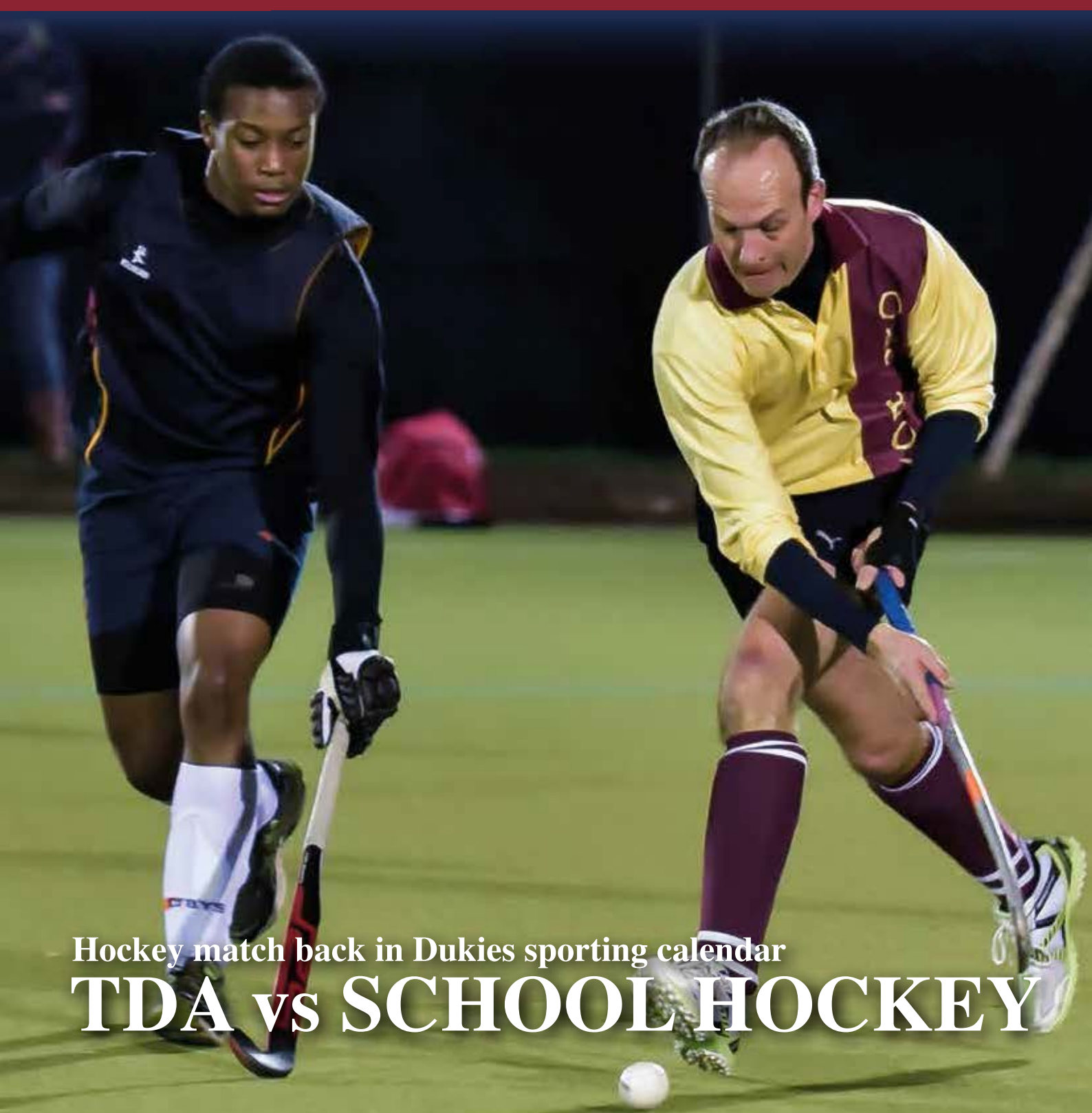




The Dukies' Association

# DUKIE NEWS

The newsletter for all members of The Dukies' Association



Hockey match back in Dukies sporting calendar

## TDA vs SCHOOL HOCKEY

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Dukie Athletes defend our home Athletics Championships

## From Simon Daghish, Chair of The Dukies' Association BIGGEST GATHERING OF DUKIES

Reading through the pages here it seems that Dukies in typical fashion have been incredibly busy both back at the School and with other activities.

The bravery and devotion to Duty shown by former pupils during the 1st and 2nd World Wars has been recognised by Dukies in two distinct ways. The new School Honours Board, commemorating honours received by Dukies since 2018, was unveiled by ex-Dukie Brigadier Phil Kimber OBE in a small ceremony on May 5th. On September 18th, the School's National Arboretum Memorial is due to be unveiled in a Remembrance and Dedication service, a great tribute to the many brave Dukies who have made the ultimate sacrifice for our own safety and freedom. We thank Geoff Ralph, Paul Harrington



and Peter Godwin for putting these projects together.

The Clocktower Society (funding student support) continues to grow and support more students. Sadly with these uncertain times more and more students need funding to continue their studies at Dukies, so all help is very welcome.

Dukies have also been very active in the Dukies Inspiring Dukies programme, taking part in another very successful TDA Careers Day to inspire a new generation of talent, as well as individual careers talks to Sixth Formers. They have also have competed against the School in hockey and Peter Vincent even took part in the School's adventure training!

We had the biggest gathering of Dukies at this year's Army and Navy match this year. Over 150 attended what is fast becoming a highlight of the Dukies calendar. Thank you to the RSM and Jenny for putting on such a brilliant event.

The School continues to flourish under the new Principal Alex Foreman and we look forward to seeing many of you on Grand Day.... Let's hope it stays sunny this year!

*Simon Daghish*

## 'REMEMBRANCE AND DEDICATION SERVICE'

### SCHOOL MEMORIAL AT THE NATIONAL MEMORIAL ARBORETUM, (NMA), ALREWAS, STAFFORDSHIRE

The National Memorial Arboretum is managed by The Royal British Legion and was opened in 2001 as Britain's living and growing tribute to the service and sacrifice of so many for our freedom. It is a place of Remembrance and contemplation but also of celebration of those who gave, and continue to give so much so that we can enjoy our lives and the beauty that surrounds us. The NMA is a beautiful and lasting tribute to those who served their country or who have died in conflict since the end of World War 2 and is a nationally significant focus of Remembrance.

Thanks to the generosity of 182 Dukies, who pledged over

£20,000 towards the cost of a memorial and its longer term maintenance, the school was in a position to apply to The Royal British Legion for a School memorial at the Arboretum. It is pleasing to report that the application, and memorial design submitted, was approved in January 2017 providing the School with national recognition for the generations of Dukies who served their country in the Armed Forces since 1803 and for those who continue to serve now and in the future.

A 'Remembrance and Dedication service' is to be held at the NMA on Monday 18th September 2017 on the day that the memorial will be

unveiled. The Service is likely to be in two parts, weather permitting, starting with a Remembrance service in the NMA Chapel, starting at about 1215hrs, followed by a Dedication Service at the site of the memorial at about 1345hrs. Unfortunately the seating capacity in the Chapel is limited to 120 and most of these places have already been booked. Capacity at the site selected for the memorial is unlimited.

Any Dukie wishing to attend the ceremony should contact Peter Godwin by email on [p.godders@talktalk.net](mailto:p.godders@talktalk.net) or by phone on 0121 3083931 for more details.



The Dukies' Association

## PANEL MEMBERS

There is a TDA page on the School website [www.doyrms.com/The-Dukies-Association-Home](http://www.doyrms.com/The-Dukies-Association-Home). 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)

**Jenny Grant**  
Alumni and Development Manager, DOYRMS

**Alex Foreman**  
Principal, DOYRMS

**Karl Biscoe**  
(57 – 62, Clive)

**Ian Kennett**  
(79-86 Haig & Marlborough)

**Adam Kent**  
Director of Finance, DOYRMS

**Allan Mayo**  
(59 – 67 Haig and Clive)

**Stu Milligan**  
(00-07, Roberts and Haig)

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

**Andy Wilkes**  
(83 – 89, Wolseley)

**Chris Winter**  
(86 – 93, Haig and Wolfe)

All panel meeting minutes are available to read online.

## EVENTS

**Grand Day**  
Friday 7 July

**Over 60s Reunion Dinner**  
Friday 7 July

**School Memorial and Dedication Service**  
Monday 18 September

**Dukies Reunion Dinner**  
Saturday 11 November

**Remembrance Parade and Service**  
Sunday 12 November

**FRONT COVER PHOTO:**  
The Old Dukies vs School 1st XI Hockey match.





# THE CLOCKTOWER SOCIETY



*Dukie Peter Vincent with RSM Steff Dowle at Adventure Training*

Old Dukie Peter Vincent (Wolfe and Haig, 58 – 68) made a return visit to Adventure Training at Okehampton in March, almost 50 years since he last took part as a student at DOYRMS.

Here's Peter abseiling 175 foot from Bickleigh Viaduct... not for the faint-hearted!



Peter is a generous donor to our Clocktower Society, supporting the outdoor leadership activities programme as well as providing funding for students facing financial hardship in order to enable them to continue their education at the School.

Changes in the employment status of military parents have led to increasing numbers of student hardship. Two such students have already been helped by Clocktower Donors to progress into Sixth Form, where they are making a substantial contribution to the School community, and a third is being funded from

September. The impact of the generous donations received is massive, and we hope to be able to help high potential students to achieve, despite financial hardship, through further support in the future.



Thanks to a further generous donation from Paul Harrington (Haig, Roberts and Clive, 57 – 67) and Irwin Mitchell Solicitors, the junior hockey development programme is now able to continue into year two. The results after the first year of the programme have been clear to see – a marked improvement in skills and performance on the pitch, with significant growth both individually and as a team.

Junior hockey players trained weekly in the Autumn and Winter months, and will once again be able to spend time developing and enhancing their skills in Holland over the October half term, spending time with top international players and coaches based in Amsterdam and training at some of the best and most sophisticated hockey centres available.

Many of our old Dukies received their education for free, so any help our students facing hardship can receive in order to gain the same opportunity at School and in life is hugely appreciated. Every donation is valued, as whatever you can offer helps our students to gain the very best of their time here. In recognition,

every donor receives membership of the Clocktower Society, a lapel badge and invitations to special events, performances, and dinners at the School.

We are very thankful to all of our former Dukies and supporters who do so much to help current Dukies develop their characters, improve their education and enrich their lives.

Contact [jennifer.grant@doyrms.com](mailto:jennifer.grant@doyrms.com) for more info.

## THE STEPHEN WALKE PRIZE FOR PERCUSSION



Old Dukie Stephen Walke (Wolseley and Wolfe 62 – 70) has paid for a rare antique silver plated military drum trophy to be presented at our annual Grand Day prize giving.

Stephen was the Drum Major on Grand Day 1970 and will be attending the Grand Day prize giving this year with his wife Carol, on his Grandson's birthday, where the drum prize will be presented for the first time.

Our thanks go to Stephen for this thoughtful and enduring gift to the School.



*Supported by:  
The Clocktower Society*





# News from TDF



The Dukies' Foundation

From Alan Jones, Chair of The Dukies' Foundation

## MAINTAINING MOMENTUM

It is a few months since I last wrote in Dukie News so it is timely to give you a fresh report. In so many ways it has been a fulfilling period; working with our partners in the Dukie Family we have been able to continue to deliver an extremely respectable level of support to the School, through Student Support, Leadership, Sport, Arts and many other areas of need. Grants over the last 6 years top £605,738.

However, it is also time to look to the future and address the challenge of being able to provide long-term future support.

TDF Trustees are particularly grateful to the many Dukies already backing the Foundation in *Helping the Dukies of Today* via the The Dukies' Association (recognised by membership of the Clocktower Society) and the other generous individual contributions. Such donations last year totalled some £67,000. Together with TDF funds this has provided assistance to an eclectic range of activities, including: continuing awards [to, now, 3 youngsters] keeping them in School, prefect blazers, peer support, the Phantom of the Opera show, expedition to



Costa Rica & Nicaragua and a continuing rewards project. This support is greatly appreciated by the students taking part and, also, the School staff who are given greater confidence and satisfaction to plan innovative activities. From time to time TDF agrees to pump prime part of a School project to enable it to get going, securing additional funding from other sources.

Whilst our key objective is to support current pupils, TDF's charter also encourages it to support our alumni and this has been achieved through the sponsorship of the Dukie alumni officer post. This is an appropriate moment to thank, and congratulate, Jenny Grant for her immensely successful

work in connecting with Dukies and organising so many popular events and activities, evident throughout Dukie News. Also, whole-hearted congratulations are due to Peter Godwin in his success in the creation of the Dukies' Memorial at the National Arboretum supported by 120 Dukies. I look forward to taking part in the dedication of this grand tribute to the School's fallen.

However, it is interesting to look more closely at the TDF grants figure of £605,738. This included two awards of £150K each to the Nye Hall and to Bursaries. This has been made possible by the work of previous Trustees who had garnered the funds; it has been highly satisfactory (and vastly easier)

to have been in a position to disburse than to accumulate.

But looking forward the Trust now needs to rebuild its coffers. It has sufficient income from investments (just!), together with the donations from Dukies, and others, to provide a reasonable level of assistance. However, we need to do more and be in a position to support, in particular, many more bursaries, increase the quality of facilities and also provide continuing discrete support to individual smaller projects which really make a difference in many diverse areas of School life. Please note that 1 in 6 current Dukies need help with fees and that there is a small, but growing trend, of Dukies from military families – just as you most likely were – whose education is threatened mid-course when their parents are required to leave the Forces. The 3 awards mentioned earlier focus in this area.

So, the Trust is working with the School by sponsoring the extension of Jenny Grant's role, to give her the time and resources to carry out traditional fundraising responsibilities, to Dukies because charity begins at home and impresses other non-family funders, and a broader







# THE “OLD SCHOOL TIE”



approach to grant-making trusts, researching potential donors & expanding our legacy appeal from the wider world. This will also involve Jenny in her role, the TDF and the School in working together to encourage support for future, more specific, aspirations.

Needless to say, the TDF Trustees would welcome your support; in asking I am especially conscious that Dukies already play a brilliant part in School life, not only in providing financial aid but also practical help – such as participation in Careers Development. I am only too aware myself that we all have other calls on our time and our purse but please take a moment to consider whether you are able to join in and help, perhaps by:

- Becoming a member of the Clocktower Society in

recognition of donations given to the School via TDF

- Considering a gift via a legacy in your will - even a small percentage can make real long-term differences in the future. Promised legacies qualify for Clocktower
- Through connections. Perhaps you know someone who knows a philanthropist or funding body with an ardent interest in military matters, or in education?

Please contact Jenny at [jennifer.grant@doyrms.com](mailto:jennifer.grant@doyrms.com) if you have suggestions, or would like to know more!

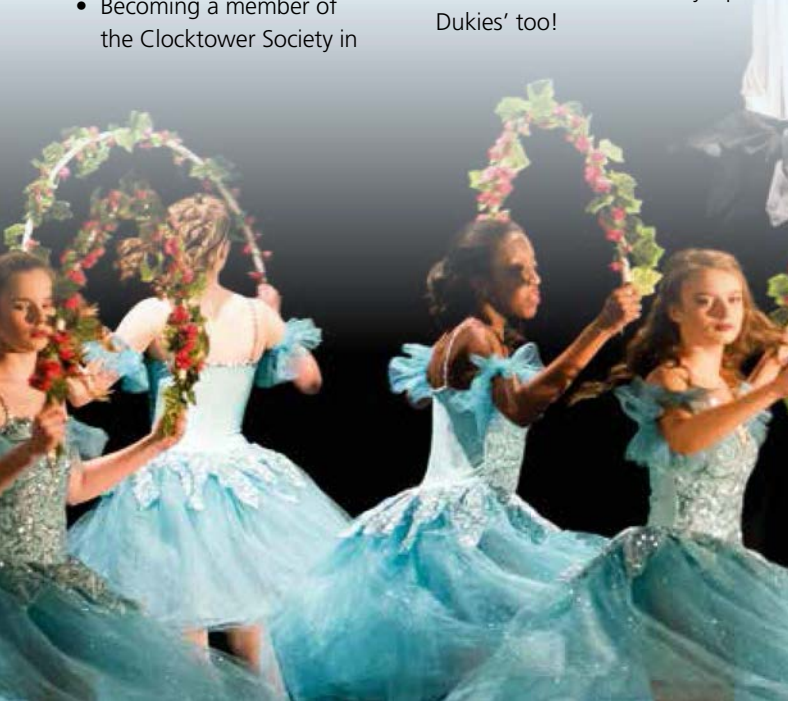
Thank you for your interest, and again to the many Dukies helping in countless ways. Finally, my sincere thanks to my fellow Trustees, whose voluntary commitment enables The Dukies Foundation to ‘Play Up Dukies’ too!

There is an old saying in the Army about “wearing a number of different hats” – officers and soldiers who fulfil a number of different functions or hold numerous posts simultaneously. Visitors to the School have commented on the range of School ties that students – and indeed staff – wear. Pictured above is a selection of ties that can most commonly be seen on display: (from left to right):

- The standard School tie – the burgundy and blue tie worn by all students as they enter the School
- Colts tie – awarded for excellence in a particular sport, usually at Under 16 level
- Half Colour – recognizing commitment and proficiency over a whole season in any one sport, usually (but not exclusively) awarded at Year 12
- Full Colour – for representing the School at the highest level throughout a sporting season (occasionally awarded at Year 12, but more usually during Year 13)
- Sporting Tour tie – to commemorate selection for a sporting tour (this one is from the 2012 South Africa Hockey tour)
- Prefect tie – Prefects are selected towards the end of Year 12 to serve as School Leaders during Year 13
- Junior Under Officer (JUO) tie – awarded to members of Year 13 who take command of a Guard during military parades
- Chief School Prefect / Senior Prefect tie – from within the Prefect body, three students are chosen to lead and represent the School both internally and externally
- Staff tie - all members of staff are entitled to wear this. Silk scarves of an identical design are also available
- The Dukies Association (TDA) tie – all Dukies, once they have left the School, are automatically enrolled as members of TDA.

By the time Dukies leave School, many have amassed quite a collection of different ties – all well-earned and worn with pride!

*Stephen King  
School Librarian*





Dukies' Careers Programme continues to reap rewards at the School

# DUKIES INSPIRING DUKIES



Our successful 'Dukies Inspiring Dukies' Careers Programme continues to reap rewards at the School. This year's Careers Fair saw 20 former Dukies returning in March to give senior students the opportunity to learn about their options after leaving school. Dukies came from a wide generational spread and represented a range of professions, including two

paramedics from the London Ambulance Service (with their ambulance car), a chartered ecologist, a director, playwright and screenwriter, a banker, a lawyer, an accountant, a systems engineer from Boeing Defence, a senior commissioning editor from Cambridge University Press, and a musician from the Royal Logistics Corps Band.

The event in the Old Gym for

Year 10-13 students included hands-on demonstrations, guidance on career and higher education choices, and advice on how to write job applications.

There were also representatives from the Civil Service Fast Track Apprenticeships, the Chartered Insurance Institute, Transport for London, Barratt Homes, and Army, Navy and Signals.

Old Dukies enjoyed a few drinks the night before the Fair at the Duke of York's pub and it was agreed that a curry should also be added into the itinerary next year! They reminisced about their years at the School by joining current Students for a hearty breakfast in the dining hall, and later were given a tour of the school's new facilities by prefects. Some also stayed on afterwards to compete in the nail-biting Old Dukies vs School hockey match.



On the same day, Dukie Professor Paul Shaw returned to talk to our Sixth Form Scientists and Geographers about identifying and measuring pre-historical environmental change, a fascinating and very educational talk well aligned with the School curriculum.

The students greatly enjoyed both the Careers Fair and Paul's talk, and the School is hugely grateful to all who continue to return (some from quite some distance) to inspire current students.







# ARMY MUSIC CORPS OF ARMY MU

Are you looking for employment as a full-time musician?

Internationally recognised for its musical excellence, the British Army offers an exciting, diverse and stimulating musical career. No city in the world has more British Army Bands in constant demand around the globe. The largest single employer of musicians in the UK, the Corps of Army Music employs thousands of players to meet that demand. Army Bands are modelled on jazz bands, brass bands and various string ensembles.

Vacancies exist for woodwind, brass, percussion and contemporary musicians who sing or play guitar. Entry is by audition open to musicians aged between 17 and 30.



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## Army v Navy Rugby

# TDA VISIT TWICKENHAM

More than 150 Dukies enjoyed a fun day out at the 100th Army v Navy Babcock Trophy match at Twickenham on April 29th.

New School Principal Alex Foreman, TDA Chair Simon Daghish, RSM Steff Dowle and Jenny Grant loaded up the School minibus with beers, wine and snacks, and parked up in the Bulls Field Car Park with School Flag flying proudly on top for Dukies to find.

It was a really great day and a fantastic chance for everyone to catch up with their old friends over drinks both before and after the game, with a nailbiting game of rugby (ending in a win for the Army) in between!

Next year's match is on May 5th and Jenny will once again be selling tickets from January... this event gets bigger and better each year!





# GRAND DAY 2017

Grand Day is on July 7th and we'd love to see as many of you as possible here on the day. This year's Guest of Honour is Lieutenant-General J Bashall CBE, Commander Home Command.

The itinerary is as follows:

## The day before Grand Day – Thursday 6 July 2017

18:15 Art & Technology Exhibition – East Teaching Block  
19:00 Grand Day Production – Nye Hall

## Grand Day – Friday 7 July 2017

11:00–12:30 Hot food on sale in the marquee opposite the Nye Hall.  
In addition there will be a cash bar and tea/coffee.  
WW2 military aircraft and army displays available to view.  
13:00 Parade starts (**visitors to be seated by 12:45**)  
13:15 Trooping the Colour, Inspection and March Past  
13:40 Spitfire Fly Past  
13:45 Tigers Parachute Display Team

Trooping the Colour Programmes will be available on the day. Please feel free to bring picnic blankets and umbrellas to allow for different weather conditions. If you would like to assist the Friends of the School behind the bar or tea stall, or are able to provide a raffle prize, please contact Samantha Bryant at friendsdoyrms@gmail.com.

## Parking

Please be aware that additional security arrangements will be in place for Grand Day. Vehicle access to the school grounds is limited to disabled and VIP guests – please contact the School in advance if you require a pass. All other vehicles will be parking opposite the old main gate, signs and guards will direct you to this area.

Additional security searches will be carried out on vehicles and pedestrians entering the school grounds and all visitors are asked to be respectful to the security guards and their instructions.



The Dukies' Association

## Over 60s Reunion Dinner at Ramada Hotel, Dover on Friday 7th July 2017.

Anyone wishing to attend the above event, on the evening of Grand Day, is invited to contact Peter Godwin for further details:-

Tel No. 0121 3083931 or by email p.godders@talktalk.net

Bedrooms have been provisionally reserved for anyone attending the dinner

# Congratulations DUKIE WEDDING

Dukies Dan Pott and Kitty Gilbert married on December 18th at the School Chapel in a service officiated by Reverend Andy Bawtree, and attended by a number of ex-Dukies and staff.

We wish them all the best for a very happy future together!



# WEST COUNTRY DINNER

SATURDAY 25TH FEBRUARY 2017



A smaller than usual crowd met up at this year's West Country Dinner due sadly to a number of recent bereavements and ill health. That being said, the smaller number was very conducive to everyone being able to chat to each other and made for a thoroughly entertaining evening. Special mention must go to Peter Vincent who managed to pop in

whilst on a visit from America and Derek and Trish Jones who travelled across country from Bishop Stortford. Other Old Boys in attendance were Andy and Ray Barlow, Chris Barlow and wife Joanne, and Colin Greenbrook.

Details of next year's Dinner will be available in the Autumn addition of Dukie News!





# The British Torch of Remembrance: 53RD ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE

The Torch kindling ceremony that marks the start of the annual pilgrimage to Belgium will take place as usual in Westminster Abbey. The date this year is Tuesday 7th November at 6pm. Dukies who are in London at this time are more than welcome to attend this brief but moving

ceremony. Full details of the 2017 pilgrimage are available on the school's BToR webpage or from Andrew Nunn via BTOR@doyrms.com. We shall, as usual, be at the Menin Gate on Thursday 9th and taking part in the King's Armistice Day Parade on Saturday 11th. Our

special visit this year will be to Ploegsteert on 9th November where we shall pay homage to the fallen servicemen who are named at that memorial. We shall lay a wreath on behalf of the School to remember those of the Dukie family who are amongst their number.

## The Duke of York's Royal Military School

<b>LCpl J A Lake</b>	The Buffs (East Kent)	20/10/1914	Panel 2
<b>LCpl J W Kaveney</b>	1Bn East Yorks Regt	28/10/1914	Panel 4
<b>LCpl J W Lewis</b>	1Bn Hants Regt	31/10/1914	Panel 6
<b>Sgt F C Spiers</b>	Somerset Light Infantry	14/12/1914	Panel 3
<b>Private G A Hayman</b>	Northants Regt	09/05/1915	Panel 7
<b>Private B Knight</b>	2Bn Royal Berks Regt	25/09/1915	Panel 8

## The Royal Hibernian Military School

<b>Cpl D F Divine</b>	1Bn King's Own Royal Lancs Regt	20/10/1914	Panel 2
<b>LCpl W O'Leary</b>	1Bn Hants Regt	01/11/1914	Panel 6

## Tyne Cot: 'Passchendaele 100'

2017 sees the commemoration of the centenary of the Third Battle of Ypres. We shall be in Ypres on the evening of 30th July for the special Last Post ceremonies and have been

fortunate to secure tickets in the UK ballot to attend the centenary commemoration ceremonies at Tyne Cot on 31st July. The President and Chairman will attend and, at

the end of the public event, will have an opportunity to lay a wreath to remember those of our number who are named at Tyne Cot.

<b>Rifleman W A B Clark</b>	1Bn Royal Irish Rifles	16/08/1917	Panel 138
<b>Rifleman A V Somerset</b>	12Bn King's Royal Rifle Corps	16/08/1917	Panel 119a
<b>LCpl G A Axon</b>	11Bn Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders	22/08/1917	Panel 142a
<b>Private H L W Freeman</b>	1Bn Lincolnshire Regt	20/09/2017	Panel 36a
<b>Private R D Douglas</b>	12Bn Durham Light Infantry	20/10/1917	Panel 129



## Team BRIT



In an earlier edition of Dukie News (June 2016) we published a story about Tony Ted Williams (Haig and Roberts 95-00): "Surviving the Battlefield".

In an exciting development, Tony is now a driver for Team BRIT, a motor racing team of disabled ex-troops who are looking to make history. The team is backed by patrons and Formula 1 legends Damon Hill and Johnny Herbert, and aims to be the first ever team of all-disabled drivers to compete in Le Mans in 2020, a feat they will hope to achieve after progressing through a racing series including at Brands Hatch in June.

The team's four drivers are all ex or serving troops who have sustained serious physical or mental injuries and are disabled.

Tony, 32, said: "When I was injured, my whole world changed and so many opportunities were taken away from me.

"At first it was really dark, I'd found myself attached to the lads and I got into quite a dark place. Then the mother of the guy whose last words were to tell me to get off the battlefield said to me it wasn't my fault and gave me a hug and I realised that I have got a life to live.

"It was a huge mental fight and I went from a soldier to being completely dependent.

"When my oldest daughter was born that was a huge mental boost and changed my life. I'm really enjoying life now."

Tony spent a year with the charity KartForce, of which Team BRIT is a branch, competing in 24-hour races, such as a British 24 hours, Le Mans, 24 hours of Majorca, and smaller endurance races around the country before being asked to join the team.

He added: "Before I wasn't willing to give anything exciting a go and I was afraid of fireworks. With motorsport I found that my mental health was improving and I was setting myself goals physically and mentally and was reconditioning the adrenaline release from a negative to a positive experience."

We wish Tony and Team BRIT all the best in their exciting challenge!

If you'd like to enter a draw to win an amazing Morgan EV3 Junior Children's Car, go to [www.teambrit.co.uk/grand-draw](http://www.teambrit.co.uk/grand-draw). Tickets cost £2.50 and all proceeds go to Kartforce, helping injured troops all over the country to access motorsport through endurance karting.



# SCHOOL NEWS

## Inter-House DRILL COMPETITION

Old Dukies were once again heavily involved in this year's Inter-house Drill Competition, where students displayed their marching and presentation skills.

Staff Sergeant Chris McKechnie (Royal Signals) (Wellington, 90 - 95) returned to judge the competition, accompanied by his colleagues Capt Sam McEvoy and Sgt Andy Madden from 1st NATO Signal Battalion.

All pupils in years 9 to 13 took part on May 5, representing their respective houses, with the entire school taking part in a parade at the end of the day, led by the School's military band.

As always, marks were awarded in five categories: Inspection, Turnings, Quick Time, Slow Time and March Past. However, marks were deducted for any instances of dirty or poorly-pressed uniforms, loose belts, unclean brasses,



grubby shoes, long or untidy hair, or incorrectly knotted ties.

The final prize-giving and reviewing officer was Brigadier Phil Kimber OBE, Commander 11 Brigade, also a former Dukie, who presented the drill competition shield to Isabella, Junior Under Officer of Marlborough House. Emilie, Junior Under Officer

of Wolfe House received the Baroness Thatcher Sword of Honour for being judged best Junior Under Officer of the Year. Molly, Mitchell, Jessica, Elliot, Josh and Lewis were awarded good conduct stripes for best Year 8 student in each guard.

On the morning of the Drill Competition, a new School

Honours Board to commemorate honours received by Dukies since November 1918 was unveiled by Brigadier Phil Kimber OBE who also appears on the board.

Former students Geoff Ralph and Phil Harrington spearheaded the project which was funded by Kent County Council; the Bishop of Dover, Right Reverend Trevor Willmott blessed the School Honours Board. More on this on page 11.





# NEW HONOURS BOARD FOR FORMER PUPILS

Many a Dukie will have seen the honours board erected to acclaim the bravery and devotion to duty shown by former pupils during the 1st and 2nd World Wars. However, Dukies who received honours after this received no recognition by the School at all. This didn't seem right to some of us.

In November 2013 Paul Harrington and myself talked to Chris Russell (former Principal) saying that it was about time the School put in place a project to get their achievements recognised.

Chris embraced this suggestion and then invited Steven Saunderson (Vice Principal - Recruitment and Military) to join the team and lead it from the School, whilst Paul and I set about devising the best way to get Dukies to provide the information needed for the board.

An email address was set up - [dyrmsmedals@gmail.com](mailto:dyrmsmedals@gmail.com) and publicity about our search was put in newsletters from the OBA and Dukie News. Emails

started to arrive and the process of verifying the claims began. Ninety nine years of Dukie achievements were captured. It proved to be a time consuming project and it was not cheap.

Chris then set about finding the funds, and we owe a debt of gratitude to Kent Count Council for their generosity in this matter.



On the 5th May 2017 the new board was unveiled in a simple but solemn ceremony in the Adjutant General's room.

The AG's room used to be the School library but is now an impressive room where there is space for formal gatherings. There is also a place for another board to be hung alongside when this one fills up. It is a grand setting for both the old and new boards.

The ceremony was led by the new Head of School, Alex Foreman, who thanked all concerned before inviting ex-Dukie, Brigadier Phil Kimber OBE who is the Commander of the 11th Infantry Brigade and HQ South East to unveil it. Phil gave a short but heart-felt speech and we learnt that his father too had been a Dukie. It was so appropriate that such a person whose name appears on the board should have made the address.

The Bishop of Dover, Trevor Willmott, gave his blessing to the board and we took a moment out, in prayer, to remember all those - both military and civilian - who serve and protect us.

Several members of the staff, governors and military personnel also attended. Councillor Leyland Ridings MBE represented the governors and Kent CC. Mrs Georgina Martin the new chair of governors also joined us.

## But what of the future?

The Principal mentioned in his speech that we are aware that the board is already out of date because Dukies have received further recent honours.

We also know that some names are missing from the board. This is usually for one of three reasons:

- 1 Information came in after it went to the sign-writer
- 2 Some people have requested that we do not put their name on the board, so naturally we have respected that wish and
- 3 The School has no knowledge of the award. Award winners tend to be modest BUT you, as a friend, may know. So we would like you to pass that information on.

The School wants to honour them, so if you wish to tell us please email us at the above email address with your information.

Below Jenny Grant and Steven Saunderson show off the new board and they need more information so that we can update the board or start a new one if necessary as soon as it is practicable to do so.



We know Dukies serve their countries well so let's celebrate their awards with them.

We need to know:

- \* The name of the person
- \* House and dates at School
- \* Military rank and unit or non military establishment conferring award
- \* Date of The Award
- \* The Award ( e.g. Military Medal, MBE etc.)
- \* Proof of the award. - e.g. a link to the London Gazette, or scanned copy/photo of certificate for non-Gazetted awards

Please DO NOT SEND ORIGINALS certificates or treasured photos as the School cannot take responsibility for their safe return.

Send information to [dyrmsmedals@gmail.com](mailto:dyrmsmedals@gmail.com)

Thank you.

Geoff Ralph  
(Kitchener & Clive, 58 – 65)



From L to R: Leyland Ridings, Geoff Ralph, Bishop Trevor, Alex Foreman, Phil Kimber, Steve Saunderson



# DUKIES RETAIN THE DUKE OF YORK'S CUP

## and break new records

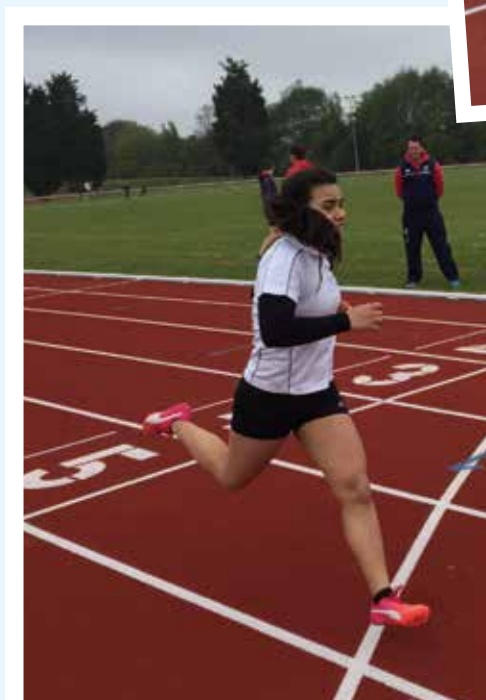
This May our current Dukie Athletes defended our home Athletics Championships and retained the Duke of York's Cup. Despite the cold weather, the team came out and shone both on the track and at the field events. With some tough competition from Sevenoaks School, King's Canterbury and Dover College, the students had to dig deep. The girls showed their dominance in all three age groups and although some age groups had to amalgamate due to numbers in the events, all gave their best and a number performed well and produced personal bests. The boys found the going a little harder and had to pull out all the stops to maintain our position. The Open and U17 boys produced some fine performances which helped enable the team to win in their age groups, and the U15 boys showed some heart against some top opposition.

There were many highlights over the afternoon both in performance and effort, however it was very impressive to see 4 new records set and of course an overall win for the Duke of York's Royal Military School.

Nick Wedderman romped home to victory in the U17 100 metres, equalling the previous record set back in 1973 by Malcolm Tyrrell (New Record now stands at 11.2 seconds)

Mia Hillyard who must be the athlete of the day broke the other three records: she won the Girls U16 100 metres setting the new record

at 13.2 seconds and then went on to win the Girls U16 300 metres in a new record time of 44.8 seconds, which is 2.1 seconds faster than the previous record set in 1997. This is now also the Open Girls new record time for the 300 metres. To finish off a good day for Mia, she also broke the 2005 Long Jump record, again setting a new distance for both the U16 and the Open Girls events, by jumping 4.67 metres.





# YOUR STORIES

Pete Delduca (Haig & Clive, 63 – 70)

## A TALE OF TWO MATHS TEACHERS IN THE 1960S

In the 1960s, the 3rd form saw the start of the GCE syllabuses for all subjects, which was a year earlier than was the norm for other schools. This gave a chance for the more academically minded of us to knock off a couple of GCE 'O' levels at the end year 4 and so ease the burden for the main GCE exams in the 5th form.

It was at this point, the 3rd year, that my set was given into the very capable hands of 'Boney' Triton, a brilliant Maths teacher, with whom I would study Maths for the next 5 years. He is the first of my two Maths teachers in this tale. His teaching was good enough for me to get a grade 2 GCE in Maths in the summer of 1967, the end of my 4th year. (GCE grades 1 to 6 were passes and 7 to 9 were failures. The school required a grade 3 GCE as a minimum entry for any A level course).

To continue Maths for the 5th formers who had passed their 'O' level, and were expecting to pursue sciences in the 6th form, there was a halfway house, a 1 year course called Additional, or 'A/O' Maths.

This was a very trying year for me as early on in the first term I was very badly injured in a rugby game. As a result of this missed time I fell well behind in my Maths. I wasn't allowed to take the exam in the summer term when I gained a further six 'O' levels all bar one at grade 2, the exception being Biology for which I was awarded a grade 1.

On taking up my place in LVI Sc. (Lower 6th Science) the school, to my consternation,

told me I was to study Chemistry, Physics and Biology. This was not my choice as I requested that I study Chemistry, Physics and *MATHS*. My choice for a University degree was likely to be Chemistry. The school were adamant that my best chances were with their subject choice. It took the intervention of my cousin, a Professor of Metallurgy at Strathclyde University to persuade them that for my chosen degree the study of Maths was far better than Biology.

So the school relented and I took Maths as my third subject, which in those days had 'A' level Pure and Applied Maths as the only option.

So back to 'Boney' Triton for 'Applied Maths' (essentially mechanics, which crossed over with Physics). The 'Pure' element was taught by 'Crapper' Cleaves, the other Maths teacher. 'Crapper' was also brilliant but not as a teacher, his brilliance being fluency in Russian. His teaching sometimes was simply to write a problem to solve, from a book, on the blackboard and tell us to get on with it as he left the room. He always left the book open on his desk. Easy we thought, just look at the book for the answer. It was then we discovered it was a book written in Russian and was no help whatsoever!

I never really took to 'Pure Maths' having been left behind my classmates at the A/O stage. 'Applied Maths' was a different story, not only did it get repeated in Physics but 'Boney' was such a good teacher.

When we took our mock 'A' levels, it gave rise to an interesting scenario.

'Crapper' was the first to confront me. "I'm not sure you should be entered into the exam, as 4% is not the required standard".

I answered, "Isn't the mark based on the average of both parts of the exam and I need to average 40% for a pass?". "Not very likely is it Delduca?" he retorted. So off I went to see 'Boney', who greeted me with "Excellent result Delduca, 92%".

I ran from 'Boney' to find 'Crapper'.

"Does 92 plus 4 give me a pass mark?" I asked him, knowing full well it did.

"It would, if you got that mark and could do it again next term".

"Thank you sir, I hope you let me take the exam."

I was allowed to take the exam and duly got a grade 'E' which along with my 'B' in Chemistry and 'C' in Physics gave me the required 8 points from 3 'A' levels with a minimum of a 'C' in Chemistry for entry to my chosen university.

The following term returned to the school for Remembrance Sunday. I heard a familiar voice shout "Delduca." I turned to see 'Crapper,' standing with an outstretched hand.

"Let me shake your hand and thank you," he said." I thought you were going to be my first ever failure at 'A' level but you didn't let me down". I never saw him again.

I owe a great deal to 'Boney.' Were it not for him I wouldn't have got that vital eighth point and third 'A' level which fulfilled my entry requirements.

Biographies (edited from Art Cockerill's website [www.achart.ca](http://www.achart.ca))



**Triton Mr N.** 'Norman' aka 'Boney; HsM Marlborough; ex-RAF Squadron Leader; brilliant and inspiring teacher of maths and meteorology; a teacher with a sound reputation, he inspired his boys and gave them confidence for when they left school; one summed up his rating, 'a bloody marvellous teacher and a bloody marvellous bloke.'



**Cleaves Mr H. (Howard)** aka 'Crapper, opinion of him is clearly divided, one reporting that HM Mullen tried unsuccessfully to have him fired while others give him high praise as an excellent teacher of Pure Maths for sixth formers - 'the only time I properly understood statistics; he gave me such a good grounding that I was able to buff up again twenty years later when I got a job in a mathematical analysis consultancy.' Reported to have suffered burns flying a Spitfire in WWII and given plastic surgery.



# Geoff Ralph LIFE IN CLIVE IN 65



Dukie Geoff Ralph (58 – 65, Kitchener & Clive) came back to School on Sunday 21 May to talk to Haig House (aka Clive, who have recently moved into Haig!) about LIFE IN CLIVE IN '65. He gave a very entertaining presentation to the senior girls (who gathered around the Day Room on sofas alongside Housemaster Stephen Soggi) about the differences in life at the School then vs now.

The first difference of course was that there were no girls at the School in 1965. Geoff recounted how when girls came up to the

School (from nearby Schools) for dances, the boys had a very interesting way of choosing which one to dance with – the girls left one shoe each outside, the boys picked one, then had to find the girl wearing the matching shoe and dance with them. All very 'Cinderella'...!

There were also differences in the School site itself and the local area. There was no dock road, no roundabout, no Premier Inn and no Petrol station next to the School in which to buy snacks. Dormitories didn't have dividing

partitions, and contained about 20 boys each, with only a metal framed bed, a wooden locker and bed linen for each boy. The School however did provide clothes (other than Civilian dress which was provided by parents), and today's girls were shocked to hear that included only two pairs of underpants per boy!

The boys were known by a number, and inspected twice a day – nightly it was shoes and lockers, and morning for cleanliness and



The Haig/Clive girls (as well as the Staff) really enjoyed Geoff's talk and had lots of questions for him afterwards.

Thank you so much Geoff for a very entertaining and informative



dress. They marched to breakfast and dinner and punishments were a little severer in those days: fatigues, detention, extra work, gating and pocket money deductions were much like today but four punishment fatigues in a week equalled 1 stroke of the dreaded cane from the House Master.

presentation... as you said at the end, wouldn't it be wonderful if in fifty years' time, one of the girls you spoke to returned to do the same sort of talk to a future generation of Dukies!



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The military career of a Dukie who died a century ago

# SECOND LIEUTENANT F R WALKER MC REMEMBERED

This short article records the military career of a Dukie who died a century ago. Second Lieutenant Frederick Ramsey Walker MC died on 6 January 1917 at Dreghorn Barracks (a military training camp) on the outskirts of Edinburgh. He was buried with full military honours in Dalry Cemetery in the south west suburbs of the city.

Frederick was born in the military barracks in Tipperary on 27 July 1882. His father Tom was a staff sergeant in the 25th (the King's Own Borderers) Regiment of Foot at the time and his mother was recorded as Mary Susanna (nee Lawson). He was orphaned



*Frederick Ramsey Walker pictured as a CSM in the 2nd Battalion the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders (probably taken sometime in 1916) and the regiment's cap badge (Queen Victoria pattern)*



THE BATTLE OF MODDER RIVER—THE ARGYLL AND SUTHERLAND HIGHLANDERS CROSSING THE DRIFT.

*Drawing by Allan Stewart*

sometime after between 1891 and 1893; and coming from a military background he was duly admitted to the Duke of York's Royal Military School in Chelsea on 26 May 1893. On leaving the school on 8 August 1896 aged just 14 he joined the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders (Princess Louise's).

Up until his death in 1917 he had given twenty years' distinguished service in garrisons of the Empire, in the Second Boer War and as part of the British Expeditionary Force (BEF) hastily despatched to France in the late summer of 1914.

Frederick probably initially joined the 1st Battalion of the Argylls whilst they were deployed overseas in the colonies of the Far East. After garrison duties in Ceylon, Hong Kong and finally Britain, Frederick was deployed with the Battalion to South Africa as part of the 3rd Highland Brigade in November 1899. The battalion saw

operational service in battles at the Modder River, Magersfontein and Paardeberg. He was awarded the Queen's South African medal with two clasps, for his service in the Boer War from 1899-1902.

There was an interesting coincidence discovered in researching this article and that is Frederick Walker was possibly on the same battlefield (i.e. Magersfontein) as fellow Dukie John Shaul of the 1st Battalion the Highland Light Infantry (HLI). Shaul would be awarded the Victoria Cross for his conduct during this battle, when displayed exemplary courage whilst in charge of The HLI's stretcher bearers tending to wounded men in the open when under fire. The Argylls and HLI were both part of the Highland Brigade at the time.

Sometime in the period leading up to the Great War Frederick was reassigned to the 2nd Battalion of the Argylls, which

was based at Fort George in Inverness in 1912, he married his wife Josephine that same year. According to his medal card he entered the BEF theatre of operations on 10 August 1914; and date of entry into France indicates he was probably part of A or B Company 2nd Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders; who had embarked on a the troop ship Sea Hound at Southampton, which landed the battalion at Boulogne.

Frederick had risen through the ranks with great speed and was a young Company Serjeant Major in 1914, earning the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal along the way. According to his grave marker in Edinburgh, Frederick saw action in the following key battles on the Western Front:

- The retreat from Mons
- Le Cateau
- The Marne
- The Aisne



- Ypres
- Neuve Chapelle
- Loos
- The Somme.

The Argylls would experience some of the most brutal forms of trench warfare during the battles listed above.

Frederick was awarded the French Medaille Militaire for gallantry in BEF operations between 21 August and 30 August 1914; as well as being mentioned in despatches three times. Later he would be awarded the Military Cross (MC), his MC citation in 1916 read "For valuable services rendered in connection with Military Operations in the Field". Frederick Walker was commissioned in 1917 in recognition of his excellent front line service, but it seems he would never return to the battalion after being wounded

in the Somme in August 1916. His battalion at the time being part of 33rd Division, which was involved in a number of the battles in the sector.

He was twice wounded in action and the last wounding resulted in him being evacuated back to the UK to recover from his injuries. He tried to convalesce at his parent in law's home in Belfast for a few months, but eventually returned to training duties at Dreghorn Barracks in Scotland. Unfortunately he died at the camp and the cause of his death is recorded as Syncope (i.e. he fell unconscious and never recovered); it is possible his wounds and the privations of 20 years of hard military service may have contributed to his death. His funeral in Edinburgh was an impressive affair, conducted with full military honours on the route to the cemetery and at the graveside; as his gravestone and

local newspapers record.

Frederick Ramsey Walker was married to Josephine Margaret (nee Maxwell), she lived with her parents who ran a business at 107 Donegal Street in Belfast. Josephine had been previously married and divorced with a young daughter from that marriage. It appears that Frederick and Josephine did not have any children of their own. So it falls to others to remember a brave and loyal Dukie, who gave an excellent account of himself during his service. This is him remembered a hundred years after his death.

*Information compiled by Chris Tomlinson – 6 January 2017*

With much assistance from Nigel Henderson of Great War Belfast Presbyterians Memorial and Betty Hepburn a relative of Frederick Walker.



*Photograph courtesy of Colin Sievewright*



*Unidentified members of an Argyll 'bombing party' in the trenches of Flanders or Northern France.*



## Colonel George Nugent

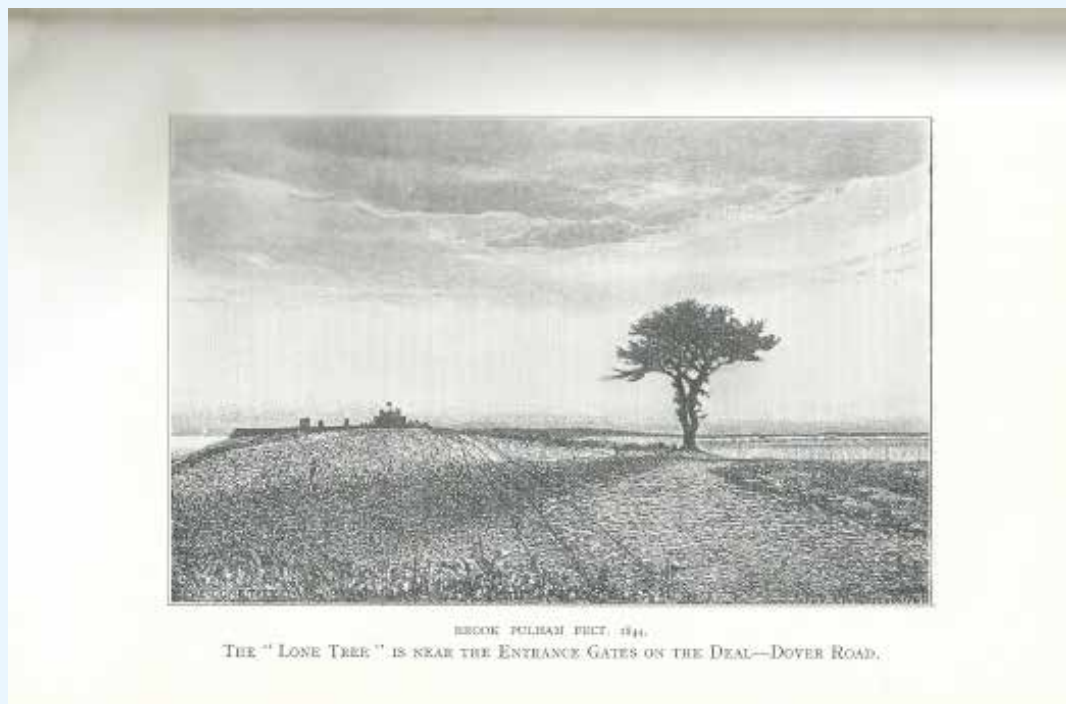
# THE SCHOOL ON LONE TREE HILL

The School Song was written by Colonel George Nugent who was appointed Commandant of the School some two or three years after the School re-located in 1909 from Chelsea. In the song reference is made to "the School on Lone Tree Hill" and the picture above shows such a tree - alone and standing proud.

I often thought this a strange reference as all I could see around the School were lots and lots of trees. So how did the reference in the School song come about? And what about the tree itself - how did it get there? Is it still there? Why alone?

Judging from the picture it must have been a distinguishing landmark in an otherwise barren landscape so the locals around Dover would have clearly understood about the reference, as would the pupils. In the background is the Castle and the views are unobstructed all around. During my time there (1958-65) not many of us knew much about this tree however, in 2013 a tree was identified as the tree in question and duly fenced in as the photo below shows. (Picture from *The Dover Historian* website.)

Recently I was given a book written by a Lewis C Rudd entitled



REGIO PUBLICA PICT. 1911.  
THE "LONE TREE" IS NEAR THE ENTRANCE GATES ON THE DEAL—DOVER ROAD.

Lewis Rudd was a Dukie between 1880 and 1884 and was a founder of the Old Boys Association (OBA) in 1908. He worked at the British Museum for 49 ½ years. In his book the legend of the Lone Tree Hill is explained. The Lone Tree photo is from his book and he goes on to quote the origins of the tree taken from "Historical Sketch of Dover and its Castle", by T. Rigden and

*There is a curious history relative to it, which deserves to be made known. It appears that upwards of sixty years ago to soldiers, who had been companions from youth, fell deeply in love with the same girl. One of the lovers whose name was Donald MacDonald, discovered his rival walking one evening with the girl on the road to Deal; he immediately set off in pursuit, but in his haste forgot to take any weapon with him; he, therefore, cut a stick from the hedge and, overtaking his comrades soon after the girl had parted from him, attacked him furiously and, striking him repeated blows on the head, left him to die on the spot.*

*The stick was completely covered with gore, and Donald, lest it should lead to a discovery of his crime, thrust it deeply in the ground and returned to his quarters. The regiment marched from Dover the following morning without the missing man, who was afterwards found still living. Eventually he recovered from the injuries he received, but, when reason returned, he could only remember being attacked by quotes "some stranger", so that the real culprit was not suspected.*

*The idea of being a murderer however haunted Donald night and day, and from one of the gayest he became one of the most melancholy men in the regiment. After a few years of foreign service he returned to England,*

*when a strange desire seized him to revisit the scene of his guilt. He went to the place, and found to his astonishment that the weapon with which he had assaulted his friend had taken root where he had thrust it and thrown forth numerous branches.*

*He then went to his native place in Scotland, but after a lapse of several years that same morbid desire to view the fatal spot again returned to him, and he actually walked from Montrose to Dover for that purpose, when he again beheld the instrument of vengeance green and flourishing.*

*This time, however, his guilty conscience sought relief and he decided to go to Dover and give himself up for the crime, whereupon enquiry was made respecting his supposed victim, and great was his joy on learning that the man had recovered and was then serving on board an Indiaman. Old Donald lived to the age of 94 and related the story to the Minister of the village in Scotland where he died in the autumn of 1843."*

How true this story is one will never know, but it is repeated elsewhere in various articles as a Google search will reveal. At least it answered my questions about the tree and on my return to the School I will be sure to visit it.

G J Ralph (KIC 1958-65)  
14 February 2017



"History of the Duke of York's Royal Military School 1803 - 1934". It's a fascinating read for lovers of the School's history and in it is the legend of the Lone Tree. The account below was given in 1843 and the incident it describes happened some 60 years before that, meaning that the tree started to grow in 1783 or thereabouts.

published in 1846.

The story goes as follows:

*"About three quarters of a mile from Dover Castle on the Deal road, stands a solitary tree. Its lonely situation, and the long distance at which it can be seen, have made it an object of interest, especially to inmates of the Castle, from which it is literally the only tree visible in that direction.*



# OBITUARIES

## Ted Grant 1941 - 1945 (Roberts)

Edward (Ted) Grant passed away on March 29th at the Lyell McEwan hospital in Adelaide. Ted published a regular newsletter for Dukies Downunder and, despite geographical distance, made frequent visits back to the School. We saw him most

recently when he joined us for lunch at High Table in June 2015, and later returned for that year's Grand Day. He will be sadly missed.

## Roy John Hill

*Mrs Jean Hill wrote:*

"It is with great sadness that I advise that my husband, Roy

John Hill, passed away on 25 January 2017, aged 82 years. Roy attended the Duke of York's School from September 1944 to 1952 and had very fond memories of his time there."

## Sidney Noyce 1935 – 1941 (Roberts)

Sidney was born in October 1925 and came back to visit the

School with his wife Jean and family in 2015 on the occasion of his 90th birthday. He enjoyed a lovely day reminiscing around the School site and visiting his old boarding house, lunching with the Executive Principal at High Table and being given his old School records. Sidney sadly passed away in May this year and will be sadly missed.

## Terence John Woolley

Terence John Woolley, DOB 04/03/1942 was at the school during the 1950s and his wife Jean advised us of his passing in December 2016. Terry's father was a Warrant Officer Master Gunner and continued in service after the war, serving

in Gibraltar. While the family were stationed there, Terry's mother died of polio and the family returned to the UK, and Terry was sent to the Duke of York's.

While sorting through some of Terry's possessions, Jean found a military

style full length coat and jacket from DOYRMS. Despite being in a suitcase for many years, the clothing is in excellent condition with shiny brass buttons, and she has kindly sent in to take pride of place in our School museum.



Photo: Wellington House Rugby Photo December 1958 – Senior Cup Winners 1958 & 1959 (Terence John Woolley – Back Row 3rd from right)

# Information please?

## William Hassall

Mr Hassall's daughter has written to see if anyone can help with any information relating to her dad, **William Hassall**. He was born in 1925, and was in Roberts House from

1935/39. He may have been in the Merchant Navy before joining the Royal Navy at 17, in 1942. He served on Taber Park (aka Tabor Park) which was sunk in the North Sea on 13 March 1945 (torpedo attack by midget

submarine?). He was on LCGM 143 for VJ day 1945. He later moved to Canada. His brother James Hassall was also a Dukie, but in Wellington, 36/43. He became a Police Sergeant in Birmingham, before also moving

to Canada in the late 70s, where he pre-deceased Bill. Please contact [jennifer.grant@doyrms.com](mailto:jennifer.grant@doyrms.com) if you have any information about William.



# Cover Story

## TDA VS SCHOOL HOCKEY

The Old Dukies vs School 1st XI Hockey match was resurrected on a Friday evening (after the Careers Fair) in early March back at the School. The Old Dukies team's most senior player was Allan Mayo who has just been selected for the England Over 65s squad, and the team was supported by a couple of members of School staff including new Principal (and goal-scorer) Alex Foreman.

Old Dukies led for a large part of the game but were ultimately undone by younger legs, with the finish score a 6-5 win to the School. The game was played with great skill and superb spirit on both sides, and was rounded off with a match dinner in the dining hall for all players.

This fixture is now firmly back in the Dukie sporting calendar!

