

Dukie News

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The Dukies' Association



Remembrance Sunday at DOYRMS



TDA at Army v Navy 2019

Highlights from the annual Dukie meet-up at Twickenham.



25 Years Since Girls Rejoined the School

First girls join after 169 years of all boys.



TDA v School Cricket

The first game of 35 overs between the School's current 1st XI and TDA.

School Nurse Runs the Brighton Marathon

Colette ran the Marathon with all proceeds going to The Dukies' Foundation (TDF).

Dukies Conquer Irish Sea in Three-Day Charity Row

Dukie son and father battled storms to raise money for TDF and Walking With The Wounded charity.

The 7th Annual TDA Reunion Dinner

Some 160 Dukies from far and wide reunite in the Dining Hall for a wonderful evening.

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The Dukies' Association (TDA) meets throughout the year to discuss TDA events and matters arising.

The panel always welcomes any input from Dukies, to have your say please contact the panel via email: alumni@doyrms.com.

TDA Panel Members

Simon Daghish
Chairman (Wolfe, 1974 - 84)

Chris Crowcroft
Vice Chairman (Haig and Clive, 1963 - 70)

Karl Biscoe
(Clive, 1957 - 62)

Ian Kennett
(Haig and Marlborough, 1979 - 86)

Allan Mayo
(Haig and Clive, 1959 - 67)

Stuart Milligan
(Roberts and Haig, 2000 - 07)

David Richmond
(Haig and Clive, 1961 - 68)

Abigail Stoddart
(Alanbrooke, Marlborough and Clive, 1997 - 2004)

Andy Wilkes
(Wolseley, 1983 - 89)

Chris Winter
(Haig and Wolfe, 1986 - 93)

Alex Foreman
Principal, DOYRMS

Adam Kent
Director of Finance & Operations,
DOYRMS

Katie Avery
Alumni & Development Officer,
DOYRMS

From Simon Daghish, Chair of TDA

Welcome to Issue 11 of Dukie News, a grand summary of events, stories and School news. It was fantastic to see another record turnout for Remembrance weekend and the fantastic alumni dinner in the Dining Hall, which I hope you all enjoyed. Certainly it seemed some of you did judging by a few blurry eye's on parade the next morning – mine included!

It has been a wonderful year, jam-packed with alumni action at the School and elsewhere. One thing I think we should be particularly proud of is our growing TDA database and I particularly welcome those leavers of 2018 / 19 to your first Dukie News. As you flick through this magazine, you will discover all of last year's events; if you have any ideas for future events, please let us know.

The Dukies' Foundation has had a hugely successful year, raising the total fund to more than £390k. We have had some really exciting fundraisers throughout, myself included rowing the Irish Sea with my two sons and an Afghan veteran who lost his leg in an IED explosion.



Our next event will be in March, TDA v School men's Hockey match, even if you are not much of a Hockey player, please do still come along and support. One of my favourite events Army v Navy at Twickenham will be on in May, this event sells our rather quickly so keep your eye out for an email in the New Year.

Dukie News can't exist without you, so please send your news to alumni@doyrms.com.

'Aye' Simon Daghish

2020 Events

March 1	TDA Men v School Hockey
May 2	TDA at Army v Navy Rugby
June 28	TDA v School Cricket
July 2	Dukies Golf Competition
July 3	Grand Day
November 7	Reunion Dinner
November 8	Remembrance Parade and Chapel Service
November 8	TDA Ladies v School Hockey

*Looking forward with confidence,
looking back with pride.*



The annual Dukie meet-up at Twickenham on May 4 was again, a jolly affair. It attracts Dukies of all ages to unite and enjoy the Army v Navy rugby, as well as pre-match drinks. The event is a great time to share memories and catch up with old friends while enjoying the lively atmosphere.

This was the 102nd Army Navy match with a crowd of 80,000 rugby fans who

watched the Army team storm to a 27 - 11 victory to win the Babcock Trophy.

At the final whistle, the Army had the last man standing, Number 8, Ifereimi Boladau. As a proud member of the Royal Artillery, his man of the match performance proved the difference, as time again he battered through the first line of Naval defence to ensure that for

much of the match they played on the front foot. The win is the Army's 63rd; the Navy have not won the trophy since 2010.

This is one of our high demand Dukie reunions, and next year's match will be on 2 May 2020, so please jot this down in your diaries. For TDA tickets please email: alumni@doyrms.com

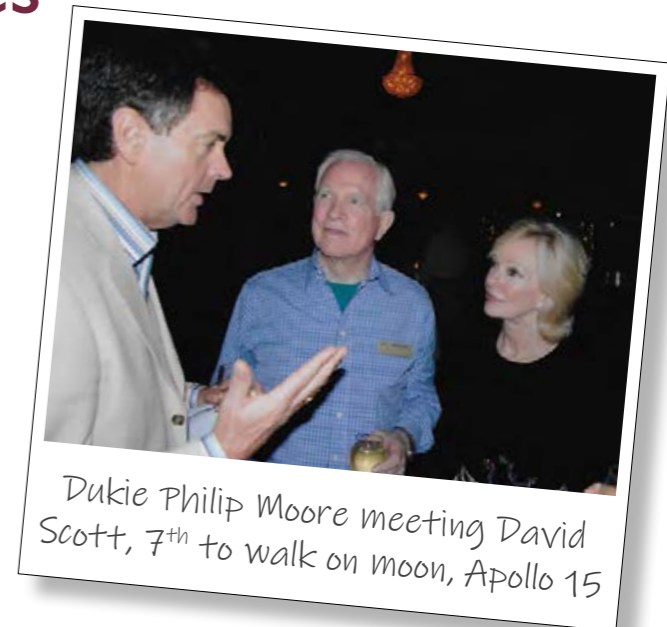


Dukies Inspiring Dukies

2019 marks the 50th anniversary of Apollo 11 landing on the moon. Therefore it was fitting to have an enthusiastic talk to the students by Philip Moore (Roberts and Wolfe, 1965 - 1970) who visited the School in June to share his keen interest about moon walking.

Having met both Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin numerous times, Philip has not only built up a wealth of knowledge but also a portfolio of memorabilia that was shared on the day. Philip took us back to 1969 and the first landing on the moon; as it was summer term at DOYRMS, everyone had returned home, but for the later landings of Apollo 12 and 14 he described Wolfe huddled around a small TV watching them.

This talk with the students focused on following their own personal interests and passions. It is great having Dukies share life experiences along with career talks. **If you are interested in visiting the School to share your knowledge, please contact alumni@doyrms.com.**



Dukie Philip Moore meeting David Scott, 7th to walk on moon, Apollo 15



TDA Ladies v School Hockey

On Sunday November 10 as part of Dukies Remembrance weekend, a group of alumni formed a team to represent the TDA against the School's 1st team girls' Hockey squad.

The sun was shining and the warm up consisted of heartfelt 'welcome back' chats with a few stretches here and there. It was lovely to see how these former students have progressed with their lives, yet still hold their connection to the School with fond memories.

Although the TDA side endeavoured to maintain a strong presence on the pitch with the old skills returning, they were unfortunately beaten 5 - 0 by the School team, who played with speed and conviction.

All competitive elements were left on the pitch as the players made their way to a lovely match tea Chinese buffet in Dover, funded by the White Rose Academy.

Special wishes are sent to Skye Stockings for a speedy recovery, having returned to play after only leaving last year she suffered a broken nose during play!

Michelle Varrall
DOYRMS Sports Instructor

If you are interested in playing in this fixture in 2020, or any of our other sporting games, please contact: alumni@doyrms.com



Old Boys v School Hockey

The School team welcomed the challenge of playing TDA members. Dukies started very strong in the first half and showed great endeavour. In the second half, TDA adapted well to the younger Dukies' style of play, and

made a good comeback. However, the deficit was too much to overturn, and Dukies ran out comfortable winners, with the final result of 8 - 5. Afterwards saw the two teams enjoy a post-match meal

together, and old Dukies shared their stories of their time at the School and memories of Dukie spirit.

It was an excellent evening and we look forward to next year's event.



Dukies Golf Competition

Dukies Golf Competition was held at The Wiltshire Hotel Golf and Leisure Centre, Royal Wootton Bassett, on Sunday July 12.

Once again, the hotel continued to maintain the high standards that we have come to expect at this venue. The weather could not have been kinder on the two days of golf. The reception staff as warm and efficient as ever, with the golf course in superb condition. It is therefore, hardly surprising that this was the fifth occasion that we have used this popular venue.

The general standard of golf was higher than in earlier years, no doubt because our regular players are now more familiar with the course. The top four players were within a few points of this year's champion – Craig Greenbrook, for the second time, who

turned in a 'stableford' points score of 33. This was closely followed by the runner-up, Wally Youngman, with a point's score of 32. The winner of the 'Par 3 aggregated point's competition', with a most commendable score of nine points, was Doug Lewis.

Mrs Jackie Alborough, an ever present supporter of her husband Tony, kindly presented the prizes at the evening meal. Following the Monday 'fun' round of golf, a special prize, the 'Dukie Golf Bandit', was jointly presented to Ray and son, Andy Barlow, in recognition of them both turning in such consistently good scores during the past 12 years. Both were 'Dukie Champion' at earlier competitions.

It can be safely recorded, without exception, all competitors thoroughly enjoyed these events which could only be made more enjoyable if

some younger members were to join us at future events. Fear not, the camaraderie we enjoy is just as important as the golf, regardless of standard, so come and join us at 2020 Dukies Golf Competition.

Next year's competition will be on 2 July 2020 at The Broome Park Hotel golf course, a 10 minutes car journey from the School. All Dukies are welcome to compete regardless of their standard, the main purposes of the event being to provide an enjoyable round of golf in good company. Competitors are welcome to join a dinner on the Thursday evening which is to be held at the Leaf Hotel close to the School (formerly 'Ramada Hotel').

Anyone wishing to compete is requested to contact Peter Godwin on: Tel: 0121 3083931, or by email: p.goddars@talktalk.net

War Memorial Restoration

The photos speak for themselves as the difference this project has made is amazing. It was mentioned by the stonemasons that if the memorial was left for only a couple more years, restoring to this high level would have been near on, if not, impossible.

The idea came from both Peter Vincent (Haig & Wolfe, 1958 - 68) and Paul Harrington (Haig, Roberts and Clive, 1957 - 67) and together with past and present Dukies raised money for this important project.

On behalf of the School, thank you again for all your kind donations, the War Memorial is 'glowing'.



Grand Day 2019

The Grand Day parade 2019 saw some 500 students in full ceremonial uniform inspected by guest of honour Reviewing Officer, Brigadier Matt Bazeley.

The School's impressive military band led Trooping the Colour which followed the inspection in front of hundreds of

families, friends and honoured guests. Dukies, many with family in the armed forces, wore the cap badge of their parents' or family member's Service, Corps or Regiment over their hearts as a personal touch.

The School also provided an excellent background for a Spitfire fly-past and

jumps by the Royal Logistic Corps Parachute Display Team. And on the ground, there was a superb range of vintage military transport such as jeeps, tanks, and aircraft on display.

It was great to see so many former students returning to enjoy the occasion.



Grand Day 1948

Peter Bunyard who sadly passed away earlier this year still had some Grand Day memorabilia from 1948, including an invitation, programme and admit pass. We thank his niece Jo who kindly donated these to the School archive collection.



P. BUNYARD
WOLFE 25



Grand Day 1978

Chris Maile (Wellington, 1972 - 79) was Chief School Prefect in his final years at School and it was great to hear about his memories and achievements.

Below is a photo from Grand Day 1979, where Chris is pictured meeting The

Duke of Kent. This was the 20th and last Grand Day for RSM Douglas Haig, retiring after the parade at 62 years old.

Chris also shared two photos of The Gym Squad display, which was a regular feature of Grand Day

throughout the time he was at the School. The photos are from Grand Day 1978 at the end of his Lower Sixth year. The Master in charge was Roger Crisp and the boy holding the flaming hoop (image below right) was Chris' younger brother, Guy.





TDA Reunion Dinner 2019



Reunion Dinner is the most popular alumni event when Dukies from far and wide reunite and reminisce. Yet again, it was a wonderful evening with more than 160 Dukies joining together in the Dining Hall to enjoy a three-course meal and entertainment by the Corps of Drums and Dukie Chris Maile (Haig and Wellington, 1972 - 80) on bagpipes which included a rendition of Play Up, Dukies!

daily layout, allowing Dukies to relive old times.

The dinner was particularly special as we welcomed back those women who joined us 25 years ago to celebrate the girls re-joining DOYRMS. Speeches and toasts were given by Chairman of TDA Simon Daghish, Chairman of TDF Chris Crowcroft, Principal Alex Foreman, and RSM Steff Dowle.

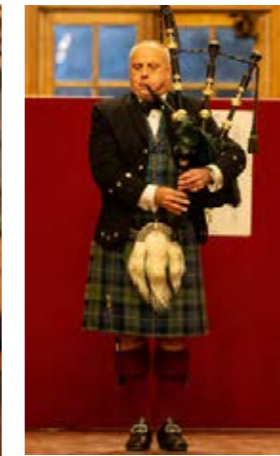
Major was an EIIR Infantry Pattern Sword which was donated by a group of 1968 entrées.

Another presentation was by Andrew Broadhurst (Wellington, 1977 - 84) the Chelsea to Dover charity walker, who gave a bespoke rugby ball to the School's 1st team captain.

A thank-you to all the staff who helped with catering, logistics and the many other duties of putting Reunion Dinner together.

Our Dining Hall this year kept its School charm by retaining its regular

Presented on the evening by Richard Catt (Roberts, Kitchener and Marlborough 1968 – 74) to the Drum



25 Years Since Girls Rejoined The School

Our first intake of girls since 1825 joined us in 1994. Now, 25 years on, our community has become a balanced co-educational mixture. These photos mark a quarter-anniversary throwback celebrating reinstatement of the female Dukie.



Carly Adams and Faye Hemingway,
Late 1990's, Marlborough

Faye Hemingway (Alanbrooke and Marlborough, 1995 - 1999)

"I wasn't in the first intake of girls, but joined Year 8 the following year. The ratio of girls to boys was still massively disproportionate: Alanbrooke had been the only girls' House the previous year and, when I joined, Marlborough had been newly changed to accommodate the senior girls and Alanbrooke was just for juniors. By the time I moved up to Year 9, we were given a choice of senior House because Wolfe had also been turned over to girls.

It was quite odd being in such a minority (my previous school had been pretty much 50/50), and in some of my classes I was one of only two or three girls. This ratio didn't change too much over the course of my time at the School (Clive didn't change until my year group went into the Sixth Form), but, while it felt strange, it was never an issue as such. I suppose the boys in our year had never known the School without girls, so it didn't matter too much to them.

As part of the earlier intakes, we saw some firsts: the first girls' House to win the Inter-House Singing Competition, the first to be awarded the honour of Colour Guard, the first female SUO. We joined the choir and the band, and stopped the need to bus girls in from other schools for discos and drama productions. Naomi Sinclair and I were the first girls in the Corps of Bugles, although that didn't last long as we weren't any good!

In some ways, we had a lot to prove in those early years. Drill, shooting, CCF... would girls be any good at things that are traditionally quite male-centric? I think we asserted the fact that girls can match boys measure-for-measure in plenty of activities: many of us were a fantastic shot, threw ourselves into the assault course with gusto, and displayed excellent leadership qualities.



RAF Whittering Cadet Camp
1998

My fondest memories are of Marlborough House in the mid-to-late 90s. By this stage, firm friendships had been forged, and we were allowed a little more freedom – town at weekends, and summer nights spent around the School grounds. Mrs Johnson was a wonderful Housemistress – she was the embodiment of 'firm but fair' – and Matron Perkins was marvellous, too. The more senior girls provided a much-needed source of big-sisterly advice that most of us wouldn't have had at home.

DOYRMS on the whole was an amazing place to be educated, and we were afforded many opportunities that we wouldn't have had at a mainstream school. For me, highlights include:

- Singing at the Festival of Remembrance in 1995
- Attending Founder's Day at the Royal Hospital, Chelsea, 1996
- Choir trips to Paris and Reims in the summer of 1997
- CCF, including cadet camp at RAF Wittering, 1998

There aren't many people in my adult life who can say that they've sung at the Royal Albert Hall and Reims Cathedral, flown a plane, busked a Capella in the queue for Space Mountain at Disneyland, and been issued with a rifle at the age of 12!"



Leavers Service 1999

Leavers Service 1999
Back row - Lisa Waller, Katie Arman, Erin Bonar, Louise Flint, Carly Adams
Front - Becky Stevens, Jess Breach, Hannah Russell, Jenny Henderson, Kelly King, Jenny Crawford, Charlotte Walker, Faye Hemingway (all maiden names - some are married now!)



Above: The first Alanbrooke Girls, 1994 - photo still hangs in Alanbrooke today.



Above: Three photos supplied by Verity MacLeod (Marlborough, 1995 - 1998).



Above: Supplied by Cheryse Rahaman (Wolfe, 1997 - 2003).



Above: 2003 Inter-House Song Comp Winners Wolfe. Supplied by Hannah Bird (Alanbrooke, Marlborough and Wolfe, 1995 - 2003).



Above: Two photos supplied by Hayley Simpson (Alanbrooke and Marlborough, 1995 - 2000).

Remembrance Sunday at DOYRMS

Members of TDA joined parents and families of current students in parade at the School's War Memorial. This year, many of our 2018 / 19 leavers attended their first Remembrance Weekend as alumni, a tradition that will hopefully continue for years.

The parade was inspected by TDA Chairman Simon Daghish accompanied by Principal and Commandant Alex Foreman and Vice Principal Lieutenant Colonel Steven Sanderson. A service in the Chapel followed where the School Colours were laid upon the altar in an act of reverential remembrance.



National Memorial Arboretum



Stephen Walke has recently been accepted onto the staff of the NMA as an unpaid volunteer in the 'Exhibition' area and would be delighted to give Dukies his undivided attention on those days that he is on duty.

Dukies Stephen Walke and Peter Godwin carried out 'spring cleaning duties' in preparation for Remembrance Sunday. John Butler laid a British Legion wooden cross in memory of Dukies who gave their lives in the service of our country, on behalf of the Governors, staff, students and members of the OBA and TDA, following the Remembrance Service. Special thanks are extended to Stuart Elliott for laying a floral tribute at the School memorial a few days before the Remembrance Day service.

Entrées of 1968 Sword Donation

A group of 1968 entrées grouped together and donated towards an EIR Infantry Pattern Sword for the School's Drum Major. This was presented at Reunion Dinner. Engraved on the Sword: "Sons of the Brave – Drum Major Ceremonial Sword" "Presented to the School by the DYRMS intake of 1968". Thank you to all those involved.



Chelsea to Dover

Dukie Andrew Broadhurst (Wellington, 1977 - 84) completed a fundraiser for TDF during the lead up to Remembrance Weekend. The challenge was to walk from the original School in Chelsea (now The Saatchi Gallery) to the School in Dover, a total of 74 miles.

Andrew was handed a rugby ball at the Chelsea starting point by Dukie and Chelsea Pensioner, Richard Dows (Kitchener and Wolfe, 1960 - 65) which Andrew then carried to Dover and handed over to the captain of the 1st XV – a symbolic handing over from old to new generations.

Andrew said after the walk: "As far as my motivation for doing this, it is something that has been bouncing around my head for a few years.

Last year listening to The Hong Kong Streakers Club on the Friday before Remembrance, I was talking to several of my year, and the subject came up again, foolishly I announced to too many witnesses that I would do it this year. So here we are.

I left in summer 1984 after my Upper Sixth, with no clear idea of what I wanted to do with my life. I worked as a sailing instructor in Germany and the USA until it became clear that I would have an enjoyable time living pretty much hand to mouth. I joined the Army Air Corps as a bowser driver, moved on to armoured vehicles and then got sick of smelling diesel and oil. All of the pilots that came into the command post seemed to be clean, so I thought I would give it a go. I qualified to fly Lynx Mk 7 initially, then trained to fly Lnx Mk

9 as well. I went on operational tours to Bosnia and Iraq while flying these aircraft as well as exercises in Oman, Norway and Europe.

In 2008 I trained to fly the Apache, and have completed operational tours in Afghanistan, and exercised in Norway, Denmark, Poland, Sweden, the USA, Germany and Croatia.

As the School gave me a great start and imbued an understanding that endeavour creates rewards, I feel it is time to do something to give a little back."

A huge thank you to Andrew for raising £3,446.58 for TDF and to all who donated towards this fundraiser. At Reunion Dinner more than £1,600 was raised in bucket and single donations alone.



The Dukies' Foundation

The purpose of The Dukies' Foundation (TDF) is to provide equipment, services, facilities and opportunities for the School and its students. It promotes the education of students and former students who are in need of financial assistance. It also advances the education of students by awarding prizes, and other charitable purposes as the Trustees shall see fit.

Donations to help the Dukies of today are always welcome and can be made towards:

- Student Support (bursaries and scholarships)
- Sport
- Leadership (outdoor adventure training activities)

The DOYRMS Greatest Need fund is for projects arising throughout the academic year which require support from our valued donors. The money from this fund can also be used to aid the other TDF funding pools if required.

"More Dukies are giving back financially and in volunteering time since our alumni effort was enhanced by the creation of The Dukies' Association (2013). TDF has a wealth of historic assets, with its total funds currently stands at £390,791.

So far £336,255 has been donated by Dukies, and when supporting TDF you are invited to join The Clocktower

Society. Members include Dukies pledging legacies, nine to date, and more than four out of ten give by standing orders averaging £30 a month.

Staff and students also fundraise, the Friends of the DOYRMS raise good money. And Dukies give back in other ways, in time, careers advice, sports training and cultural activity.

Giving back to help the Dukies of today – of interest to you? Contact alumni@doyrms.com."

Chris Crowcroft
(Haig and Clive, 1963 - 70)
Chairman The Dukies' Foundation,
Clocktower member



School Nurse runs the Brighton Marathon

School Nurse Colette ran the Brighton Marathon on April 14 with all proceeds going to The Dukies' Foundation.

A JustGiving page was set up just 12 days before the event with a target of £200, the donations totalled an amazing £315 which came from both staff and Dukies.

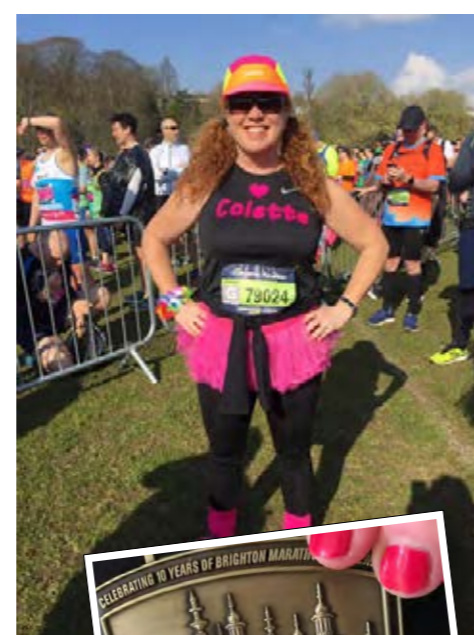
After returning from Africa as a volunteer nurse 25 years ago, Colette noticed that she had become rather unfit and started running as it was free. It was something she could do when it suited her and was a great way of getting back into shape. This then led to taking part in a 5km weekly Saturday park-run where Colette enjoyed the sense of community.

She had great admiration for elite marathon runners with their drive and determination to win and improve. Although Colette never wished of winning, she enjoys the taking part which pushed her to sign up for the Brighton Marathon. Since Christmas, each weekend she increased her

longest run by two miles which, over time, proved tough; whatever the weather Colette faced it all, from wind to hailstones.

The big day arrived and trainers were firmly tied, with the supporting community armed with fruit and jelly babies. With the sun shining, Colette had the perfect setting to run over the finishing line. Completing the marathon in 5 hours 35 minutes and medal in-hand, she did the School and TDF proud.

Colette practiced what she preaches to our Dukies every day at School. She found the months of training to be a great stress reliever and it had a massive positive impact on her wellbeing. As a School Nurse and part of the on-site Wellbeing Team, Colette wants to promote the benefits of increasing physical activity to students in a fun and enjoyable way. Over the year, Colette, the other School Nurses and the PSHEE Lead implemented health education into the classroom.



Colette's medal

Dukies Conquer Stormy Irish Sea in Three-Day Charity Row

To row across the Irish Sea is already a Viking-like expedition. When combined with a wrathful storm, enormous waves and a series of unfortunate events, it seems all the more unachievable. Thus when Felix, a current Dukie who is a quadriplegic and has been in a wheelchair since birth, embarked upon this mighty charity row from Rock (Cornwall) across the Irish Sea to Cork, his endurance and character were sure to be tested.

Felix, 17, his father and two other team members rowed a herculean distance of 194 nautical miles (223 land miles) in just three days and nights.

Felix and his father, former student Simon Daghish, raised a staggering £11,551.25 which they donated in a 50/50 split to the School's charity The Dukies' Foundation and Walking With The Wounded.

After a year's training in the Duke of York's Royal Military School extensive sporting facilities, Felix felt determined and ready to face the challenge ahead. Yet his initial expectations were far from the reality that awaited him out on those choppy waters. Opting to have no support boat and a team of just two handlers on shore, the confident rowers set off on July 22 after a delightful family barbeque, filled with optimism and excitement.

Shortly after their happy send off, raging storms broke out, the wind whistled and rain whipped down on the team. The all too important Auto-Navigation system broke, to which Felix responded 'Absolute Class,



I Know'. This complicated matters, especially with the storm working hard to make life difficult for the resilient rowers. Using their initiative and quick thinking they came up with a system, each member would complete one hour of rowing, one hour of steering and one hour of sleeping in rotation. The boost in efficiency they had hoped for was not so easily realised, although they were back on track and no longer rowing in large circles, which was definitely a bonus.

The next hurdle they faced was the 'near impossible' sleeping conditions. With only a thin gym mat on which to sleep and little to no protection from the gale force winds, stamina was being driven down by the testing conditions. In addition, their only sustenance was protein bars and energy gels, as Felix says: "It's obviously impossible to cook in a storm on a row boat".

his incredible completion of the expedition, but rather in realising just how much had been raised, as many donations were made while they toiled away at sea. He valued the charitable donations of his supporters as far more important than the significance of his own achievement.

Felix's motivation came in two distinct forms that supported him at different times. First and foremost, his desire to contribute to charity as is tradition in the Daghish household, with both his father and brother completing other grand charity challenges and raising a great deal of money collectively. His father actually completed the same row when he was Felix's age and, to repeat history, the pair elected to do it together.

The second was the sense of team spirit which Felix believes is rooted both in his experience of Dukie life in the boarding house, and in the powerful sense of 'responsibility, belonging and unity' he felt as part of the team during the three days.

Finally, Felix comments that irrespective of the additional physical challenges he faces, this will be the first of many great expeditions which he will embark upon in the near future to raise money for charity, and he encourages everyone to get involved in any way possible as 'there is no better feeling'.

By William Bowden
(Haig, Wolseley and Centenary,
2012 - 18, Head Boy 2017 - 18)



After three gruelling days they arrived in Cork at 10:30pm to the sound of a single person applauding from the dock: their handler. Though Felix says it was a tad 'anticlimactic', the true sense of pride came later after they'd enjoyed a well-earned kip. Yet despite his disabilities, Felix's pride lay not in



The Clocktower Society

The Clocktower Society recognises all legators and donors who support the Dukies of today and DOYRMS projects, through our charity, The Dukies' Foundation. Thanks to our Clocktower Society members, The Dukies' Foundation has granted more than £810,000 to projects, student bursaries and equipment for the School.

Why We Support the School

We asked some of our Clocktower Society members why they choose to support The Dukies' Foundation...



Ben Goodchild
(Haig and Wolseley, 1996 - 2003)

I was lucky enough to join the Duke of York's when it was cheaper for my parents to send me there than to keep me at home, and make full use of the extra-curricular activities that were on offer canoeing, waterpolo, sailing, yoga, Indian head massage training, a Hockey tour to South Africa and a four-week trip to Belize, Mexico and Guatemala to name but a few. Most of these activities were only successful due to the time and effort of the teachers involved in sacrificing their personal time outside of the classroom.

Before joining the School, I wasn't a very outgoing and confident person. Formal education aside, it's these chances that I had to develop leadership, teamwork, and confidence in myself that have stood me well since leaving the School and continue to do so, proving invaluable in the workplace and my social life.

I firmly believe that everyone should have access to multiple extra-curricular activities, the equipment and funding to make this happen, which The Clocktower Society continues to help with alongside funding for student support for those that need it most.

My donations are a small sacrifice to me but in the hope that they can help take shy and unconfident students and give them the best chance to develop and succeed in later life, and in the future give back what they can afford to individuals, organisations or societies no matter what the cause.



Graham Chipperfield
(Kitchener, Wolfe and Wolseley, 1964 - 70)

When I was at School, between 1964 - 1970 my 'pocket money' each week was 1/3d (about 6p in modern money). I was famous for losing things and that cost me 1d per item to get it returned. I usually ended up on a Friday (pay day) being in debt. By the next week it was even worse.

One of the chaps in my dorm used to get a 10/- note sent to him every week by his parents. He always had money, could buy sweets, and even used to lend some to the Monitors and Prefects. No wonder he was never in the 'dwang' like I always seemed to be.

I have had a good life. I know what the value of £1 is and how hard it was at times to make ends meet. But we got through. I am not extremely rich, still got a £1,200 a month mortgage to pay off, but we manage.

My parents provided me with the 1/3d per week, but I know there were some children who did not even have that option. So for those I make the donation. Not that they receive pocket money each week, but this small donation will go some way to ensuring that they get the support they need to stay at DOYRMS.



Peter Tozer
(Roberts and Wellington, 1957 - 63)

I am happy to support the School, firstly, in gratitude for the free education I received between 1957 and 1963, my father and uncle also having attended in the 1920s. I appreciate that the School offers a rounded education, with something on offer for everyone, from Sport, Music and the Arts (as I witnessed at the eve-of-Grand-Day concert in July) to the upholding of military tradition (as I also saw when attending the excellent Trooping the Colour parade the next day).

Meeting other Dukies over the years, I am repeatedly impressed by how many were able to develop their potential, whatever their beginnings, and to succeed in a wide variety of occupations and professions.

Ways of Giving

Single Gift

If you are a UK tax payer, add Gift Aid to your donation.

Regular Giving

Monthly or quarterly donations provide a predictable income to TDF.

Legacies

A tax-effective gift of money (pecuniary) or estate (residuary).

Volunteer

Giving the gift of time and offering your careers advice to our students.

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Life After DOYRMS Article by William Bowden

William Bowden, Head Boy 2017 / 18, joined the School's Marketing department for a week of work experience at the start of the new academic year 2019. William gained an insight into a variety of Marketing disciplines and learned some transferable skills for his university course and future careers. As a keen writer and researcher, William contributed two articles for this Dukie News 'Dukies Conquer the Irish Sea' and 'Life after DOYRMS'. Although he was only part of our team for a short time, he was a pleasure to have in the office and we wish him all the best for the future.

Keeping in touch with our alumni is important; by becoming a member of TDA gives Dukies networking opportunities through the School and from Dukie to Dukie.

To get involved on LinkedIn, please find and join our private group 'The Dukies' Association'.



William Bowden, former-Head Boy, JUO and Cricket Captain. Attended The Duke of York's Royal Military School from Year 7 - 13, in Haig, Wolseley and Centenary. Now studying English Literature at University of Exeter.

"Graduating from Dukies in 2018, I have just completed my first year at university, during which I've found an abundance of opportunity for development across academic, sporting and social life. However, it is beyond common for University Freshers to struggle to adapt to the often-daunting prospect of university life. Very quickly the pressures of real-world responsibility become apparent, whether it is the importance of day-to-day budgeting or simply attending lectures on time, and of your own accord. What is it

then, that defines the experience of a Dukie which will lead them to rise to all challenges with confidence and aptitude, as I and my peers have done?

First and foremost, the boarding environment has an immediate influence on both a student's independence as well as their individuality. The community within the boarding houses allows a student to thrive socially. Living with your friends, team-mates and leaders imbues you with unparalleled interpersonal and communicative skills. This instilled sense of community is perhaps epitomised among the peers you board with. Soon enough you take tremendous pride in your boarding house and will be presented innumerable opportunities to represent, lead and compete on behalf of your team.

Living in such an environment equally allows you to develop as an individual, discovering what you do and don't enjoy and improving in the areas you wish to most. The experience of being an integral member of a team is irreplaceable in learning to be confident and responsible; the friends you make for life are an added bonus to the qualities you develop.

Responsibility and opportunities to thrive under pressure are a

fundamental element of Dukie life. Responsibilities are multitudinous and stretch from polishing your shoes to perfection for Drill Competition to ensuring you are showered, dressed and arrive at daily commitments punctually. Alongside your responsibilities (including cleaning, paramount for living at university) there are also opportunities to deal with small scale pressures in order to gain confidence for those vital moments.

Whether it's competing in an inter-house sports tournament, perfecting the movements for Drill Competition or delivering speeches and assemblies in Chapel, every time you face a new challenge at Dukies you become better mentally prepared to strive in examinations, interviews and other crucial moments of life.

Whatever life path you choose, via university or not, it will undoubtedly throw new challenges and opportunities at you; yet preparation is vital to success, and no better preparation is available than attending the Duke of York's Royal Military School."



Bryony is currently aiming to become a university professor, though remains open to the ample opportunities available to her.

Bryony Armstrong was a member of Alanbrooke, Clive and Centenary where she became both Head Girl and JUO in her final year, before leaving in 2014.

Philosophy) in Modern and Contemporary Literature in June 2019 at the University of Cambridge, during which I also went to speak at the International Virginia Woolf Conference in Ohio, USA. I also spent the year singing with the Choir of Sidney Sussex College.

This month, I am moving to Durham University to start a PhD in modernist literature."

Ashley Deegan (Kitchener, 1999 - 2004)

"I became a Dukie in September 1999, some 20 years ago next month. I joined in Year 9 and went straight into Kitchener, where I stayed until 2004 after completing A Levels.

I look back on my five years at School with immense pride. The experiences at School have shaped my hard-working attitude, leadership skills and my ability to adapt to working with people from a range of different backgrounds. One thing is for sure, people find it fascinating when they discover that you went to a military boarding school, it's a great ice-breaker.

The strength of character you gain purely from trying to play rugby in zero degrees and sideways rain on top of the cliffs of Dover is a good base for many other challenges in

life! The discipline learned at School, be it through music, drill, sport, CCF, Chapel or academically have all helped make me a more rounded person.

Since School, I am married and have three children who are six, four years and six months old, and I live on the south coast in Portsmouth.

From a career perspective, most of my time has been spent working for Zurich Insurance. I worked my way up to managing several different teams with a responsibility of up to 25 people.

Since 2016 I have been in the role of Commercial and Contract Manager, managing an IT outsourcing contract with a total value of over £1bn.

In my current role, I am required to work with a range of different personalities, nationalities and



cultures as well as travelling to different countries. The skills learned at School have, without doubt, enabled me to be successful in my role. I still play squash and the drums, both of which I started during my time at School, and I remain close friends with a number of Dukies, who I consider to be part of my family."

Brandon Baker, became the student RSM during his time at the School as well as a Prefect in Wolesley House. In addition, he completed CVQO Leadership courses and became a regional finalist in English Speaking Union public speaking competition. Brandon left the School in 2016.

"Having gone to University and achieving a BSc with (Honours) in Business Management at the Kingston Business School London, I specialised in Business Psychology and Entrepreneurship.

Since then I have worked with the TAG Group, who hold 2 AA 'Red Star'

hospitality as well as B2B2C sales with FTSE corporations and government including Capita Plc, BBC and MOJ contracts.

In addition, I am a fitness fanatic. I started my fitness journey in the School's weights room and have since competed in international and national bodybuilding shows, achieving PCA British Finalist, a 'Pro Card' and top three positions in five major competitions."

Brandon is currently building his property portfolio with his company Baker & Co Capital Ltd. His aspirations for the future are to create an education company and mentor



like-minded individuals to help build wealth and financial freedom.

School News

Regimental Dinner

Regimental mess dinner nights were established in 2012 and are attended by Under Officers, Ceremonial staff and members of the Senior Leadership Team. The aim is to strengthen the School's military ethos by celebrating the leadership of the Under Officers through the experience of formal military mess dinners.

The dinners take place three times a year in the Adjutant General's Room. The School Colours and mess silver are on display. Formal toasts are proposed by nominated Under Officers to: 'The Queen'; 'Our illustrious and Royal Founder, His Royal Highness, Field Marshal, Prince Frederick, The Duke of York'; 'Our Royal Patron, His Royal Highness Field Marshal, Prince Edward, The Duke of Kent'; and 'The School'. This is followed by speeches from Lt. Col Saunderson (Officer Commanding) and Mr Foreman (Principal).

Regimental marches are played, with Under Officers and staff standing to attention for their affiliated cap badge, concluding with the School march. The School Hymn, 'Sons of the Brave', is then sung by all. Music is provided by Major Cresswell (Director of Military Music).

The President of the Mess Committee (WO1 RSM Dowle) oversees the conduct of the evening, often concluding by reading humorous messages, usually written on individually named place cards which have been 'lost' by their owners and which have been kindly passed to the RSM for his safe keeping.

At our most recent dinner, the tradition of singing 'Play Up, Dukies!' was revived on the instruction of Mr Foreman. The song was written by a former Dukie Commandant, Colonel Nugent, MVO Irish Guards, in 1914. In it, he describes what he thought being a Dukie was all about. The Under Officers enthusiastically undertook this task with the help of Major Nunn, who sang the little known third verse.



On-site Refurbishment

Over the summer, we had very exciting refurbishments taking place; our gymnasium has been transformed into a state of the art fitness centre called 'The Duke Box' where students can freely enjoy all the facilities you would find in a commercial gym.

The area also features a bouldering climbing wall which was kindly funded by one of our Clocktower members, a calisthenics / core strength training

unit, along with an Olympic weights room for the Sixth Form. Due to the creation of 'The Duke Box', a dynamic dance studio has been established in the space where fitness machines were housed, developing the area for students to practice.

Our Library has been moved into a central location right next door to the Dining Hall; students can enjoy the facilities out of school hours and on

the weekends, creating a quiet environment for reading.

In place of the old library, we have transformed the space into a Sixth Form Study Centre. Mimicking a university layout, students of senior years can focus on their studies in an exclusive area in preparation for exams.



Dukie Visits

Chris Maile (Wellington, 1972 - 1979) and his son stopped by as part of their visit to the UK from Norway. Chris visited earlier in the year for the TDA v School cricket match and Grand Day.

Ashley Deegan (Kitchener, 1999 - 2004) and his family came along for a tour and reminisced on his fond memories at the School.

Jeff Andrews (Clive and Wolseley, 1965 - 1972) and his wife Sandy (pictured left) visited the School for a tour. After leaving DOYRMS, Jeff went to university and qualified as a Probation Officer, working for Berkshire Probation Service for 11 years before emigrating to Adelaide, Australia, 28 years ago. Jeff has not been back to the School since 1975. It was a pleasure meeting Jeff and Sandy and hearing about his memories.

We welcome back all Dukies, please book in advance by emailing alumni@doyrms.com.



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Expedition India

The India expedition this year was funded by The Dukies' Foundation, the donations from Dukies go towards once in a lifetime experiences. Over the course of three weeks, 22 Dukies travelled around India.

Steff Dowle our RSM said: "The students have led every aspect of the expedition. What and where they eat, how they get to their next location (train, boat, minibus or tuk tuk), how much money they have to spend each day (the teams carry a large cash budget for the whole three weeks and it has to last), they are in charge of daily welfare checks, passport checks, head counts and hygiene checks on each other and the locations where we eat. They have to carry all their kit in their large holdalls and smaller day sacks and commute with these, no easy task when it's nearly 40 degrees and 100% humidity. They have a leadership group each day who make all these decisions and work together to overcome the odd change due to weather, road disappearing or just India time and efficiency issues. The adult staff are purely there to oversee the safety and guide where necessary, but rarely. All of the Dukies have learned so much about each other and themselves. They have all shown amazing leadership qualities and have really come together as a team. It has been extremely challenging at times, physically and emotionally and we, the adult staff, are extremely proud of all of them for what they have achieved in three weeks.

We:

- Travelled more than 5,000 miles by air, 400 by train, boat, minibus and trekking;
- Eaten in excess of 60 curry meals each;
- Drank in excess of 75 litres of chlorinated water each;
- Seen snakes, spiders, monkeys, elephants, yaks, wild boar, birds of prey, chipmunks, huge squirrels and many more wild animals;
- Trekking through cardamon, banana, coffee, tea, pepper, lemon grass, coconut plantations and wild jungle and forests;
- Slept on floors, hammocks, blow up bed rolls, trains and minibuses. Oh, and the occasional bed;
- Met amazing people doing so much for their country and children with so little but so much to give;
- Been ill, but have supported each other through the illness."



Dukie Births

**Fiachra MacLaimhin
&
Alexander van Staden**

A huge congratulations to the Chipperfield family, Dukie Graham Chipperfield (Kitchener, Wolfe and Wolseley, 1964 - 1970), now a grandfather and his two Dukie daughters; Alanagh (Alanbrooke and Wolfe 2000 - 2006) and Sorcha (Alanbrooke and Wolfe 2000 - 2007) for the birth of two baby sons.

Amazingly both daughters gave birth on the same day! As Graham says: "I know at the DOYRMS children are taught to do everything 'at the double' but this is ridiculous."



On Wednesday 11 September 2019 at Antrim Hospital to Daithi and Sorcha (nee Chipperfield) a son, Fiachra MacLaimhin, a cousin for Alexander.



On Wednesday 11 September 2019 at Antrim Hospital to Ilse and Alanagh (nee Chipperfield) a son, Alexander van Staden, a cousin for Fiachra.

Dukie Obituaries

**John Boyd-Felton
(Roberts and Wolfe, 1959 - 67)
Passed away August 2019.**

**Andrew Bennett
(Haig and Marlborough, 1973 - 80)
12/04/1963 - 11 July 2019.**

**Lt Comm Walter Joseph Mayers
MBE RN (Ret).
Passed away 5 May 2019**

Walter passed away peacefully at Southampton hospital, aged 92, in the early hours of 5 May 2019. A memorial service celebrating his life, was held at Old Alresford church, Old Alresford, nr Winchester, Hants on Monday July 1 and after at Old Alresford place.

**Dave Watson
(Wolseley and Marlborough,
1962 - 1966)
1950 - 2018**



Dave sadly passed away after a short illness in 2018. He left DOYRMS prematurely after the fourth year to accompany his family to Hong Kong. On returning to the UK, he completed his higher education before pursuing a career with social services, primarily dealing with young people.

On retirement, he continued his commitment to his local community and formed the Warm Age Wood Company; helping those in fuel poverty. He leaves behind his wife Geradine and four boys, Taigh, Tom, Ben, and Finn.

Dukie Marriages



**Jamie Symon
(Haig and Wellington, 1997 - 2004)
married Natasha Symon
(Alanbrooke, Clive and Wolfe,
1998 - 2002) in July 2013.**



**Jamie's brother, Martin Symon
(Haig and Wellington, 2000 - 2007)
married Emily Symon
(Alanbrooke and Marlborough,
2000 - 2005) in August 2018.**



**Emily's brother Glenn Barton
(Haig and Wellington, 1996 - 2003)
married Ciara Gallagher in
July 2019.**

Archive Donation

Research generated by Peter Goble, a Dukie who sadly passed away, has kindly been donated. Within the vast research, we have discovered an original 'The Boy's Own' magazine which was published in February 1915. Inside features the 'Sons of the Brave' painting, being the only colour page among the articles and a painting alumni will remember watching over them in the Dining Hall. Peter discovered that the phrase 'Sons of the Brave' originated from an American revolutionary song published in Boston in 1765, which became firmly associated with the Royal Military Asylum; it inspired other artistic endeavours such as Thomas Bidgood's march 'Sons of the Brave' 1898.



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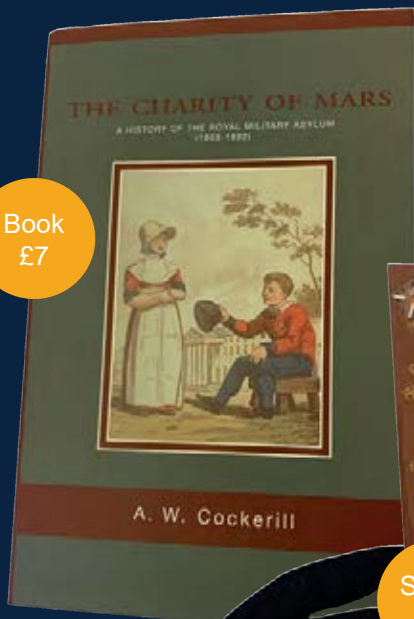
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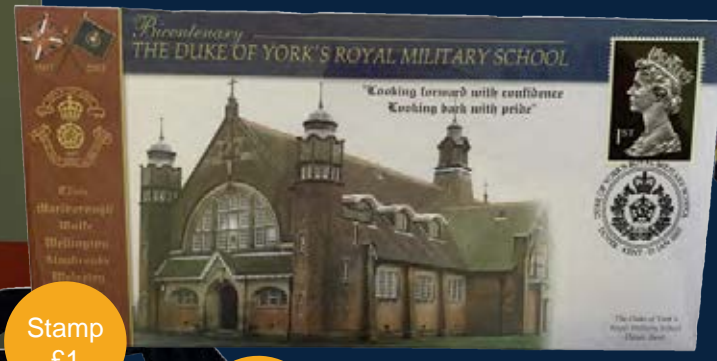
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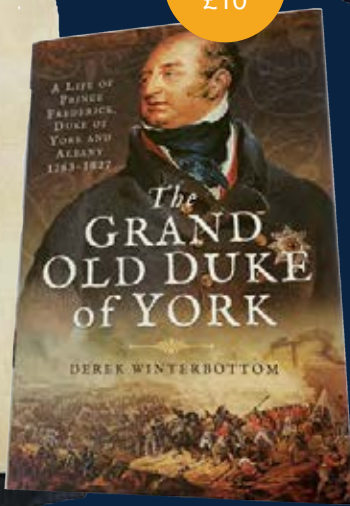
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