



The Dukies' Association

# DUKIE NEWS

The newsletter for all members of The Dukies' Association



News from Dukies around the globe

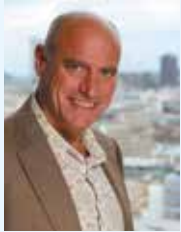
## Toughest Race in the World

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## From Simon Daghish, Chair of The Dukies' Association NEW PANEL MEMBERS REQUIRED



We have had an eventful few months at The Dukies' Association. In March, the positive

interaction and knowledge transfer between current and former pupils at the Careers Fair was great to see, and we are looking forward to building on this in the programme of talks and workshops planned for the Autumn Term.

The Clocktower Society is going from strength to strength, with the first bursary award having now been made by The Dukies'

Foundation from TDA-raised funds. Generous donations to the Adventure Training Budget have allowed for large quantities of equipment to be purchased for the Dartmoor and Borneo expeditions as well as for training on the climbing wall. The support from TDA members in all these areas is much appreciated and is having a real impact on the lives of current pupils, so thank you to all who have contributed.

TDA Panel continues to meet quarterly and we are looking for new members to fill some generational gaps. We are particularly under-represented by females, and would appreciate you getting in touch if you feel you have something to offer.

In response to pleas for more information about our current panel members, we have also included a Panel Focus in this edition.

It's great to see ever-stronger links being forged between the School and its past pupils and we look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at upcoming social events including Summer Drinks at the Mall Galleries, Grand Day, and the Remembrance Weekend Reunion Dinner.

TDA is truly making a difference and enhancing the Dukie community in all respects so thank you to all for your support.

*Simon Daghish*



## THE CLOCKTOWER SOCIETY

The Clocktower Society is a Dukie collective of founding sponsors, donors and subscribers recruited by The Dukies Association to 'give something back' by supporting the School and its students in need.

Funds are received and distributed by The Dukies' Foundation (TDF), a registered charity which is able to offer tax incentives to Clocktower members; for example Gift Aid, where contributions can be enhanced by 25% at no extra cost to the contributor provided he/she is a UK taxpayer. Clocktower donors are recognised by a discreet lapel badge based on the central logo, as well as an invitation to attend appropriate School events.

We are pleased to announce that we now have 19 members of the Clocktower Society and have had some significant achievements:

### STUDENT SUPPORT

We have been able to offer a bursary of 50% of fees to a nominated Year 11 boy who has suffered through his father's recent redundancy due to military cuts. He has excellent academic attainment and potential, whilst also representing the School significantly in the sporting arena - so is a deserving recipient all round. This bursary award made by The

Dukies' Foundation from TDA-raised funds is in addition to another TDA member's sponsorship of a female student who will be completing her GCSEs in July.

Without the support from TDA Clocktower Society Donors, for which we are hugely grateful, these two awards would not have been possible. We hope that we will be able to continue to help high-potential students to achieve, despite financial hardship, through further support in the future.

### LEADERSHIP

This year's Adventure Training trip was one of the most popular ever, with RSM taking 138 Dukies and staff along for the week-long Dartmoor trip. This year was the year to restock and replace a large quantity of Adventure Training equipment, and students were provided with everything less boots, thus leaving the parents little excuse to not sign them up for just £120 for the whole week.....!

This summer RSM Dowle is also taking 15 students to Borneo for 18 days in the jungle.

This is a lighter, less strenuous expedition with a 3 day jungle training camp, 5 day trek through the jungle, 3 days at a local

orang-utan sanctuary and 3 days deep sea snorkelling off the Tar islands. Such expeditions are hugely popular and, although expensive, the very generous donations to the Adventure Training budget made by subscribers to TDA Clocktower Society have meant that most of the equipment has been provided, thus saving parents the extra expense.

In addition to the above, RSM has also been able to train seven staff members to take groups onto the new climbing wall. All of the equipment has again been paid for out of the donated Adventure Training budget, and provides in-house opportunities for all students to experience climbing and will continue to do so for many years to come.

Without the support from Clocktower Society donors, these opportunities would not have been made possible to such large groups, and we are immensely grateful to all of you who have given your support.

Events which have received funding or sponsorship from Dukies subscribing within TDA Clocktower Society are marked with the clocktower symbol in this edition of Dukie News:



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## PANEL MEMBERS

For further information on current TDA panel members, please visit page 4 of this magazine. There is also a 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)

### Karl Biscoe

(57 – 62, Clive)

### Charlie Davies

(01 – 05, Marlborough)

### Allan Mayo

(59 – 67 Haig and Clive)

### Chris Russell

Executive Principal, DYRMS

### Nick Scott-Kilvert

Director of Finance and Operations, DYRMS

### Abigail Trench

(97 – 04, Alanbrooke, Marlborough and Clive)

### Andy Wilkes

(83 – 89, Wolseley)

### Chris Winter

(86 – 93, Haig and Wolfe)

### Jenny Grant

Alumni Officer, 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)

### FRONT COVER PHOTO:

Ian Kennett in the South Moroccan Sahara. See P17.



# SCHOOL NEWS

## School reaches landmark 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF GIRLS

Rewind to 1994 and an exclusively male pupil population is about to welcome home 54 young women for the first time after 150 years absence. It would understandably be the end of an era for our Sons of the Brave, but also the start of a new and exciting co-educational chapter for the school.

### AN INSPIRED AND EXCELLENT FIRST YEAR

With the opening of Alanbrooke House in September, appropriately named after a highly decorated architect of victory during the Second World War, the girls would go on to have an inspired and excellent first year, allowing 'most of the boys to cope without too much trouble.' (Lee Bailie, CSP 94/95)

### ALANBROOKE BECOMES POPULAR

The enthusiasm the boys had for the girls' arrival was remembered by the then LVI girls. 'Alanbrooke, after nine months of being open, has gone from being one of the most unpopular places in the School (due to its former use as the Sanatorium) to the most popular House (for visitors) as demonstrated on weekend afternoons and evenings in the 'day-room', where free movement amongst visitors is almost impossible!' (Stephanie Beverley, Caroline Eckett, Peta Robinson, Rachel Brunton, Alex Payne and Gemma Rattray).

### KEEPING UP WITH THE BOYS

The girls had returned to the Dukie Stage and made it memorable for many reasons. The then Chaplain spoke about the quality and volume of the singing in Chapel being as notable as ever, 'as the gifts and abilities of women become more recognised in society it is only right that the Chapel should also be a place where they are seen and heard.' With CCF and Ceremonial to also adapt to, Remembrance Sunday 1994 hosted a (not surprisingly) larger return of Old Dukies than in previous years, who 'were amazed at how well the girl pupils marched.' (MWF 94/95) The girls even battled their way through blisters, bruises and mosquito bites, to just about keep up with the boys pace at their first Summer Camp in Longmoor, Hampshire that year. 'CCF camp



*The First Female Leavers: Kelly King, Hannah Russell and Emily Dooley*

was a challenging but unique experience. Nothing like sleeping in a 'basher' under the stars to make you appreciate creature comforts more!' (Sarah Topley, Wolfe, 96/00).

With Marlborough and Wolfe becoming senior girls' Houses by 1996, 'world domination was planned for 1997!' (Charles Pennington, CSP 95/96) Only a couple of years in and both the boys and the girls knew that being a part of the school would 'remain stamped in their memories for many years to come. Probably their whole lives.' (Gemma Pinkham, Marlborough UVI, 1996)

### FIRST FEMALE CSP

Soon a decade would pass and the history books were confronted once more. 2004 would see the appointment of the first female CSP. Charlotte Davies of Marlborough House was an important nomination not only of course to, acknowledge the hard work and dedication she had shown in her School career, but to also reflect upon ten outstanding years of girls at the School and to celebrate all of their achievements.

Dukie girls look back with fond hearts on their time at the school. Even the things that they used to fear, for example Cross Country on a Sunday morning, they admit hold a special place in their hearts. Many remember what it was like to be 'shiny and new' in Year 7 and then to fast forward seven years having achieved JUO, marching your younger sisters onto parade, showing them how to bull their shoes and shape their berets. There was a sense of pride in nurturing your younger peers as you, yourself,

grew and gained experience within the school.

### CAMARADERIE AND COMPETITIVE SPIRIT

Those experiences were (and are) special moments that Dukie girls will carry with them for as long as they live. The distinct smell of the Alanbrooke 'boot room' that still seems to stimulate the senses on wet and windy days. Chilli always being served for lunch on a Friday is still a Friday night essential for some. Wardrobe sharing. The camaraderie on and off the sporting field. Gossiping after 'lights out.' The competitive spirit that was amplified at Inter House singing and Drill competitions, encouraging the girls to make their own mark then... and now.

### A LOT TO BE PROUD OF

The female Dukies have certainly asserted themselves in the world. In the last two decades we have seen passionate and ambitious girls grow into confident and brilliant young women. Twenty years has given us a lot to be proud of; bright businesswomen, motivational speakers, successful sportswomen, doctors, nurses, designers, mothers and home makers - and not forgetting our brave soldiers, pilots and naval posts for those where no sea is too deep. A Dukie lady makes a difference. Long may they continue to be triumphant.

Play Up Dukies.

*Abigail Trench*  
Head Girl - Alanbrooke,  
Marlborough  
and Clive (97/04)

## IN BRIEF

### Ed Sheeran lends his support

International Superstar Ed Sheeran recently lent his support to the School's charity single Soldier, Soldier recorded by Year 10 Dukie, Rachel Ward.

The song, commemorating WW1, was written by local songwriter Vida Ivatt and recorded by Rtd Maj Crosswell and sung by Rachel to raise money for Care for Casualties - The Rifles' Charity and ABF, The Soldier's Charity. Rachel's Father is a serving member of the British Army and Ed featured the song on his website for his millions of fans to enjoy and download from iTunes. Former Dukie Gemma Strong, who is a writer at Hello Magazine was also able to help by publicising the single on the magazine's website.

Visit our Youtube channel to listen to the single @DOYRMS, Dover.



*Ed Sheeran pictured with Rachel Ward*

## EVENTS

**Grand Day** - Friday 3 July

**Drinks at the Mall** - Friday 10 July

**Remembrance Dinner** - Saturday 7 November

## DUKIE TIES

TDA Ties cost £15 and can be ordered through:  
Katherine.Seton@doyrms.com



# Spotlight on: THE DUKIES' ASSOCIATION PANEL

TDA's core aims are the reconnection of all Dukies, past and present, and the provision of an active link between former pupils and the School.

TDA Panel Members give their own time on a quarterly basis to attend meetings in London

to guide the development of TDA and discuss future events, fundraising, reunions, networking opportunities and careers support. The Panel is made up of a good mix of male and female Dukies from different generations all with different strengths,

with management and administration services supplied by the School.

We're looking for some new members to join the panel – if you are proactive, resourceful, feel you could actively contribute and are available to come to London for an

afternoon 4 times a year (in working hours) we would love to hear from you at [jennifer.grant@doyrms.com](mailto:jennifer.grant@doyrms.com).

We are particularly keen to find a female Dukie from the 1996-1999 era and males from 1) pre-1960 and 2) 2000 – 2009.

## Meet the Panel

### CHRIS RUSSELL

**Executive Principal and Commandant at DOYRMS**

I am also the CEO of the Dover Federation for the Arts Multi Academy Trust. My career included



various teaching posts before I was appointed Headmaster of Astor College in 1988. I held a commission in the Royal Army Educational Corps and also played professional cricket, representing the Army and Combined Services, and captaining two championship Army sides. I have produced 48 international musicals and run the National Students' Art Exhibitions in the Mall Galleries, London (now in its 13th year). A qualified pilot, my interests are the theatre, sport and my boxer dogs. I'm a member of the MCC and RAF Clubs and the British Torch of Remembrance.

### SIMON DAGLISH

**Chairman**

**1979 – 1984 (Wolfe)**

I became a Dukie half way through my school career, joining Wolfe House in my fourth

form. Having been splendidly unremarkable at school apart from a dramatic clash with hydrogen peroxide and a creative hair stylist, it wasn't until my sixth form that I became noticed and, despite



my challenged status in the world of academia, managed to mature into an ok cricketer, medium pace swing and leader. I became CSP in my final year.

After a short period in the Army, the leadership skills I learnt at school have helped me become Commercial Director of the largest radio company in the UK and more recently Deputy MD at ITV, where I have led the commercial revitalisation of the TV group.

In my own time I have also raised over £5 million for Walking with the Wounded, a charity I co-founded. I've also walked unsupported to the North and South Pole, ridden a bike through the Australian interior and rowed unsupported across the Irish Sea.

I am the Chairman of two charities, Chair of TDA and a Governor at the Duke of York's Royal Military School.

### CHRIS CROWCROFT

**(Vice Chairman)**

**1963 - 1970 (Haig & Clive)**

Returning into the DOYRMS orbit in 2011 by attending the 'Then and Now' exhibition, my time 1963-70

(Haig & Clive) saw the last of the Nye reforms and many more of us going onto university. A law degree at St. Catherine's College Oxford was sanified on the sportsfield and onstage. Teaching English and playing rugby in Italy preceded a career fundraising for education and heritage causes, via Liberal Party HQ, into business sponsorship of the arts with my own agency. Voluntary commitments have included alumni



relations for St Catz; Chair, Centre for Young Musicians & Trustee, Friends of Shakespeare's Church.

### KARL BISCOE

**1957 – 1962 (Clive)**

I started at the School in 1957 in Clive House and left after "O" Levels in 1962, having decided on a career at sea in the Merchant Navy. I joined Shell Tankers as a Deck Apprentice and was sent to Plymouth for my early training, accompanied by two other Dukies! I qualified as a Deck Officer in 1967 and following further periods of study, qualified as a Master Mariner in 1972. As part of my Shell development, I spent some time working in the head office at Shell Centre, but returned to Fleet service in 1983 and was promoted to Captain in 1986. My Shell career lasted 45 years. Since retirement in 2007 I have been involved with the Shell Fleet Association; the Society of London Ragamuffins (helping disadvantaged young people in London) and as a Governor at a local primary school. I am married and live in Tunbridge Wells and have 2 children and 3 grandchildren. I was invited to join the TDA panel as a member of the OBA Central Committee (past Chairman 2010). My main aim as a TDA member is to see it merged with the OBA for the benefit of the school and future pupils.



### ALLAN MAYO

**1959-1967 (Haig and Clive)**

Until December 2013 I was a Whitehall policy wonk, having spent over 40 years in the Department

for Business mainly in competition policy, industrial/ technology policy and most recently developing government policy on "smart cities"; in the 1990s I had a six year spell in the Cabinet Office co-ordinating UK policy in relation to European R&D programmes. Since then I have been working with RB Greenwich, as a consultant, developing their smart Borough policy.

My main leisure pursuit was hockey and I won a couple of England Indoor caps and managed the England Indoor U21 team in the late 1980s, winning a Silver medal at the European Cup in Orense. I have recently been conned by former team mates to pick up the stick again in the Super Vets league.

My core interest in TDA is helping young Dukies to see the rich variety of opportunities that is open to them in the world of work, the skills and attributes necessary, and to fulfil their potential in whatever domain they choose – and, if a Dukie were to play for England at hockey, no-one would be more delighted than me.



### CHRIS WINTER

**1986 – 1993 (Haig and Wolfe)**

I left DOYRMS in the summer of 1993 to head to the Lycee Militaire in Aix as the first gap year student.



I then spent a couple of years in Oxford studying and being a choral scholar before starting my career. I initially worked in insurance for Lloyd's of London before spending a year in officer training at Sandhurst where injury cut my Military career short. I returned to the city of London working for a Stockbroker before deciding to change direction. I have now been involved in software licensing for 12 years and currently work for Deloitte where I manage the Software Asset Management practice. My career has taken me all round the world with long periods in Latin America. I combine my commercial career with singing in Rochester Cathedral Choir and taking part in classic car rallying as a navigator and driver. I finally completed my degree in Theology part-time in 2013 after 5 years of work through Canterbury Christchurch University.

I joined the panel to represent the OBA, having been on the working party which created the TDA terms of reference. I see TDA as important to the future of the School as a wider community of people and the panel is crucial in building those relationships.



## ABIGAIL CYD TRENCH

**Head Girl –1997 – 2004  
(Alanbrooke, Marlborough and Clive)**

After a gap year post-Dukies, I studied Law & Criminology and Organised Crime. Following university and various internships I did some soul-searching and decided to pursue my creativity. This led me down the sales path into the world of Interior Design, working for a fabric and wallpaper supplier based on the South coast.

After relocating to the North West I then transitioned into the clothing industry and worked for a school uniform supplier, operating out of Manchester. In both roles I travelled and



serviced the majority of England and Wales as a Key Account Manager.

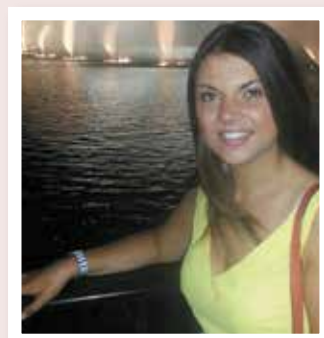
I am about to move into an International Sales Manager role for a Manchester based company, covering Europe and the Far East. There, I will be consolidating educational supplies from hundreds of suppliers based in the UK and USA, and project managing them into international schools in over one hundred countries.

I live in Warrington, Cheshire with my Dukie partner, Euan Stoddart (Roberts House 1999–2004) and outside of work I enjoy cycling, working on our house, bird watching, art and blogging. In the next five years I hope to start my own business, learn to ski and cycle the Monuments.

I am thrilled to be involved with TDA. My main interest is in developing the female Dukie membership, creating links between current and past pupils and ensuring there continues to be a strong Ladies community within the School and its alumni.

## CHARLIE DAVIES

**2001-2005 (Marlborough House),  
Chief School Prefect 2004-2005**



In August 2005 I left for Australia for the Dukie GAP year at Scotts PGC Colleague Queensland—spending a year working as a house mother, assistant to the Head of Middle School and Sports Coach.

On my return I went to Leeds Beckett University formally known as Leeds Metropolitan University to study Events Management. I took full advantage of the university holidays, travelling to India to work in an orphanage and later took part in the Camp America program, working at Children's summer camps.

I graduated in 2010 and was employed by Earls Court & Olympia having previously spent the placement year of my event management degree with the company. Originally joining in the admin team I quickly progressed

to Conference & Event Co-ordinator, and then Conference & Event Manager. Since 2013 I have held an Event Manager position, and to date my biggest honour has been to manage The London International Horse Show.

I joined the TDA Panel as I have hugely benefitted from those who have taken time to mentor me and offer me opportunities. I want to help TDA create a community where opportunities can be shared, and which will help Dukies to progress and develop new skills, either vocationally or on a social level; offering a platform for advice and support.

It is hugely important to me that TDA is an Alumni that feels open to all and is easily accessible, the only necessity is that you are a Dukie, age is irrelevant, gender is irrelevant. The door is already open so come on in!

## ANDY WILKES

**1983 - 1989 (Haig & Wolseley)**

I left DOYRMS in 1989, although DOYRMS has never left me. It shaped me and left me with

some of my greatest memories. To steal and amend a phrase from a wonderful film "I never had any friends later on like the ones I had when I was twelve..." Those friendships continue today, along with many new ones from across the years at DOYRMS.

I wanted to join the panel to give just a little back to a place that has helped shape me into who I am today. These days I enjoy photography and social media, live in London and work across many disciplines including civil construction and rail networks and am enjoying watching my children grow up.

## NICK SCOTT-KILVERT

I'm a Fellow of the Chartered Association of Certified Accountants and have been the Director of Finance and Operations at the Duke of York's Royal Military School since June 2010 having previously been the



Deputy Bursar at Benenden School for 6 years. Before moving into the education world I gained experience in several sectors including private nursing homes and international money transfer and before that trained with a 20+ partner audit firm in London.

Initially, I was charged with ensuring the smooth conversion of the Duke of York's Royal Military School from a Ministry of Defence funded school to a state funded academy. Considerable change was required in a short period of time including TUPE consultations and systems reviews and implementation, all undertaken whilst negotiating with the DfE and MoD to safeguard the military ethos of the School. The School became an Academy in September 2010.

My portfolio of responsibilities is broad but I have most recently been managing the £24.9m capital build and refurbishment programme at the Duke of York's. This was completed in September 2014 and will expand the capacity of the Academy from 450 to more than 700.

I'm married to Jayne and have two children. I am the Vice Chairman of my daughter's primary school's Board of Governors and was part of the steering group for its recent Federation with another local primary school. My passion is sport and I still turn out for my local cricket club although the mind works considerably faster than the body nowadays!

## JENNY GRANT

I joined the School as Alumni Officer in January 2015 from a business and globetrotting background, having worked in Germany, the USA and Australia as well as the UK in marketing and administrative functions. I am now the main contact point for Dukies at the School, managing TDA database and facilitating proposed activities and events. At TDA Panel meetings I take the minutes and provide School resource as and when required. Please do get in touch at Jennifer.Grant@doyrms.com anytime with any TDA feedback, ideas for fundraising or events, ways you may be able to help, or articles for Dukie News. I only work three days a week but am never too far from my email!





## Former pupils return to the School

# CAREERS FAIR

Dukies enjoyed a Careers Fair with a difference last term – all the stands were manned by Dukies returning to the School.



The event gave Year 10-13 students the opportunity to talk to Older Dukies about their careers, offered insights to various professions and higher education choices and advice on how to write job applications.

The day started with motivational speeches in Chapel by returning Dukies Allan Mayo (Clive, 59–67) and Abigail Trench (Alanbrooke and Marlborough, 97–04), and a stirring rendition of 'Sons of the Brave'.

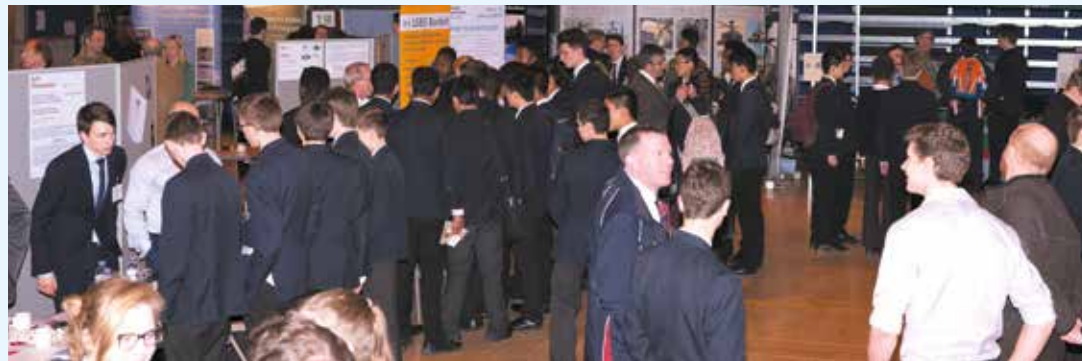
A host of hands-on exhibits included physio anatomic models and exercises; how to use a cuffed endotracheal tube used in tracheal intubation; and how to take a person's blood

pressure. Technical activities included programming a model aircraft, analysing aircraft engine diagrams and finding out about WW2 military intelligence techniques – some still in use today. Subjects covered included healthcare, engineering, professional services, military, environmental management and design.

Kirk Hirons, from GE Aviation said: "It has been really rewarding to come back to DOYRMS and offer Dukies work experience opportunities. We are building a number of links between GE Aviation and the School, giving support to academic staff as well as students."

There was an element of nostalgia for all, according to Gary Maile, now in the auto industry. He said: "After the 37 years between leaving School and going back, there have been some changes but hearing that clock tower chime at 0900hrs ripped those years away and it was like I'd never been anywhere else."

Executive Principal, Chris Russell, said: "We are very grateful to our former pupils for giving their time to pass on their knowledge and experience to their successors. This event has created many useful and fruitful links between the School and the world of work."





# ROYAL MARINE JOSH FLYNN

On Tuesday 17 March, Royal Marine Josh Flynn (2007-2010, Kitchener) revisited the School for three days to talk to students about joining the service and to give military music lessons. Josh gave a very inspiring speech to the whole school in Chapel before starting a series of music workshops. Katherine Seton caught up with him in the new School Café to find out about his visit.

### What made you come back to school and give these sessions to Dukies?

Not enough people know about the Royal Marines School of Music and the opportunities that it provides. There are three main reasons why Dukies should consider the Royal Marines for a music and military career:

- **Travel** – I have been really lucky to travel with the service and play in venues and alongside other musicians.
- **Pay and benefits** – I am studying for a BMus Degree and being paid for it! The service has provided me with an alternative to university and also gives long holidays.
- **Lifestyle** – you make friends for life and I have been able to take part in activities like sports and social events.

DOYRMS gave me a good military bearing including how to conduct yourself around staff and keep

up high standards especially with regards to uniform. I was inspired by Head of Military Music Major David Cresswell (rtd) and was greatly supported by percussion teacher Jane Metsapelto. I was always taught the best music at Dukies and trained to give a good accompaniment - this is my chance to give something back.

### What do you think DOYRMS gave you to prepare for your career and what is it like to be back?

Consistency, structure and support is what helps Dukies the most, there was always a good atmosphere even when peers' parents were away in Iraq or Afghanistan. The things I miss most are dorm life and singing in Chapel. I came back for Remembrance Weekend last year and singing Sons of the Brave brought back a lot of memories and emotions.

I was not a rugby player but was introduced to hockey at School and continue to play for the Royal Navy. I was mentored by my Housemaster, Cameron Henderson, and Deputy Housemaster Michael Ripault. With their guidance, I rose to Deputy Head of Kitchener House and was made a Prefect before leaving for the Royal Marines School of Music. I am still in touch with a number of Dukies, made easier by social

media, and meet up with a number of them in my spare time.

The new build is very different, I really like the Centenary Sixth Form accommodation and can see the benefits of the other buildings and refurbishments for all Dukies.

### What is it like at the Royal Marines School of Music and what advice would you give to Dukies who are considering a similar career path?

It is a privilege to be part of the best band service in the world. I hope that other Dukies will have the same opportunities and mentoring that I have had at DOYRMS and since. My instrument was always the snare drum but, training at the Royal Marines School of Music in Portsmouth, I have also learnt to play the clarinet and violin from scratch in just over two years and eight months.

My advice to current Dukies is study hard, learn your scales and make use of graded exams (they provide extra UCAS points as well). Always look at your options and take every opportunity that comes your way.

Josh's father is a retired RAF Nursing Officer, his mother was a teacher and his younger sister, Sasha, also attends DOYRMS. The family have always had a military background



and Josh's grandfather served in the Army - so Josh's choice to join the Royal Marine Music Core has not divided the family yet!

Rtd Maj. David Cresswell said "It was fantastic to have the opportunity to welcome Josh back to speak to the School. I had no doubt that he would be successful in his career with the Royal Marine Band Service, but to see his enthusiasm, progress made so quickly and how well he has fitted in was wonderful. He also drove himself in his own car, underlining many of the additional advantages and benefits that service life can bring. In particular the entire Year 7 group sat so attentive and quiet during his engaging talk and display in a way that has never previously been experienced!

"The icing on the cake was welcoming Josh to march with the band on Sunday next to his sister Sasha, both playing clarinet and with their Mum in attendance too. Josh cut a fine and outstanding presence on parade, a wonderful example of the Royal Marine Band Service. I am proud for the part I played in giving him the opportunity to pursue this career and hope that others will be inspired to follow in his footsteps."





## ADVENTURE TRAINING

91 Dukies and 23 staff, along with 24 Bangladeshi students and staff, departed for Dartmoor on Friday 27th March for a week's adventure training. The annual expedition has become the largest and most supported School trip of the year as students and staff give up a week of their well-earned Easter holiday to endure what Dartmoor can throw at them!

This year we welcomed our guests from Bangladesh, who arrived in the UK on the Thursday and headed straight to Dartmoor early on the Friday morning.

Each student and staff member took part in a huge range of high impact and very testing activities. This week is not for the faint hearted!

Mountain biking along the Granite way, indoor climbing at Bickliegh Barracks, very kindly provided by 42 Royal Marine Commandos, Abseiling off the 175ft high Bickliegh viaduct, gorge walking in the fast flowing and very cold River Tavy, kayaking, sailing, wind surfing, raft building and racing, paddle boarding all on



Roadford Reservoir, high ropes, trapeze and Jacobs ladder at Kelly Enterprise and adventure centre in Tavistock and the extreme high ropes at Roadford for the more advanced group of students and staff. Add to this a 2 day hike across Dartmoor with a wild night of camping and you've got a very intense and exciting week. Unfortunately this year's hike had to be cancelled due to very high winds and torrential rain, although each student did get 2 half day hikes out on the Moor to experience the glorious scenery that Dartmoor offers.

This year was by far the largest group we've ever taken to Dartmoor and it is very pleasing

to know that we have enough equipment to accommodate this large number. The School's adventure training store houses enough expedition equipment to equip 130+ students and staff with all the equipment they need. We are able to provide walking trousers, warm tops, water proof tops and bottoms, hats, gloves, water bottles, rucksack, cooking equipment and just about everything else needed! Most of this equipment is provided by donations and fund raising activities. Without the help of our funders and supporters we would not be able to offer this vital opportunity to the young people and staff. Adventure training provides life skills vital in the ever changing and more

challenging world that we live in. Having the courage, confidence, teamwork skills, integrity and communication skills learned on adventurous activities provide our students with the edge to stand out from the crowd.

The expedition will continue each year and with the support of our friends and staff, will get stronger and better, providing the opportunities for Dukies to succeed and overcome life's challenges.

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The Leadership programme receives funding from Dukies subscribing within TDA Clocktower Society





# YOUR LETTERS



My name is Robert (Bobby) Brookes and I attended DOYRMS from 1952-1960 – a year in the then “junior” House, Haig (for ages 9-11), followed by 7 years in Wolfe House.

I am actually writing to you in regard to the story of the “Maurice Colclough Sports Centre” in the December issue of the Dukie News and wondered if you might be interested in an anecdote of my own contact with Maurice, who of course was at the School at a much later time than me.

In 1968, I was recruited by Ford Motor Company as a computer programmer at their motor plant in Port Elizabeth, South Africa. In May of 1968, my wife Alison and I started life in South Africa.

In 1980, we heard that the British Lions would be touring South Africa and that there would be a test match in Port Elizabeth. Back then, there was no internet, no Dukies’ Association and I cannot remember how I came to know that Maurice Colclough was an ex Dukie. Nevertheless, once I knew he was going to be in the

Lions squad, I knew I had to be in touch with him. Consequently, I left a message at the team hotel that a Dukie Old Boy wanted to get in touch. He called me back and I invited him to our home on Sunday afternoon for a barbecue around the pool. He graciously accepted. I picked him up at the hotel and obviously, we had a long conversation about the School and how it had affected our lives for the good.

We had a group of friends around to the barbecue and Maurice was extremely affable and was at ease with everyone. Apart from his size, no one would have guessed he was a super sports star. He was a gentleman. Much later I drove him back to the hotel and we said goodnight and goodbye.

We were truly saddened to learn of his death in 2006.

Maurice is pictured above with me, along with my wife Alison and our younger daughter Clare.

Regards,

Robert (Bobby) Brookes  
(52-60 Haig & Wolfe)

On Wednesday 1st April, DOYRMS Finance Director Nick Scott-Kilvert took time out of his family holiday in Australia to catch up with Kendall Carter of Dukies Downunder for a coffee in the glamorous surrounds of Sydney’s Central Railway station.

Kendall said of the meeting: “We had a long chat and it was lovely to catch up with what is happening right now in the School and great to hear that it is going well. Nick is a great and enthusiastic

ambassador for the School and a font of knowledge and I was sorry I had to leave to get back to work!”

Nick gave Kendall half a dozen TDA ties which will be used as raffle prizes for the next Reunion.



Kendall Carter

# SAUNTON SANDS



We have been sent some wonderful photos of the School at Saunton Sands during the Second World War.

After their father had been Killed In Action in May 1940, William John Rogers and his elder brother George both joined the Dukies at Saunton in March 1942, first in Haig House under CSM Justice, then Wellington House under CSM Finn.

As George was a year older he left in Summer 1946, joining the Regular Army not long after the move back to Dover in the Spring of that year. William (Bill) left in the Summer of 1947. They both joined the REME, George as a Gun Fitter and Bill as a Vehicle Mechanic after



Don Fell

three years training at the Army Apprentices at Arborfield.

Derek Morgan has also sent us some pictures that belonged to Donald Frederick Fell. Don was born 16th November 1928 and sadly passed away on 19th September 2013, and was at the School in Saunton from 1940 to 1944. He didn’t attend the School when it was located back to Dover after the war.



Braunton Burrows. looking towards Bideford estuary. The Americans practised their D-Day landings on these dunes.



Marching back from a Drumhead Service on Drury’s Field, Saunton. 1942-46.



CSM (Dusty) Miller, sending a work party off to Sandy Lane Farm, Braunton. Mrs Davis, a Womans Land Army member, collected them. 1942-46.

**Next year will be the 70th anniversary of the School leaving Saunton Sands and we’d very much like to organise a reunion at the Saunton Sands Hotel for all those who were at the School during that time.**

**If this includes you, please get in touch with Jenny at Jennifer.Grant@doyrms.com**

# 'DUKIES' AT WATERLOO

At least 16 to 20 'Dukies' aged 14 to 22 fought at Waterloo, including four drummers and four trumpeters. How many were there in total is difficult to quantify precisely. Sterling research by Peter Goble suggests as many as 120 enlisted in 1807 to 1815 in units present at Waterloo, but this number would have been reduced by death, discharge or desertion, and which battalions were present at the battle. The units were predominantly infantry but with large contingents of cavalry as well as artillery and logistics. Comparison with his own data of 40,000 troops by David Milner of Battle Veterans indicates that over 30 military units potentially had a 'Dukie' presence – see box.

## What must they have seen?

It was a bloody affair fought over three days before the final encounter on 18 June 1815. The 1st Foot Guards – today the Grenadiers – who fought at Quatre Bras on 16 June, and then at the main battle on 18 June lost two thirds of its strength killed or wounded. As for the risks to boy soldiers, two British drummers were killed in action and 26 were wounded, though their average age overall was 25; correcting the sentimental message of paintings of the era.

## In the thick of the fighting

A recipient of the Waterloo Medal, \*Drummer Edward Darkin, 20, (RMA 1804-7) was in the thick of the fighting with the 2nd Foot Guards – the Coldstreams. He helped defend Hougoumont Farm, the crucial forward post in the

*It was a bloody affair fought over three days before the final encounter on 18 June 1815.*

battle, against repeated French attacks including a break-in cut off only by the desperate barring of a gate - the intruders were despatched, except for a French drummerboy who was spared. Did Darkin wonder whether his own fate would have been as kind at the hands of the French? And what were his thoughts when the 1st Foot Guards, sheltered behind the Farm, rose up against the crack French Imperial Guard advancing with their cries of 'Vive L'Empereur,' to wither them with volley after volley of musketfire then counter-charge them off the field? Relief as well as exhilaration, one imagines, since half his comrades were dead or wounded.

Another drummer was \*John Ashen, 18, fighting with the 52nd Regiment/ Oxfordshire Light

Infantry alongside two other 'Dukies' all from the same time at the RMA (1805-9) – \*John Kelk, a bandsman, 18 and \*James McFarlane, 21 (who served 22 years in all); were they pals from an early age? Another drummer, \*Nicholas Hunt, 21, (RMA

1804-8), completes the 'Dukie' presence in the 52nd. Today there are military historians who credit the independent action of this regiment in enfilading the Imperial Guard 'with fire and bayonet' – hand-to-hand fighting to the beat of two 'Dukie' drummers - for a vital contribution to the turning point in the battle. Ashen's Waterloo Medal is in the Royal Green Jackets Museum, Winchester, as is McFarlane's.

## The youngest on the field

The youngest 'Dukies' on the field were \*John Ellis, (RMA 1809-13) and \*William Lowe (RMA 1805-14). Both only 14, Ellis was a trumpeter in the 11th, Lowe a private in the 12th Light Dragoons. The oldest was \*John Vokes Blizzard, 22, (RMA 1803-7) who served in the 28th

Foot. Another trumpeter was \*James Gillis, 18, (RMA 1807-10), in the 13th Light Dragoons alongside \*William Reynolds, 21 (RMA 1803-8). We can also place \*\*John Hudson, a Deal-born boy, 16, (RMA 1809-12) in the 16th, \*Thomas Lawton – another trumpeter – 19, (RMA 1805-9) in the 7th and \*Benjamin Powell, 18 (RMA 1805-10) in the 18th Light Dragoons respectively while \*John Partington, 19, (RMA 1804-8) was another cavalryman, in the 1st Life Guards as was \*William Range, 17 (RMA 1803-8), a trumpeter



*Captain William Siborne, Adjutant of the School and first historian of Waterloo, image in the possession of his direct descendant, Brian Siborne of Vancouver, Canada. His account of the battle upset Wellington.*

## Units serving at Waterloo in which 'Dukies' enlisted 1807-15

**Infantry:** 1st Foot Guards (later the Grenadiers), 2nd Foot Guards (Coldstreams), 3rd Foot Guards (Scots), 1st Regiment of Foot (Royal Scots), 4th Regiment of Foot (King's Own), 14th Regiment of Foot (Buckinghamshire), 23rd Regiment (Royal Welch Fusiliers), 27th Regiment of Foot (Inniskillings), 28th Regiment of Foot (North Gloucester), 30th Regiment of

Foot (Cambridgeshire), 42nd Royal Highland Regiment, 44th Regiment of Foot (East Essex), 51st Regiment (Yorkshire West Riding), 52nd Regiment (Oxfordshire) Light Infantry, 59th Regiment of Foot (2nd Nottinghamshire), 69th Regiment of Foot (South Lincolnshire), 95th Regiment of Foot (Rifle Brigade).

**Cavalry:** 1st & 2nd Life Guards, Royal Horse Guards, 1st (Kings)

Dragoon Guards, 2nd Royal North British Dragoons (Scots Greys), 7th (Queen's Own) Light Dragoons (Hussars), 11th Light Dragoons, 12th (Prince of Wales's) Light Dragoons (later 12th Lancers), 13th Light Dragoons (Hussars), 15th (King's) Light Dragoons (Hussars), 16th (Queen's) Light Dragoons (later 16th Lancers), 18th Light Dragoons (Hussars).  
Corps: Royal Artillery & RA

Drivers, Royal Military Artificers, Royal Staff Corps (forerunners Royal Military Police), Royal Wagon Train (materials and supplies).

We borrow the 'Dukie' term since our parent Royal Military Asylum was informally known as 'the Duke of York's school' (source: Art Cockerill in The Charity of Mars, now available from [jennifer.grant@doyrms.com](mailto:jennifer.grant@doyrms.com)).





*Defence of Hougoumont Farm by Robert Hillingford courtesy of Fine Art Photographic Library, London. 'Dukie' Drummer Edward Darkin took part.*

*Drummer Ashen's Waterloo Medal, courtesy of the Royal Green Jackets (Rifles) Museum, Winchester.*

with the Royal Horse Guards.. Completing the infantry, \*William Dumayne, 20, (RMA 1804-9) served in the 14th Foot and \*Samuel Hunt, another drummer aged 21, (RMA1804-9), beat for the 95th. James Corbett, 18, (RMA 1804-10) is found among the Royal Artillery Drivers.

There are half a dozen others who may or may not be ours with common names such as John Fraser (4), John Roberts (3) and John Wheeler (3). Was \*John Steel, drummer in the 42nd Foot, the 16 year old James Steel (RMA 1804-13) marked as enlisting in that regiment? Was \*James Darkin, 2nd Foot Guards, brother of our Edward, and if so, is he Henry, 18, (RMA 1804-7 like Edward) or another non 'Dukie' brother?

On the more sombre note of fatalities, James Finnigan, only 16, (RMA 1805-11), who had enlisted into General Service, fell within the 28th Foot at the preliminary battle of Quatre Bras. William Taylor, 19, (RMA 1804-10), a trumpeter with the 13th Light Dragoons is recorded as sick in Brussels and then dead. Neither is listed on the relevant tablet in the School Chapel. John Ashen, met earlier among the 52nd, after 25 years' service attempted suicide and was entered into the Royal Kilmainham Hospital, Dublin, a retirement home for old soldiers (he was 37).

### First historian of Waterloo had 'Dukie' connection

The first historian of Waterloo has his 'Dukie' connection too. Captain William Siborne (1797-1849) was the RMA Adjutant & Secretary in the 1840s, his consolation for disappointed hopes after publishing his 'History of the War in France & Belgium' in 1815 (1844, still in print). Siborne was an expert in topography. In 1830 he was commissioned to develop an accurate model of the battle which can still be seen in the National Army Museum. He spent months on location and corresponded with surviving officers - he himself had not been on the battlefield but in the army of occupation which followed. He was shabbily treated, finding difficulty in recovering his £3,000 costs (a six-figure sum today). He upset the Iron Duke who was still his Commander in Chief, by recording that the Prussian forces under Blücher arrived not after the crisis in the battle at around 7-7.30pm, as Wellington had recorded in his famous despatch, but at tea-time three hours earlier, engaging the French on the left. Did Blücher swing it? The sight of the Prussians coming up in relief might well have affected French confidence and tactics, without detracting from the immense bravery of the British soldiers who first stopped and then threw back the advance of Napoleon's supreme troops of the Imperial Guard.

### Wellington arouses admiration for his strong character

Wellington, whose name adorns one of our Houses, arouses admiration for his strong character and never-defeated generalship, qualified occasionally by his cavalier remarks. When asked about plans to introduce formal education into our sister Royal Hibernian School in Dublin, he warned the authorities to be careful what they wished for. He had an unromantic view of British soldiery – "scum of the earth" etc. Yet he said that "nothing except a battle lost can be half so melancholy as a battle won," remarking on the cost to "my poor soldiers" of pitched fighting. And he never said that Waterloo was won on the fields of Eton, which he had disliked as a boy; that claim came 50 years later in the pen of a foreign diplomat returning from a visit to the school. The wife of a viceroy of Ireland, who knew him when young, said he was one of her "awkward squad." Stubborn too were our Dukie forbears, fighting among the allies under his command, who drove Napoleon and his army from the field at Waterloo.

*Chris Crowcroft  
(63-70 Haig & Clive)*

*With thanks to Peter Goble, Art Cockerill, and David Milner of Battle Veterans*

## WATERLOO 200

The Battle of Waterloo took place 200 years ago, on June 18th 1815, and DOYRMS is taking part in a series of events taking place across the country in commemoration.

Significantly, the School is being used as part in the Ride of the Lions Waterloo 200, the re-enactment of the message of victory sent by Wellington from the battlefield back to the East India Club in London. 16 British and Irish Lions, and 4 wounded veterans who are beneficiaries of Walking with the Wounded, will be joining a team of 200 cyclists riding from the Wellington Museum at Waterloo, on to Dunkirk, before taking a ferry ride to Dover and riding to the School to stay overnight. Riders will depart the following morning and cycle the remaining 80 miles into Central London where they will finish at Wellington Barracks with a drinks reception.

If you are a keen cyclist and would like to join the event please go to <http://www.rideofthelions.co.uk> and quote DUKIE for a 20% discount or pay £200 to ride from the School to London on Saturday.



## Damage control and firefighting course

# NAVY TRIP TO PORTSMOUTH

In March, keen cadets in the CCF Navy section took the opportunity to go to Portsmouth for two days to visit the Historic Dockyard and to complete the naval damage control and firefighting course. We arrived in Portsmouth at HMS Excellence and boarded HMS Bristol (our accommodation ship) to find our bunks for the night. We were fed in the Mess and went straight to the Historic Dockyard for the afternoon. First stop was to Action Stations with its interactive displays of all things Navy and seafaring.



Most popular was the moving climbing wall and the short film about heroic navy and marine soldiers saving a family from pirates. The Royal Navy museum had many interesting exhibits especially the one showing the rations of beer given to sailors (8 pints per day) - SLT Socci was impressed with this.

We had a guided tour of

HMS Victory before returning to Whale Island and supper and bed. An early start the next day and straight to the training centre for a morning of firefighting, learning how to use the equipment and put out different fires in ship scenarios. We changed out of the fire fighters suits and put on the damage control suits for an afternoon on a simulated

sinking ship. We were taught to block holes with wedges and clamp domes in place to stop the deck filling with water. The water was freezing and it gushed through the holes with quite some force. We definitely have some budding sailors willing to get under water and work against heavy torrents to block the holes. It was a great two days and the cadets were fantastic ambassadors for the School, really getting stuck in and enjoying themselves.

*Anne Ryder*

*Teacher of Public Services*



## New partnership

# LINKS WITH BANGLADESH

In January, Executive Principal Chris Russell visited two Cadet Colleges in Chittagong, Bangladesh, to sign a memorandum of understanding between the two nations. Speaking at the function, Chris Russell said that "This partnership will focus on leadership. I have been immensely impressed and The Duke of York's Royal Military School pledges its total support

to this new partnership and its sustainability." This project is part of an ongoing two-year British programme for improving teaching skills in Bangladesh's cadet colleges.

Since then, the AG of Bangladesh and Brigadier General Sheikh Pasha Habib Uddin have visited the school and twenty students from Feni Girls' Cadet College and

Faujdarhat Boys' Cadet College were taken on Adventurous Training. On the trip, the students did high ropes activities at Kelly College, went shopping in Exeter, went rock climbing and mountain biking and experienced some of the great British weather down in Dartmoor in Devon. The High Commission in Dhaka said, this new partnership will help to develop "leadership qualities

and citizenship through cadet exchanges, cadet level military exercises, leadership challenges, adventure training, and sports".

In June, Bangladeshi students will be visiting DOYRMS to experience boarding school life in the UK and you may be able to see them in the Grand Day Trooping the Colour ceremony.





# Bomb disposal Dukies meet at REMEMBRANCE WEEKEND



Ammunition Technical Officers or ATOs look after the Army's ammunition. They are, however, better known as the people who have to deal with the disposal of terrorist Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs), the official jargon for Bomb Disposal.

There are not many ATOs out there as they have to undergo specialist training and psychometric tests before they are deemed suitable to undertake this difficult, strenuous and frequently dangerous work. It was therefore surprising to find three Dukie ATOs attending the Remembrance Day Service last November. The photograph shows myself on the right and my lifelong friend Paul Harrington on the left flanking Kevin Wright in the middle. Paul and I were contemporaries in Clive House in the early to mid-sixties. I was awarded a Queen's Gallantry Medal in 1974 for Bomb Disposal Duties in Northern Ireland. Kevin received his QGM also for Bomb

Disposal Duties almost 40 years later.

We know of three other former Dukies who became ATOs, Malcolm Ingram, Roy Lennox and Lloyd Nunn. Lloyd, who was born in my last year at the School, is the son of Colin Nunn who left the school in 1958 to join the Royal Army Medical Corps, and the nephew of Adrian Nunn with whom I shared a study in Clive House.

Paul spent a lot of time in the mid-seventies running a Bomb Intelligence Unit that was largely responsible for reducing the number of bombings in Northern Ireland and how we dealt with them. He then left the Army and became a Solicitor. Malcolm served in Northern Ireland as a Captain ATO. He also served in England, Germany and the Falkland Islands. I was responsible for Bomb Disposal duties in Belfast whereas Kevin had a more rural

role. I left the Army after 25 years' service and following a spell in Industry I took a Post Graduate Diploma in Law and then worked for Citizens Advice for 10 years. Kevin is still serving. After his service as an ATO, Lloyd went to live in Australia. Roy stayed on in the Army and became a Brigadier and Director of Land Service Ammunition. He became a Commander of the Order of the British Empire (CBE) in 1992 for his service during the first Gulf War.

Between us we have undertaken Bomb Disposal duties in Northern Ireland, UK, Bosnia and Afghanistan. The total number of terrorist incidents we have attended is about 600. Not bad for a small group of ex-Dukies who learnt self-discipline and an ability to stay calm and focussed under pressure at the School on Lone Tree Hill.

*Nigel Wylde  
(56-66 Haig & Clive)*

## SHOUT OUTS

### Keep in Touch

Are you in touch with any fellow Dukies who may not yet be receiving Dukie News? They can fill out the form on our website, [www.doyrms.com/the-dukies-association](http://www.doyrms.com/the-dukies-association), or contact me (Jenny) directly on Jennifer. Grant@doyrms.com and I will add them onto the database. Dukie News is now being sent to all members of TDA twice a year (May and November).

Do you have anything you would like us to include in the next edition of Dukie News? Dukie events you have organised or are planning? Snippets of days gone by you'd like to share? Please contact me with any ideas for our next edition, I would love to hear from you.

Please also follow TDA's Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/The.Dukies.Association](http://www.facebook.com/The.Dukies.Association) or on Twitter @TheDukiesAssn.

*Jenny Grant  
Alumni Officer*

## Kitchener Scholarships

Anyone recall being alerted to the existence of Kitchener Scholarships in their Upper Sixth/Year 13? They were (and remain) available to current or ex-service personnel under 30 as well as to the children of soldiers, sailors, airmen and marines (serving or retired). The Scholarships, which provide some funding for such individuals to help them through their university studies, may be of interest either directly to readers of this magazine, or to those of their children approaching university age. For further information, please visit the website of the Kitchener Scholars Association (KSA) at <http://kitchenerscholars.org>. The website may also be of interest to those Dukies who are themselves Kitchener Scholars – for its part the KSA would be keen to hear from them.

*Jim Rothwell  
(84-91 Kitchener & Roberts)*

## REGIMENTAL DINNER

Guests from the Parachute Regiment attended the School on Friday 30 January for the Regimental Dinner including Capt. Calvin Smith (Roberts House 2001 – 2006, SUO at the School and Sword of Honour winner at Sandhurst).

Capt. Smith is pictured with Student RSM, Sinead and Drum Major, Srijan.



# From the School on Lone Tree Hill to a Lone Pine Tree in Gallipoli

## A SHORT JOURNEY IN TIME

One hundred years ago, on 25 April 1915, troops of The Australian and New Zealand Army Corps (ANZAC) landed in a small cove on the Gallipoli peninsular in Turkey, now and forever known as ANZAC Cove. They formed part of an allied expedition to fight the troops of the Ottoman Empire (Turkey), an ally of Germany, in WWI.

The object was to capture the Gallipoli Peninsular to open the way to the Black Sea for the allied navies and thus capture Constantinople, the capital of the Ottoman Empire. Through a blunder in the British Army Command hierarchy they were

put ashore on the wrong beach and were confronted by high cliffs which they would have to scale before they could engage with the enemy.

History tells us of the dreadful carnage and loss of life on that fateful day both to the ANZAC and the Turks. This loss of life continued over days and weeks, and in places the bodies were piled two deep in the trenches.

On 27 July 1915, reinforcements of the Australian army were landed at Gallipoli. Among these reinforcements was No 760, Trooper Frederick George Hall of the Australian 8th Light

Horse Regiment. Nine days later Trooper Hall aged 24, was dead, killed in action on the 7 August at Walkers Ridge, Gallipoli.

What, you may ask, has this got to do with our School?

On 10 October 1902, Frederick George Hall, aged eleven, was admitted to the Duke of York's Royal Military School (then the RMA) in Chelsea. When the school moved to Dover in 1908 Frederick moved with it, leaving in 1912. Sometime within the next two years he migrated to Australia where he took up teaching. In November 1914 Frederick Hall enlisted in The Australian 8th Light Horse

Regiment and like thousands of other Australians, went to war and paid the supreme sacrifice.

Frederick has no known grave but is remembered with Honour and commemorated in perpetuity at the Lone Pine Memorial, Gallipoli. Frederick is also remembered on The Roll of Honour at The Australian War Memorial, Canberra, and on the Honour Wall in the chapel at The Duke of York's Royal Military School. One of the two white roses that we lay at the Cross of Sacrifice on our Downunder bi-annual reunions at the Remembrance Weekend is laid in his honour.

Though our lonely graves be dug in some far distant land,  
Our spirits coming back again will hover near at hand,  
And the boys will hear us whisper, and the boys will understand.  
Play up Dukies, Play up Dukies.



### Lest We Forget

by Ted Grant  
(41-45 Roberts)

## WEST COUNTRY DINNER

The West Country Dinner was held on 17 March at the Leigh Park Hotel, Bradford on Avon, Wiltshire.

Left to Right in the Photo: Ray Howorth, Doug Lewis, Andy Wolsley, Andy Barlow, Pat Sweeney, Derek Jones, John Harrison, Ray Barlow, Paul Tarbrooke.

There were a number of other guests and spouses so around 20 or so sat down for Dinner. After the Dinner was held, each Old Boy gave a quick five minutes about his time at the school. Of particular interest was Pat Sweeney, who never actually schooled in Dover but spent his school

years at Saunton Sands due to the evacuation of the School during World War Two. Special mention must also be given to both our oldest member and a loyal supporter of the dinner, John Harrison, who celebrates his 90th birthday this June.

The event is open to all past pupils, and we would be

delighted to expand this dinner as we know there are plenty of past pupils living within an hour or so of the venue. Dates for next year's gathering will be confirmed later in the year.

Andy Barlow  
(73-78 Wellington)

Barlow Financial Management





# SAVE THE DATE



The Dukies' Association  
**Summer Event**  
will be held on  
Friday 10 July, 2015  
from 1830 hrs  
at the  
Mall Galleries  
London SW1 5AH  
Tickets available from 8 May 2015

Tickets for all TDA events can be purchased through Jenny on  
[Jennifer.grant@doyrms.com](mailto:Jennifer.grant@doyrms.com)

## Remembrance Weekend Reunion Dinner 2015

Saturday 7 November  
in the  
Dining Hall,  
The Duke of York's Royal Military School

Tickets available from 7 September 2015

*Please let us know if you are having an anniversary reunion or bringing a large group this year so we can ensure you are seated together*



## SHOUT OUTS

Dover,  
Cheltenham,  
Saunton and  
Dunblane  
Dukies

Eddie Edwards (Clive – 40–44 – childhood picture below) is looking for fellow Dukies who were at the School during the last World War at Dover, Cheltenham, Saunton and Dunblane (all four locations) to get in touch with the aim of maybe organising a reunion. Please contact Jenny at Jennifer.Grant@doyrms.com to be put in touch with Eddie.



### Store Manager Retires after 25 years of service

Chris Vickers joined the 3 Queens Regiment in 1970 and retired after 22 years of service as WO2 (TQMS). He joined the school on 1st March 1993 as Senior Storeman and was subsequently promoted to Stores Officer. Chris retired from DOYRMS in March 2015 after 22 years of service.

His initial time in retirement will be taken up with Granddad duties with his new grandson and then he hopes to do some travelling and charity work. We hope to see Chris again at Grand Day or Remembrance and wish him a happy and healthy retirement.



# SHOUT OUTS

## Help Needed

In the past, the School displayed a list of all former pupils who had been given an award for Gallantry. It has not been updated for a considerable time, so a project is underway to do just that.

If you know of any Dukie who has been awarded a medal/honour for Gallantry since the end of the Second World War, could you please share the information with us. Civilian Awards, Military Awards, Merchant Marine, Police etc. - all information is welcomed - but it must be for acts of Gallantry.

The project is being managed by Paul Harrington and Geoff Ralph, both of whom left the School in 1965.

Your information should be sent to [dyrmsmedals@gmail.com](mailto:dyrmsmedals@gmail.com) and supply as much information as possible: e.g.

- The recipient's name
- Name of the award  
E.g. Military Cross, Military Medal
- Date awarded
- Which Regiment/Unit/Ship/Police etc.
- Years at School
- House(s)
- Whether still living or deceased

We look forward to hearing from you.

## Legacies

Do you want to give something back, to say thank you, and to give others the opportunity of benefitting from a Dukie education? A legacy may allow you to support the School in an even more significant way than you can in your lifetime. Information on legacies (as well as supplementary sheets on student support, leadership, finance and tax) is available from Jenny at [Jennifer.Grant@doyrms.com](mailto:Jennifer.Grant@doyrms.com).

# Reunion November 2014 DUKIES DOWNUNDER

The 2014 Downunder reunion was held in Victor Harbor, South Australia on Remembrance weekend 7 to 9 November 2014 at The Anchorage Seafront hotel, a very beautiful heritage listed building with all rooms having a view overlooking the Southern Ocean. We had fifteen attendees, eight old boys, six partners and one guest.

## The Anchorage Hotel

The weekend started with a "meet and greet" happy hour on the hotel front veranda where some old friendships were renewed and new ones made. After a couple of hours partaking of a glass or two of ones' preferred beverage, attendees wandered off to check out the culinary delights of Victor Harbor. As it was Friday, John and Helen Miller and Mary and I decided on the local fish and chips establishment. A few of us ended up back on the hotel veranda to quench our thirsts and continue chatting, some stalwarts until after midnight.

Saturday was free to explore Victor Harbor or go further afield to the Southern Vales wine region. One of our locals, Nigel Muggridge, took some off on a safari around the southern Fleurieu Peninsular taking in Goolwa, where the mighty Murray river flows into the Southern Ocean up through the hills to Strathalbyn, a town known for its antique shops and down to the Southern Vales wine region. I believe a good time was had by all, thanks Nigel.

## The Male Voice Choir

On Saturday evening we had our reunion dinner in the hotel's private function room where we enjoyed an excellent three course meal with wine flowing freely. The ladies received an orchid corsage and the men a school pen. The hotel provided us with our own waitress at no cost who looked after us excellently. The evening was rounded off with a sterling rendition of the school song performed by the very newly formed Dukies Down Under Male Voice Choir. All agreed that it had been a wonderful evening. At our last reunion in Victor Harbor in 2006, I was able to arrange with the RSL for our late chairman, Ray Pearson, and our senior member, John Miller, to lay two white roses

at the Cross of Sacrifice during the wreath-laying at the Remembrance service. This was in remembrance of two ex Dukies killed in action in WW1 whilst serving with the Australian army, one in Gallipoli and the other in Flanders. In Victor Harbor, the Remembrance Service takes place on the actual day, 11/11, which that year happened to be on the Sunday. However, this year it fell on the Tuesday after our reunion so I had therefore not arranged anything for the Tuesday as everyone would have departed.

At breakfast on the Sunday morning I was asked if we could hold our own Remembrance Service and again lay two white roses in remembrance of those two ex Dukies before everyone left that day. We agreed to meet at the Cross of Sacrifice at 11am which gave Mary and me about one hour to try to find some white roses.

Being Sunday the only two florists in Victor Harbor were closed and I had visions of having to purloin from some unsuspecting resident's garden. However this became unnecessary as going past Woolworths, Mary spotted a bunch of red roses in their flower display with a few white ones tucked in the middle. We purchased the said



The lovely smiling ladies from L to R were Gilli Carter, Helen Miller, Mary Butcher, Chris Knight, Denise Bullock and Emily Doherty.

bunch and with Mary extracting two white roses from the centre, arrived back at the Cross of Sacrifice rather breathless dead on 11am. I carried out a short service followed by the rose-laying by our two youngest members, Lloyd Nunn and Nigel Muggridge.

After the ode and a minute's silence we had a final goodbye chat before everyone departed to Adelaide airport to catch their flights to various parts of Australia. As a point of interest, the total distance covered by the fourteen who attended the weekend reunion was approximately 50,000kms (31,000 miles). Lloyd Nunn has volunteered to organise our next reunion which will be in 2016 in Victoria.

Ted Grant  
Dukies Downunder



Male voice choir, from L to R Nigel Muggridge, John Miller, Ted Grant, Dave Bullock, Kendall Carter, Mike Hickling, Richard Knight and Lloyd Nunn.

Jim Dove sent in the following picture of himself, Ted Grant and Ray Pearson at the Adelaide Reunion (organised by Ted Grant)

in 2008. He is wearing the School tie, which was given to him in 1980.





## Cover Story

# TOUGHEST RACE ON EARTH

It is 9am on Sunday 5 April 2015, in a desolate spot near a place called Jebel Irhs in the South Moroccan Sahara, and 1,360 runners from around 50 countries are lined up on the start line of the 30th Marathon Des Sables - known in the running world as the MDS. Described by the Discovery Channel as 'the toughest foot race on earth,' the competitors will cover 250km of dunes, jebels, irgs and dried up lakes in just 6 days, carrying their own food and kit, whilst battling the sand in temperatures exceeding 50 degrees.

Patrick Bauer, the Frenchman who founded this crazy event, addresses the crowd, and as the strains of Highway to Hell by ACDC resonate across the desert, the adventure begins.



I am one of the 1360, running the MDS as part of the Walking with the Wounded team, a charity founded in 2010 by Ed Parker and Simon Daglish (Old boy of the school and chair of the TDA no less!) raising funds to re-educate and retrain our injured servicemen and women. The team includes two wounded servicemen, Ibi and Mark, who have to contend with their own injuries sustained in Iraq and Afghanistan in addition to the extreme and hostile conditions which the race presents.

Over the first three days we cover some 100km of incredible terrain including a steep climb and technical ascent of Joua Baba Ali Jebel, as well as numerous sand dunes. The intense heat not only saps the energy but radiates through your running shoes, and blisters are an occupational hazard. Each night as we arrive at a new location and our bivouac of traditional Berber tents (8 of us sleeping on a rug for a groundsheet and praying a sand storm doesn't blow through the tent) there is a lengthy queue for 'Doc Trotters'; the medical tent, where 72 staff

work round the clock treating savagely blistered feet, heatstroke and other injuries. I have at least managed to avoid such issues and happily have passed Sir Ranulph Fiennes as well!

Day four sees us lose our first team member who has such badly blistered feet that he can hardly stand let alone walk.

Despite the fatigue of the first three days, we set out in good spirits for what is the longest stage ever in the history of the MDS - a mere 91km. We have seven checkpoints to negotiate within specified time limits and again the terrain is varied and challenging. As darkness falls, many of us are stumbling through mile upon mile of rolling sand dunes, following the route marked by glow sticks and with only head torches to guide us. I am running in a team of three people and our strategy is to stop only once and 'refuel' with some hot food, trying to cover as much ground as the temperatures drop.

As we pass through the final checkpoints, the scenes are reminiscent of a field hospital;

some runners are connected to drips to rehydrate them whilst others are subject to the now customary scalpel and iodine treatment as their blisters are tended. The sun rises, we approach the finish and stumble gratefully across the line and into the relative haven of our tent and a well-earned sleep.

Less than 24 hours later the reality bites, we have a mere 42km, the 'marathon stage' between us and finishing the MDS. Exhausted, dehydrated and now afflicted by what can best be described as stomach issues, I manage to drag myself over the final challenge and some huge sand dunes and at just before 5.45pm UK time on Friday 10 April alongside two of the WWTW runners I cross the final finish line and receive my medal with the rest of the team cheering us on.

It is difficult to find the words to adequately describe the most amazing experience of my life. At times it was simply brutal, both physically and emotionally draining. It was a privilege and honour to be able to undertake the challenge for the charity and raise funds to help our injured service men and women.

Now just the London Marathon to go!

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

## OBA LUNCHEON

The OBA Annual Luncheon took place on Saturday 18 April at the Union Jack Club in London, and was well attended by both OBA and TDA members. The room was buzzing with Dukies catching up over a delicious three course meal of duck and port pate, rump of lamb on swede puree and lemon meringue pie. The wine was flowing, memories were shared and a rousing rendition of 'Play Up Dukies' brought the room to its feet.



# OBITUARIES

## David John Bartram



*A message from Liz Abbott:*

David John Bartram (known as David Belcher at DOYRMS) died very suddenly at his home on 25 October 2014 aged 44 yrs 25 days. He was a pupil at DOYRMS from 1982 – 89 and was in Wolseley House. If any of his friends from his school days would like any further information, I, his Mother, would be very pleased to hear from them. Mrs Liz Abbott Tel 01283 712600 or e-mail elisabethabbott@btinternet.com.



## Richard Hurt

(H/M 1950-1955) died on 7 August 2010 in Bournemouth Hospital after a short illness. Richard was in Haig along with Mike Ridlington and "Bishop" Willy In (Rob Herdman).



## Arthur William Hutt

Arthur William Hutt died on 17th June 2014 aged 91 years.

After Dukies, Arthur went on to the Army Apprentices in Chipstow, followed by 28

years' service in the REME. He retired as WO1, having been awarded both the BEM and the Meritorious Service Medal. After leaving the Army, he became a teacher from which he retired in 1988.



## Len Wallis



*Sandra Wallis wrote:*

I write to inform you that my beloved husband Dr. Len Wallis (Wolseley 1944/49) died on 10 December 2014 of complications caused by treatment he was receiving for his melanoma. He caught an infection that he was unable to combat because his blood cells were depleted. After the Dukies, Len went on to the Army Apprentices in Harrogate, followed by 18 years in Military Survey Royal Engineers. He became a teacher and lecturer when he left the Army in 1970.

Len is survived by Sandra, his sisters, Joan and Gwen, and 18 nieces and nephews.



## Don Belcher

Don Belcher was a long-serving and popular biology teacher at DOYRMS for 36 years. He went to school in South East London, studied at University in Hull, and taught for three years at Erith Grammar School before arriving at the School in 1962. Don made a real contribution

to the School and its pupils, not only academically but also in the field of outdoor pursuits including hillwalking, camping and canoeing. He remained in touch with many former colleagues and pupils after retiring from the school in 1998 and will be sorely missed.



## Barbara Johnson

Barbara Johnson was a teacher at the School from January 1993 to August 2000. During her time at the School she taught food technology, design technology, textiles, religious education, PSE and art, as well as being Housemistress of Marlborough House. Her husband Revd Nigel Johnson was also at the School as Assistant School Chaplain before he and Barbara retired together to Cumbria. Barbara passed away in November 2014.



## George Hodgkinson

Lieutenant Colonel George Hodgkinson, late Royal Hussars, died peacefully on 28th February 2015 at the age of 91. Much loved father of David, Michael, John and Angela, and grandfather of Alastair, Katheryn and Timothy, Colonel Hodgkinson was Bursar at the School from August 1974 - August 1988



## Wyn Jones

Wyn Jones will be remembered by a lot of pupils as the main reason they obtained a GCE pass in Mathematics. His

classroom approach encouraged concentration on the task in hand, which in later years was appreciated by many boys. In addition, Wyn was an excellent sportsman who had the ability to break down most sport into component parts. His coaching helped pupils achieve success in a variety of areas, particularly athletics and hockey. He himself was an excellent golfer and bowls player in later years. As a colleague he was usually helpful and friendly, but if disagreed with people they knew about it.



## Derek Hartry



My Father, Derek Frank Hartry, attended The Duke Of York's Royal Military School from 1945-1951, and was a boarder in Wolseley House. His younger brother Colin was also a pupil.





Born in Aldershot, 1936, his own father was killed in Douai, France in WW2. I recall my Dad often telling me tales of his school adventures. He was so proud of his school, and even though he went on to live a very full life, from RSM in the Rhodesian SAS C-Squadron, to watching his three children grow up on the coast of Kwa-Zulu Natal, South Africa, he always looked back on his school days as some of his fondest memories. His nickname after leaving school was 'Dukie' and I know he loved it. My father and mother Julie, moved our family from Zimbabwe, where my Dad resigned as Major in

the Zimbabwe Armed Forces, to South Africa in 1982, where he went on to work in Security Management for Tongaat Hullett Sugar, before retiring in 2001. He moved south from his town of Empangeni, Kwa-Zulu Natal, to Amanzimtoti, where he had a great 12 years of retirement. Ever present in the gym and swimming pool most mornings with his friends, always keeping fit. With his heart for justice and the less fortunate, he took pen to paper, and was well known for his press letter and column writing, fighting for the causes he felt strongly about. Sadly, Derek had a severe stroke in April 2013, and succumbed to

illnesses from this on 8 March 2014.

His loving family, Julie, with myself (Dean), Leroy and Ryan were fortunate enough to spend lots of quality time with him in his final year. A true fighter and warrior to the end, he never once complained in his last days.

Our mom, Julie, still resides in Durban, South Africa, while Ryan is a Sergeant in the 2nd Battalion Parachute Regiment, and lives with his wife, Natalie in Colchester, Essex. Leroy resides in Melbourne, Australia. I live with my wife, Taryn, son Kieran, and daughter Lexi in Walton on Thames, Surrey.

Our family is hoping to arrange a memorial service at DOYRMS. If there is anyone interested in attending that knew my father, please contact me on 07552 313304, or email me at deanhartry@gmail.com.

My brother, Ryan, wrote a poem, which he read out at the funeral while wearing his number two dress. He would like to share it with you all. It really does sum up perfectly the life and character of a great man, Derek, "Dukie" Frank Hartry.

## RYAN'S POEM

*In Britain's dark days a soldier was born,  
The world as they knew it, would soon be war torn,  
Churchill's words rang loud and clear,  
Across the airwaves for all to hear:  
"Sail on o ship of state,  
Sail on o union great,  
Humanity with all its fears and all the hopes of future years are  
hanging breathless by thy fate",  
You were too young to understand  
Your father, buried in a foreign land.  
The sirens wailed as the shells sailed over,  
Bombarding your school on the White Cliffs of Dover,  
A war from your birth till a week shy of nine,  
When Churchill first gave the victory sign  
From the Duke of York's Hall scholars danced and sung,  
But still 69 years till your boots were hung.  
A boxing champ on the rock of Gibraltar,  
From the troubles in Cyprus to the white sands of Malta.  
Then from the muddy fields of Britannia you flew,  
To a sun baked landscape you never knew,  
The friends you made along the way,  
some of whom are here today,  
The making of tales that could be sold,  
Then again, some best left untold,  
Your face appears in history books,  
From you, I'm told, I get my good looks.  
You see a soldier is not just a uniform and medals,  
It's courage and honour, coming face to face with your perils.  
You are the bravest man I will ever know,  
Even in pain it would not show,  
Your opinion was made, no matter the cost,  
Regardless of whether the battle seemed lost,*

*David vs Goliath was often the case,  
But there was no Goliath you would not face.  
A soldier's compassion, bias to no man,  
To all races and cultures you held out a hand.  
I would glance over to see you shed a tear,  
On the day of Remembrance every year,  
From your days at school, blazer, shorts and long socks,  
To pace stick, sandy beret and a nose with a few knocks,  
And now in the poppy fields you lie,  
But Churchill and Monty better stand by.  
Because up there in heaven, pilgrims may rest  
But Frank Hartry ensuring they're all at their best.  
You're always a soldier in my eyes  
For the legend of a soldier never dies  
Because a soldier is not just a uniform and medals  
It's a father, a Comrade an active bond that never settles  
So here on your remembrance day  
Your last post and reveille we will play.  
And now that all is said and done,  
One final Salute from your son!*



Derek Hartry



# Olympic hockey player visits the School

## GEORGIE TWIGG

World class hockey player, Georgie Twigg, visited The Duke of York's Royal Military School on a wet, windy day this February to meet our sports teams and demonstrate her internationally-acclaimed skills.

Georgie gained her first international cap for the England senior squad in 2010. Since then she has been named England Hockey's Young Performance Player of the Year for four consecutive years.



Georgie's biggest sporting achievement to date is winning a Bronze medal at the London 2012 Olympic Games; she also took part in the Olympic Torch Relay. Away from the hockey



pitch, Georgie has completed a law degree and one day would like to pursue a career in this field.

After a tour of the School, Georgie held enthusiastic coaching sessions for both the junior and senior girls' hockey squads. She also took part in a popular question-and-answer session so the pupils were able to hear more about her training regime, future ambitions, goal highlights and how she has managed to juggle studying for a degree with an international hockey career. Dukies were thrilled at the end of the day to get their

hockey sticks signed by the star, and had the opportunity for a close-up look at her bronze medal.

Chris Russell, the School's Executive Principal, said: "Georgie proved to be a great inspiration to our hockey squads, especially the coaching sessions when she demonstrated her exceptional skills."



Georgie's visit to the school was kindly sponsored by Allan Mayo, a Dukie subscribing within TDA's Clocktower Society.

