all areas OFSTED REPORT

The Duke of York's Royal Military School was rated 'good' in its integrated Ofsted inspection

The School was awarded a good rating for every area that was inspected, namely: achievement of pupils, quality of teaching, behaviour and safety of pupils, leadership and management and overall effectiveness of the boarding experience.

Ofsted noted that:

"The standards students reach are very high."

"Life at the school is underpinned by caring and aspirational attitudes, based on military values."

"Teaching at the school is consistently good."

"Students are relaxed, happy and safe in their boarding houses. They express a very strong sense of community

identity and develop strong friendships".

"Students grow to be confident leaders. They are courteous and well behaved. They feel safe and work together very well, supporting and challenging each other appropriately. They are rightly proud of their school and their achievements, including those derived from their military activities".

"The Executive Principal and the senior leadership team have accurately identified the critical areas for improvement in the school and are rapidly securing improvements. Governors hold the senior leadership team to account very well and provide strong strategic leadership."

"At Key Stages 3 and 4 students make good progress. They achieve very well both academically and in the very

# Duke of York's gets good Ofsted report

Inspectors praise staff and pupils at military school

By Phil Hayes

OFSTED are celebrating after being graded "good" in every area by Ofsted.

Pupils at the Duke of York's Royal Military School are reaching "very high" standards, according to the inspectors - who were amazed by the youngsters' behaviour.

Ofsted were also impressed by the teaching during their visit to the £75,000-a-year boarding academy from April 28 to May 1.

The inspectors describe life at the Duke of York's, in Gosport, as "underpinned by caring and aspirational attitudes, based on military values," in their report.

Ofsted said students grow to be confident leaders, are courteous, well-behaved and proud of their school. This was exemplified by a performance of the school's Corps of Drums.

**Impeccable**

Lead inspector Emma Ling said: "Under the leadership of the Dean Major (a Year 12 student) this group of around 34 young musicians marched and performed for inspectors in impeccable order."

Ofsted also found that students



**GOOD SHOW:** The whole of Duke of York's Royal Military School poses in the Nye Hall. Photo: Doreen Woodcock

have accurately identified the critical areas for improvement in the school and are rapidly securing improvements.

Insightful "sanctions" are no longer in use, according to the inspectors. For example, prefects are no longer permitted to impose punishment on others without permission from their housemaster.

Ofsted said the Duke of York's is not yet "outstanding" because

students from military families - around 76 per cent of those on roll - are "not doing quite as well as others."

Executive principal Chris Russell said: "We are extremely pleased. The students and staff have worked extremely hard to progress the school since becoming an academy. We will now continue to work hard towards an 'outstanding' grading in this unique and iconic school."

wide range of other activities available to them."

Executive Principal, Chris Russell, said: "We are extremely pleased with our Ofsted grading. The students and staff have worked extremely hard to progress the School since becoming an Academy, and the standards

the students reach are very high for a non-selective school. We will now continue to work hard towards an outstanding grading in this unique and iconic School."

Read the full report at [www.doyrms.com](http://www.doyrms.com)



# Wellington House Wins DRILL COMPETITION

Wellington House were the overall winners of this year's Inter-House Drill Competition which was judged by Captain Drew Reed Adjutant of 3 PWRR and WO1 RSM Gary Jackson.

## Results were as follows:

Wellington 1st  
Clive 2nd  
Wolfe 3rd  
Roberts 4th  
Wolseley 5th  
Kitchener 6th  
Marlborough 7th

Each House was very well turned out and performed excellent drill for the judges. The whole School took part in a parade at the end of the day, led by the School's Military Band. A big congratulations to JUO Dowell who was presented with the Baroness Thatcher Sword of Honour by The Belgian Ambassador, his Excellency, Mr Guy Trouveroy who said:

"I was both honoured and delighted to witness the Ceremony at the Duke of York's Royal Military School last Friday and participate by handing over the Baroness Thatcher Sword of Honour to the deserving Junior Officer. I was most impressed by the superb drill display carried out by these young people. I would like to commend the educational staff and organisers



of the event for the great job they do with their students. Finally, I wish all the youngsters at the academy success in their further careers."

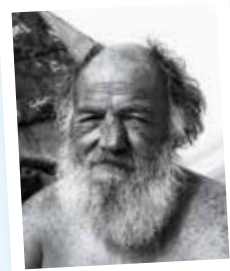


# PHOTO COMPETITION

Some of our Year 12 Dukies entered their best photography into the South Foreland Rotary Group's photo competition. This year's theme was 'people'. Jack Davies won the Senior category and attended an Awards Ceremony to collect his prize.

## Old Man:

I saw this man on the beach, and knew that the only way I would be able to take a shot of him, was to pay him, so I did. The first three photos were overexposed. But I decided to work with that, and turn it into black and white which gave the bright effect that it has.



# School Chapel Honors MEMORIALS TO SCHOOL SERVANTS

On the walls of our School Chapel are many tablets and plaques. You are all familiar with the Roll of Honour which records those who have lost their lives in the service of their country since 1803 but you may have not paid attention to some of the other tablets.

They have been placed there by family, friends or colleagues of those who have given long and distinguished service to the school.

At the back, there is Lt Col George Williamson, our first Commandant.

Over in the transept is his brother who succeeded him and was in post as commandant for 31 years. Next to him is Captain Lugard who was the Secretary and Adjutant of the School for 40 years. But even he was outdone by the Reverend George Clerk who was Chaplain for 44 years.

Last year, the girls of Alanbrooke hosted the Harper – Balmer family, whose ancestors

had lived and worked in the Medical Centre for many years (and which was located in Alanbrooke in those days) – they have a brass plaque near the font.

And there is also a plaque to old Dukie Lewis Rudd – he wrote one of the first histories of the School.

So our walls record the existence of many "good and faithful servants".

A recent Chapel service spoke of a former Dukie who served the school faithfully throughout his life. Albert Edward George McCarthy was born in the 1880s. His father was a quartermaster in the 1st Battalion, the 14th Regiment of Foot. Albert attended the "old School" in Chelsea – his first day at the School was on the 29th March 1895. He must have done well, for upon leaving the School on the 18th August 1901, he became a pupil teacher and went on to become a master at the School.

Following his retirement he became Secretary of the Old Boys' Association, running its administration for some 33 years, organising many reunions and dinners.

He was also the originator of the McCarthy essay prize which is awarded on Grand Day each year.

But Albert was also a religious man. He was a Roman Catholic and would have attended the RC services provided by the School. Upon the move to Dover, he continued to attend these services and I was recently told that The RC chapel was known as the McCarthy Chapel in his honour.

But Albert McCarthy also contributed to the Chapel in which we are sitting today. The wooden panels surrounding the altar are an addition made in the 1930s through fundraising amongst former Dukies. The regimental shields record units who made a particular financial contribution, while the White Rose represents the old

"Dukies". Foremost amongst these fund raisers was Albert McCarthy.

The plaque dedicated to him was found in the store room behind the organ. It was probably taken from the space which was used as the RC Chapel in the 1960s or 70s when it was closed. But through a simple oversight, it was never added to the walls of the main Chapel, along with the other memorials to "good and faithful servants" that adorn its walls.

The plaque reads:

"Pray for Albert Edward George McCarthy

Who died 28 July 1960

Faithful Scholar, Master and Old Boy of this School"

Father John Panario, our visiting Roman Catholic Chaplain, kindly agreed to rededicate the plaque and remember the life of this great Dukie.

*Stephen Saunderson  
Vice Principal (Boarding)*

# THE DUKIES' FOUNDATION

The Dukies' Foundation is the fund raising trust that manages any money that has been donated or raised for the School. Formerly known as the Education and Amenities Trust, it was renamed The Dukies' Foundation last year.

The objects of the Trust are:

- 1) To provide items, services and facilities (including land and buildings of any kind or tenure).
- 2) To promote the education of pupils and former pupils of the School who are in need of financial assistance.

3) To advance the education of pupils attending the School by the award of prizes (or other suitable rewards or marks of distinction) and such other charitable purposes as the trustees shall from time to time.

The Trust meets four times a year to plan and manage fundraising events and to allocate how money is spent. Old Dukie, Andy Barlow, is one of the Trustees. There will be more information about the Trust and its current members in future newsletters.

To benefit from a contribution the potential recipient or fundraising campaign applies to the Trust Board detailing the reason for the request.

## What types of things has the Trust spent its money on to date?

- Means-tested bursaries
- Retractable seating for the General Sir Archibald Nye Performing Arts Centre (£150k)
- Floodlights (£50k)
- CCTV equipment

- Triathlon club (8 bikes and associated equipment)
- Sports equipment for the Weights room
- Assistance with flights for a student placement abroad
- Assistance for two students wishing to study a Spanish language course in Madrid
- Music grants (guitars and other instruments)
- Hockey goals
- Cricket covers

# MONEY FOR THE CLOCKTOWER

A truly iconic part of the School and a local landmark, the Clocktower has flown the Union flag to be seen for miles around the School site for decades.

Many of you have noticed that the flag hasn't been flying for a few years now, and some have even offered financial help to fix it. The good news is that our sponsors, the MoD, are happy to contribute towards

the Clocktower to be fixed so that the flag can be safely flown once more. We are now in the process of sourcing a specialist who will take on the contract, and hopefully our flag will be up and proudly flying once again.

## Interesting facts:

- The flagpole on the Clocktower was part of the original design of the School (as an Edwardian model

village) in 1905 and the Union flag has flown over the School since it was relocated from Chelsea in 1909. The School remains a listed site.

- The School is a designated "Flag Station", one of only 70 stations worldwide who are authorised to fly the Union Flag daily. As a Flag Station we are duty bound to fly the Union Flag daily and to change

the flag for Royal Birthdays. RSM Dowle is instructed by Brigade Headquarters to ensure this happens.

- The flag is flown at half-mast during days of national mourning and is visible for miles around the local area. Indeed, when the flag was taken down, the School received calls asking what tragic event had taken place.

## Dartmoor

# ADVENTUROUS TRAINING

Having been to Dartmoor before in Year 9, I knew that the weather was not always the best but, through the chilly days and the freezing nights, it was extremely fun. The best part of Dartmoor this year had to be the abseiling! It didn't seem a lot of fun at first but it was when I realised that one of my teachers was actually petrified of heights, not naming names (Miss Lewis), so the day

was bound to be filled with a lot of fun and unexpected mishaps. Climbing over the edge of the bridge for the first time, I found myself stuck on the other side hanging by the ropes thinking "Why aren't I moving?" and about 5 minutes went past before I realised that my foot had got caught under the railing.

Miss Lewis, however, did

exactly the opposite and went down as if there was a fire starting at the beginning of her rope. I'm pretty sure no one has ever seen her move that fast, ever! Tasya was amazing, she faced her fear of heights and was so proud that she wanted to go again! The weather wasn't amazing, it was very windy and most people swung under the bridge by accident. While people were waiting at the top, they got as close to the floor as possible to get away from the harsh wind, it must have looked like we were playing a really bad game of hide and seek.

This year was really fun and the people that went made it even better.

*Isabella  
(Y10 Marlborough)*





# ALUMNI NEWS

## NEWS FROM THE OBA

All members of the OBA should be aware that the Association will disband on 30 April 2015, this is as a result of the vote taken by members during the early part of 2014 and discussed by the Central Committee at the AGM in March 2014. At the AGM it was decided that we would hold a final Luncheon in London during April 2015 for all OBA members wishing to attend our final function as an Association. The venue and date for the function has not yet been decided but will be advertised well before the end of this year in order that we all have ample time to decide whether or not to attend. It is anticipated that the turn

out will be in excess of 150 members which means that we will not be able to use the Union Jack Club as we have for the last three years because their largest function room can only accommodate a maximum of 150 for a sit down lunch. We are actively searching London to find a suitable affordable venue and as soon as we locate one all members will be informed in order that you can make plans to attend this historic event. Your Committee would like to see a very good turn out on this occasion it will be subsidised using funds from the OBA central account in order to keep the costs as reasonable as possible.

Please come and support us and bring your partners with you, we are looking forward to a great if rather a sad occasion and would like as many members of the OBA as possible to attend. This is not the end of the line for boys and girls leaving the school, they will automatically become members of The Dukies' Association (TDA) that was launched last year. If you have not already signed up with TDA please do so in order that you can benefit from regular newsletters that will keep you in touch with the School.

*Ted Bartlett  
President OBA.  
(43 – 47 Kitchener and  
Marlborough)*

## From Robin Harrington 'MOST IMPROVED BOARDER'

Four times Victor Ludorum Cup Winner, Robin Harrington ('45 to '52, Kitchener) returned to the School recently with his wife Grace to unveil a new 'Most Improved Boarder' board in Kitchener House.

Welcomed by the Executive Principal, staff and students Robin was able to share his memories with us all and dine with students in the Dining Hall.

Kai Bourne is the first student to have achieved the 'Most Improved Boarder' Award, and his name will be gold leaf painted onto the board over the summer months. Kai said: "I feel honoured to be the first name on such a prestigious board and equally thankful to the staff in Kitchener for helping me become the character I am today. Meeting Robin was a long awaited experience, I had known of him for nearly 7 years and it was great to finally put a name to a face. I can scarcely explain what an incredible gentleman he is and how privileged I feel to have heard only a handful of



the stories he has to tell".

For Robin, it brought back many memories of the School. He said:

"My wife Grace and I enjoyed coming back to Kitchener House and would like to thank the staff and senior pupils who gave generously of their time to be with us. Joe and Kai both gave kind and thoughtful attendance on us during the visit. They are both outstanding young men who will, I'm sure,

make their mark in later life. It was great fun talking to them and sharing stories!"

Thank you all for making this old Dukie and his wife so welcome.



## News in Brief ALI HUSTON

Ali Huston (Marlborough 84-91) has died in hospital after a short illness. He was a gifted musician, scholar, actor and possessor of a great wit. And his 'Milk Tray' adventures when pursuing a young lady while at Dukies was something of a legendary tale back in the day. He was also a regular attendee of both Old Boys weekend and the OBA Rugby matches, although always as a supporter not a player.

It goes without saying that he will be sorely missed by many, another Dukie brother taken far too soon. His funeral took place in May, but if anybody would like to make a donation, his family's chosen charity is Help for Heroes

## JONATHON PAYNE

As you may know, Jonathon Payne is receiving intensive rehabilitation for a brain injury which he suffered in September 2013 immediately after the TDA Launch.

I'm sure as Dukies we'll be pleased to hear that Jonathon is progressing, albeit slowly, but is showing that Dukie fighting Spirit and we all wish him and his family our best for the future.

## STEPHEN SEAR

We have also received sad news about the death of Dukie Stephen Sear (Wolfe 87-94). He sadly passed away this year following illness.

## WHAT THE DAY MEANS TO YOU

You were asked what Grand Day means to you. Here are some of your memories.

### Charles Graham

Grand Day Practice 1998, in 30C - carrying a bass drum and RSM Perkins demanding it be started again because he wasn't happy with the march on and initial formation, me exclaiming 'oh for 'bleep sake' and him screaming 'Who said that?' Oops!

### Mathew Gilbert

The night before was the main event.

### Faye Hemingway

Hearing the inimitable thud of a Dukie hitting the grass during inspection on a hot day!

### Simon Mansfield

Rehearsals were known as trooping the counter pane. As boy RSM the big moment was the about turn holding colours in one hand and sword in the other. Only didn't over balance in the final week.

### Patrick Callaghan

My final Grand Day (1985) was baking hot. I spent it watching kids faint from the band, then realising I wasn't feeling great either. Just held it together, although I couldn't see by the time we marched off. Experience saw me through it.

## TROOPING THE COLOURS

### 1939 STYLE

In July 1939 on the eve of the fury of World War II which engulfed the world, the School trooped the colours on its annual Grand Day. This was a parade to remember, for Field Marshal Lord Gort VC, the inspecting officer, has not been treated kindly by history.

Gort (1886-1946), to give him his full credentials, was Field Marshal John Standish Surtees Prendergast Vereker, 6th Viscount Gort VC, GCB, CBE, DSO & two bars, MVO, MC. He was no armchair general, but a soldier of outstanding courage who earned his VC at the Battle of Canal du Nord in October 1918 during WW1. By the 1930s, he was Chief of the Imperial General Staff. This meant he must have known ex-Dukie Archie Nye, who became Deputy Chief in WWII under

Alanbrooke, Gort's successor ('Alanbrooke ran the War, Nye ran the Army;' Dictionary of National Biography).

Companies changed to forming up in ranks of three in 1939. Before that they paraded in ranks of four. The Duke of York's conformed, assembling with tallest boys on the right and left, and the shortest in the centre.

Boy Cockerill, aged ten in 1939, remembers being in the centre of the front rank when Lord Gort paused in his inspection to speak to him. He said, 'You have a baton in your knapsack?' 'Yes, sir. I do,' the boy replied though he had no idea what baton meant or its Napoleonic reference to soldierly ambition.

'Good! Take care of it.'



Imperial War Museum  
Field Marshal Lord Gort VC



Boy Alec Johnson  
in dress uniform of the time

### Andrew Carson

Grand Day night 99 was special, trying to kidnap a sheep and let it loose on site...

### Jonny Morris

Whistling along to the tune of 'The Great Escape' when we weren't supposed to...

### Mike Warren

Stan got us all to sign James Brown ditties whilst waiting..

### Chris Malam

Hoping it didn't rain and screw up the hard work I put into putting klear on my shoes!

### Andy Mayo

Preparing the food for all you Dukies a massive operation. Then meeting Gilbert and the boys in the pub afterwards!!!

### Jeremy Walters

As a drummer, my final march off before becoming an old boy ('89). Thrashing the drums as we marched off through the crowds and down past the clock tower playing- damn it was so long ago I don't remember what! but what a feeling. The hair on the back of my neck stands up today just thinking of it.



# A DUKIE OF MANY PARTS

Art Cockerill is known best for his treasure-trove of all things Dukie at [www.achart.ca](http://www.achart.ca). Want to know how our forbears lived or who our famous Dukies are? Consult Art's website for this and much, much more.

Today he is 85, communicating as vigorously as ever from his Canadian base in Ontario. Clarinetist, military and civil engineer, show composer and librettist, journalist, novelist, scientific publisher, historian of the School, occasional intelligence operative and father of a female mountie, there is little he hasn't tried and left his inimitable mark upon.

Art's father served in the WW1 trenches and in India after time appearing on the music halls as a blacked-up minstrel. His mother came from a large military family. He was the 4th of 10 children, born in 1929 to a childhood which features strongly in his novel *Lay gently on the coals* (Oxford Modern Fiction). His time at DYRMS 1939-43 was followed by apprenticeship at the Army Technical School, Arborfield.



1944 Four Cockerill brothers: Fred, Art, Jack and Harry

Commissioned into the Royal Engineers, he served in Egypt 'with a crew of six sappers and the last twenty Afrika Korps POWs who didn't relish returning home.' He learned the Arabic of his fellaheen workers.

By 1956 and Suez, he was married to Beryl and en route to a new life in Canada. He picked up engineering work while writing a musical and penning journalism before heading to Labrador to build a new hydro-electric plant. A father of three and a widower by 1964,

he met Charlotte, former PA to Lord Wolfenden. He began writing for *Guardian Weekly*. He interviewed Sheik el Yamani of OPEC and wrote the biography of *Sir Percy Sillitoe* of MI5, the first of a string of publications for Secker & Warburg and Macmillans. Airport installation work took him across the Middle East, South America, the Caribbean and Africa including a short spell in jail in Gadaffi's Libya! Then he formed his own scientific publishing firm *Delta Tech Systems* which grew to a staff of 22.

He renewed his association with DYRMS in the 1980s when researching *Sons of the Brave*. Headmaster Lt.-Col. De la Haye organised a special march-past for him - 'I felt like an imposter.' In 1994 he launched his website on the School aided by Peter Goble and now



Art in 1939

Richard Gilbert. For the school bicentenary in 2003 he wrote *The Charity of Mars*, a stock of which he is gifting to the School. In 2013 he became the first subscriber to The Dukies' Association.

Not bad for Boy Cockerill whose Grand Day inspecting officer, Field Marshal Lord Gort VC, had asked him if he had a baton in his knapsack. Of a kind, he certainly did.



1960 Twin Falls power project under construction



1962 Mr & Mrs Arthur Fielding, of Boston Pops fame with chairman of Brinco at Twin Falls opening



1962 Art with Premier Smallwood of Nfld at Twin Falls opening



1958 Menihok Hydro Station, Labrador

# THE 'MIRACLE' OF IMAGES

The photos on this page were all taken by Dukie Paul Bell (1965 - 1971 Kitchener, Wolfe & Roberts), while at the School on his camera, which by his own words "was a very cheap and basic 35mm version, without bells, never mind whistles!".

Paul goes on to explain "I still vividly remember being in the school darkroom - which was attached to the Signals Hut next to the Science block, and watching the 'miracle' of the image appearing on the paper during development. I have been hooked ever since. I was envious when I discovered that the Headmaster had his own private darkroom within the Science Block. I went on to become a professional photographer for some years, until my father told me to get

a 'proper' job - and started my 30 years in bank management - beginning with the Royal Trust of Canada, in Jersey.

However, today I am a keen amateur and treasure my 36 megapixel, Nikon D800E. I also happen to be a member of the National Association of Photoshop Professionals and regularly travel to the US to attend their conferences. Accordingly, the photos have been 'photoshopped' to make them just presentable for circulation, but in truth, the

original negatives are now in a shocking condition and take many hours of restoration to bring them up to a satisfactory quality. Thankfully, Photoshop and all the additional software weighing down my computer are improving each year, making restoration much easier.

While other Dukies will have better memories than I, the dances were held for the entire Sixth form (Lower and Upper) in the old Nye Hall. In addition,



the senior houses held dances individually on a once per term basis - if I remember correctly. The one thing of note regarding the dance photographs is that the flash completely removes any sense of ambience. One has to imagine a very dark room with coloured lights, loud music and the ubiquitous 'mirror ball' doing its magic!

*Paul Bell  
Gold Coast, Qld.  
Australia*





# CHAPEL HOSTS WEDDING

Dukie Simon Kane (Kitchener and Wolseley '91 – '98) married his fiancée Jaimie in the School Chapel in June 2013. Another Dukie, Tom North, was Simon's best man, while past members of staff including Simon's dad,

Peter Kane, Roger Boughton, Alastair Auld, John North, Barbara Boughton and Steve Saunderson also attended the couple's special day.

The couple met while they both worked at The Duke of

York's pub next to the School (there's most definitely a theme emerging here!)

Simon works for Kent police on the Eurotunnel terminal, while Jaimie is a young persons' mental health nurse.



# A POINT TO POINTLESS

Dukie Robbie Russell (*10 – 12 Roberts and Centenary*) was recorded on the BBC1 quiz show *Pointless* in May. We shall let you know when the programme is due to be aired.

Robbie is currently in his second year reading Philosophy at the University of Leeds, he also hosts a radio show for the university, and he is Head of Music for the radio station. In addition to this he also has a regular column in a magazine called *VRS Magazine* (an online magazine). Last year he spent the summer teaching English at a remote school in Thailand working with the British Council, and is hoping to do something similar this summer but based in Europe. Finally he has a part time job as a club DJ in Leeds.

# MILITARY GRADUATION



Charlotte Gardner (*06 – 13 Marlborough and Centenary*) is now a full member of the Royal Air Force, graduating on Tues 28 Jan after 10 weeks of training which included two weeks of general service knowledge, a week of adventurous training, force protection training (being trained by the RAF regiment) and graduation preparation.

Charlotte will embark on phase two of her dental nurse training at Lichfield. At Christmas time she was deployed on operation PITCH POLE in the efforts to help with the floods in the Thames Valley.

Charlotte is pictured with her mum and dad, Flight Lieutenant Chris Gardner PMRAFNS

# SUMMER READ

Apologies in advance for the sales pitch, but we authors need all the help we can get!

I am delighted to report that my next thriller novel was published yesterday. The book is a financial/legal thriller set in New York. Here's the blurb from the back cover:

Michael Hoffman has come a long way from his deprived childhood in Chicago's south side. Now he's a young, successful partner in a major New York law firm, handling some of its clients' most prestigious M&A deals. With a beautiful wife, and two young daughters who look up to him, he has built the perfect life.

But Michael has a secret: one that goes back to his childhood; a secret so dark it could destroy his family and brilliant career. Discovered by the wrong people, it would certainly get him killed.

There is only one person who knows about his past, and he is a career criminal who manages a low profile hedge fund, bankrolled by Eastern European mafia money. Michael is safe, but only for as long as he agrees to feed details of his firm's deals to the fund so it can make millions from insider trading.



It is available as an e-book and in paperback from Amazon and can be ordered from most independent book stores under the ISBN: 978-0993844607. I hope you enjoy the story if you decide to buy it.

Now back to editing my next one, which I hope will be out early next year...

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# The Dukies' Association CAREER DAY

On 21st March, ten former students from different industries returned to the School to inspire and encourage Dukies to think differently about their future careers.

The event was organised by Allan Mayo, a member of The Dukies' Association and

former civil servant from the Department of Business and Innovation, he says "Dukies of my generation left the School lacking knowledge in the world of work. The School has clearly moved on and the buzz generated at Careers Day confirmed to me that the TDA has a significant role to play in helping young Dukies to explore the vast range of career opportunities open to them."

Industries and institutions included were the Chartered Insurance Institute, GE Aviation, the performing arts, the Royal Dental Corps, the Royal Medical Corps, RTC Shopfitting, EA Video Gaming,

the Department for Business and Innovation, Mercedes, Deloitte and Canterbury Christchurch University. This year, the aim of the event was to show students the opportunities and advice available to them through The Dukies' Association. It is hoped that next year will be a bigger event with a wider representation of industries. Allan Mayo explains:

"If we can help to bring alive the online research which students are doing then, hopefully, Dukies will be that bit better prepared for the world of work than their peers. We need to learn from this first



event and broaden the range of careers being promoted, but my ambition is to take this one step further, where the TDA acts as a network of support, providing work experience, internships, employment opportunities and, potentially, business mentoring to fellow Dukies. I do hope we can all work together to that end."

