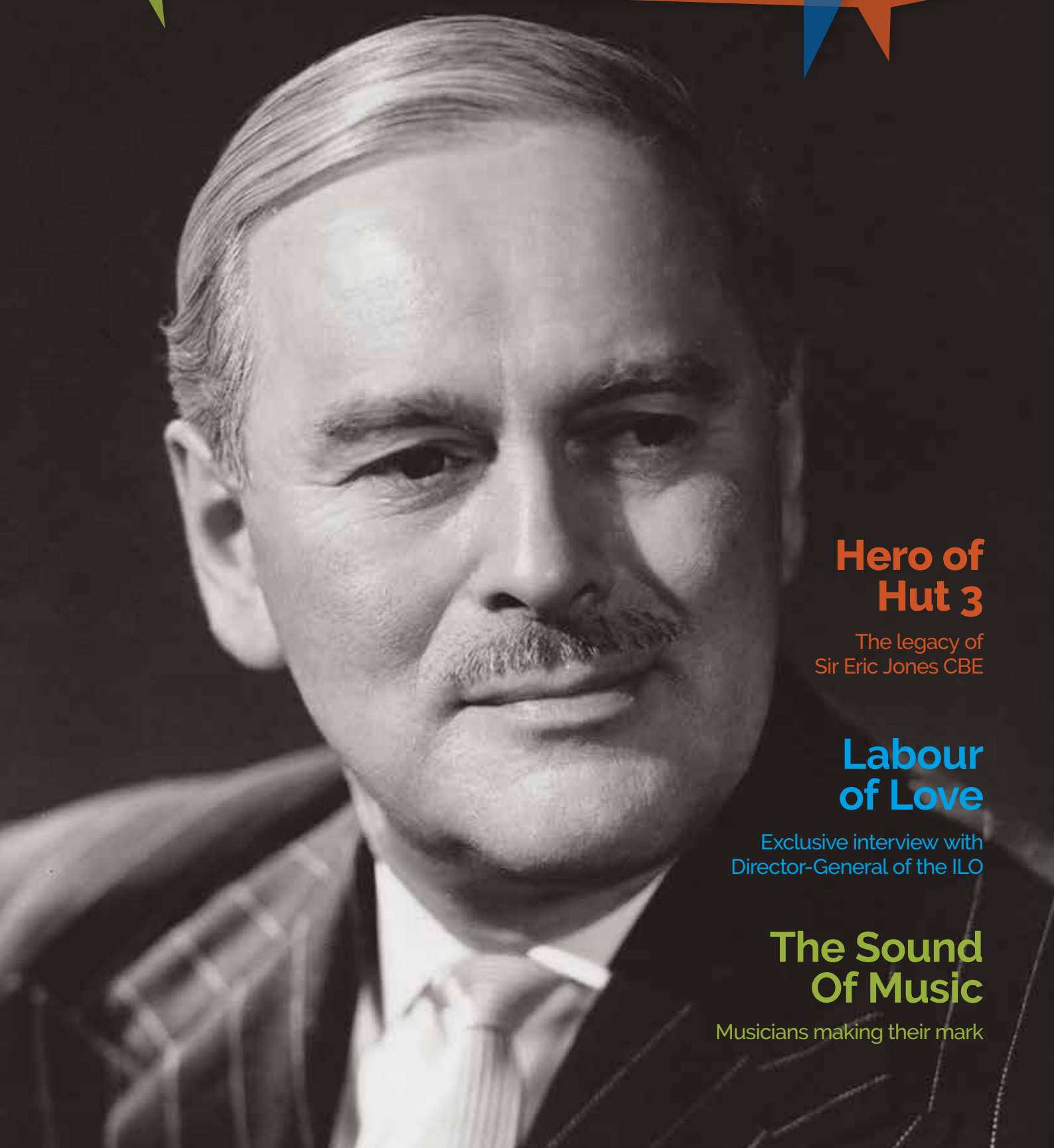


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The legacy of
Sir Eric Jones CBE

Labour of Love

Exclusive interview with
Director-General of the ILO

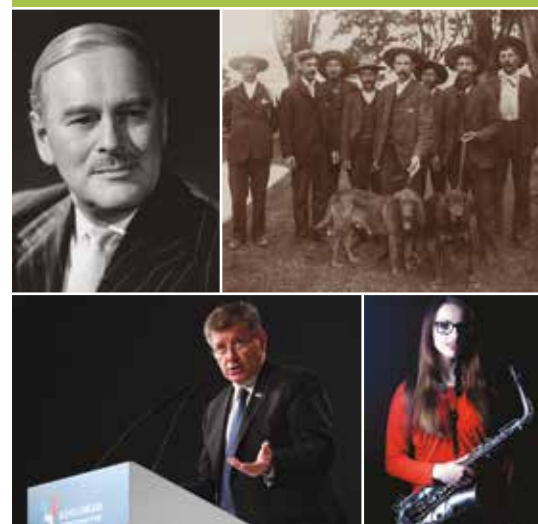
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Musicians making their mark

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WELCOME to the seventh edition of *King's Speech*, which no doubt is landing in your home at a strange time for the nation.

It contains the usual range of news and features, which I hope bring some light relief during these difficult times brought on by COVID-19. A new feature is the 'correspondence to the editor', something I hope to receive more of this year.

The magazine also gives a flavour of what is going on within the School and an update on the move later this year. As we approach the final days at our current sites, King's is thriving in a multitude of ways both inside and outside the classroom. I am sure we all give heartfelt thanks for that, as well as an appreciation of what is being done by current staff to ensure the achievement of the high standards.

Inevitably, there are a few deaths amongst alumni to report, including former Maths teacher Tom North and Clive Wellings, who is particularly noteworthy, in terms of his significant past contribution to the Association.

The next time *King's Speech* is published, I hope that the world will be COVID-19 free, and the school will be fully operational at its new campus. For the first time in its 500+ year history, the King's School in Macclesfield will no longer be located in the centre of the town. How should former pupils view the change? 'No pain, no gain', I suspect, summarises that of many. There are few, I suspect, who will particularly miss the architecture of the Rock Block, gym, or canteen Cumberland Street, or much of the building behind the

main block at Fence Avenue. The real pain consists of the loss of the view of the main school through our memorial gates and the intangible loss of the two sites as physical embodiment of two old-fashioned grammar schools on which much of the life of Macclesfield and surrounding area has been founded over several centuries. More on the School's plans to capture its heritage can be found on pages 18-19.

There will be huge gains; the new site is incredible in its conception, and, will be too in its reality from September 2020. Dr Simon Hyde has been the driving force behind the move, and although he moves on in September, his legacy will be huge. He comments in his 'From the Helm' piece on growing demand for places, as well as ongoing efforts to generate endowment income to support the School's ability to provide an education for as many as possible who can benefit from it in the area.

I am sure we all wish the school every success in both, as well as to Simon for his future career, and also welcome new Head, Jason Slack.

Finally, my sincere thanks to the three people who have been major contributors to the production of this publication Caroline Johnson, Lauren Tidey and Gill Mullarkey. Without their efforts, it simply would not appear.

Ian Wilson,
Editor

From the Helm

After nine fascinating and enjoyable years back at King's, the time has come to pass the baton on to my successor. A headteacher can have no better legacy than a happy school and I trust that is what Jason Slack will find when he joins us in September.

Someone once said that you don't drive by looking in the rear-view mirror. In teaching, you do not have time to look back as the next generation of pupils is already sitting expectantly in the classroom. Next year, of course, the classrooms will be new, but the pupils will be little different from their predecessors. They will perhaps be kinder, certainly more worldly-wise, but their hopes and aspirations are one of the great constants of school life and something I will miss.

In looking to the future, there is still much to be done to make good the promise of our Founder, Sir John Percyvale, to keep King's doors open to those of more modest means. The new school was necessary not just to refresh and

consolidate our facilities, but also to provide a more sustainable business model to maintain and, in time, increase the £500k a year we spend on bursaries (means-tested financial support). In the short term, the savings from the inefficiencies and duplicated costs of running two sites will enable us to pay back the sizeable loan necessitated by the 2020 project. Fortunately, low interest rates and a growing demand for places have combined to underpin this exciting and ambitious new move. In the longer term, we will be better able to maintain that essential balance of investment, broader access and affordable fees.

It will fall to my successors to build on this inheritance by following schools like Manchester Grammar and Bolton School, which have created multi-million pound endowment funds to support less well-off families. If they can do it, then I see no reason why we can't.

As the School moves to its new premises, I hope that you will remain keen to keep in touch. Our series of events to bid farewell to Cumberland



Street and Fence Avenue have proved very popular, as has the opportunity to visit the new site. You will be pleased to hear that we remain on programme for handover in June this year, after which you will be more than welcome to visit.

Finally, I want to thank the many excellent colleagues, pupils, parents and friends of the school, who have contributed to making the last nine years so enjoyable. In my new role as HMC Membership Secretary, I may be spreading my wings, but I know where my heart lies and I will watch future progress with a mixture of confidence and pride.

Dr Simon Hyde
Headmaster



From the Chair

It is quite remarkable how fast time has flown in that, just five months from writing this, the school will be fully embedded within its new location and up and running. Dr Hyde's baby, so to speak, will be born in all its glory.

As former pupils will know, Dr Hyde will be moving on to pastures new as the school starts the new chapter in its history. He has been a good custodian of the school in his nine-year tenure and, as far as former pupils are concerned, he has engaged well with us and had a good appreciation of us, as indeed he is a former pupil himself. For that I thank him. The appointment of Jason Slack, current headmaster of King Henry XIII School Coventry, will hopefully ensure a smooth transition and I am sure that Dr Hyde will assist in this transition resolutely, right up until his departure date.

The school is a very important and precious institution for everyone and I hope that the move gets off to a good start and sets King's up well for this next, and very important, episode in its 518-year life.

There must have been thousands of former pupils over that time and, today, the numbers continue to grow with approximately 4,600 of us. I am pleased the committee has also grown with the addition of fresh, keen members, namely Ken Grant, Andrew Savill, Tristan Wood and Michael Pedley, who will add great value to our offering.

To end, my thanks go to all my fellow committee members for supporting me and also to Lauren Tidey for her help with the Association, to Caroline Johnson for her great support and to Ian Wilson for his much-valued contribution to this magazine's production.

I hope you all enjoy reading it and if you have anything you think might be useful for future publications, please write in to the School.

David Barratt, FPA Chairman

Rebecca's 'world-first' research scoop



Brilliant academic **Rebecca Sugden** (2009) achieved a world first in 2019 by scooping all four major international language research prizes. It is the first time any university research fellow anywhere on the planet has won all four top awards. Last year, Rebecca won the Larry Schehr Memorial Award for the best work in the field by an early-career researcher. She has previously won the other three major prizes in foreign language literary criticism: the UK and Ireland's equivalent early-career prize, Society of Dix-Neuviémistes' Publication Prize; and two postgraduate prizes: the North American Nineteenth-Century French Studies Association's Naomi Schor Memorial Award and the UK and Ireland's Society of Dix-Neuviémistes' Postgraduate Prize. Rebecca left King's in 2009, having achieved 10 A*s at GCSE and four As at A Level. She then achieved a Starred First Class Degree in French and Spanish from Murray Edwards College, Cambridge, the highest B.A. degree Cambridge can award, before taking a Masters degree in European Literature at St. John's College Cambridge. She completed her PhD at St. John's in 2018 and then gained her current post as a Research Fellow at Gonville & Caius College, Cambridge and is now combining writing her literary critique of the 19th Century French novel while teaching at B.A. and M.A. Level.



Alexandra's blooming success

In June 2019, BBC Gardeners' World Live took place over four days at the NEC in Birmingham. Award-winning garden designer **Alexandra Froggatt** (2002) won Platinum, and Best in Show, for her exquisite Watchmaker's Garden. Based on Birmingham's Jewellery Quarter of the late 1800s, and including loaned antique watch parts laid out on the workbench, it was an inspired nostalgic mix of vegetable allotment and dahlia border that many of us remember grandparents aspiring to – and now very much the self-sustaining goal of today's gardeners as well. The fact that the dahlias, self-seeded native plants, and heirloom and heritage vegetables were in such perfect condition, only added to the charm.

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Isobelle wins Apprentice of the Year award

Isobelle Derrig (2014) has won 'Degree Apprentice of the Year' at the British Education Awards. The winners are chosen for their achievements both on a national and international stage and are ambassadors for British education.

Isobelle was nominated by Manchester Metropolitan University for the work she has done to raise the profile of Degree Apprenticeships, her charity fundraising, and her achievements at AstraZeneca.

Isobelle regularly visits local schools to speak to students about Degree Apprenticeships and she and her fellow apprentices have raised over £50,000 for the Teenage Cancer Trust. Isobelle finished the four-year BSc degree 'Digital and Technology Solutions' whilst working at AstraZeneca achieving a first-class degree, she was also awarded the highest overall grade and highest achieving synopsis project.



Elliot selected for Olympic Sailing squad

Elliot Hanson (2012) was due to make his Olympic debut at Tokyo 2020 after being selected as one of the 15 strong Team GB sailing squad. Elliot's selection comes after he finished fifth at the recent Laser World Championships, missing bronze by just two points.

Although the Olympics have now been postponed until 2021, due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the 25-year-old was delighted to have been selected alongside reigning Olympic champions Giles Scott and Hannah Mills.

"It's a huge honour to be chosen for Team GB," said Elliot. "I always felt proud to represent the British Sailing Team in its own right, but the Olympics with Team GB is a whole new level. The sense of being part of a greater team with the whole nation behind you is incredibly exciting."

Elliot's journey to selection for the British Olympic Laser squad has been far from easy. He won the 2018 World Cup Series in the Olympic venue of Enoshima, but came a disappointing 22nd at the Tokyo 2020 test event in 2019. However, his fifth place at the World Championships in Melbourne secured a place on the Olympic squad.



"When I got the call to say I'd been chosen, my first reaction was relief. I felt like I'd let the first opportunity for selection slip during the test event last summer, blowing the whole trials wide open again. It was a bitter pill to swallow at the time, but I came back stronger. Following that, I called my parents. Both of them have been there unconditionally since day one and made huge sacrifices."

When the Olympics finally take place, Hanson will look to emulate his hero Ben Ainslie, the greatest Olympic sailor of all time. Like Ainslie, Elliot has his sights on the top spot: "The Laser class is possibly in the strongest place it's ever been with a realistic eight nations capable of winning gold, and more who could win medals," he said. "That said, I'm going with every intention of trying to win."

Rally driver Seb races in for success

Rally driver **Seb Perez** (2015) took the number one slot on the XVI Rally Clasico Isla Mallorca in Spain in March. Seb claimed the title after finishing first in his classic Dansport-prepared Amigos Tequila Porsche 911 RS, with navigator Gary McElhinney by his side. Over 40 rally cars competed in what is one of Europe's most important motor tests, with 300km of tarmac and 8 test sections. Perez and McElhinney dominated the rally, leading and sweeping the road from start to finish winning six out of the eight stages. Perez was rubbing shoulders with great racing drivers such as Austrian champion Kris Rosenberger and former Formula 1 driver Adrian Campos.



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SPEAKERS' CORNER



Exploring pathways into work



Former King's pupil **Christopher Westwood** returned to his former school to tell the next generation about the new jobs being created at the world's most profitable company. Now an Operations Pathways Manager for Amazon, Christopher left King's in 2001 to study Motor Sports Engineering. He spent seven years in the Royal Navy as an aircraft engineer before

studying for an MBA at Manchester and earning a management job with Amazon.

Christopher was speaking as part of a King's Careers' programme enabling pupils to learn what life is really like beyond school. Chris said: "There are so many different types of job. There are jobs like mine, in operations, where you need engineering skills, but also jobs in finance, IT and marketing, plus a whole host of roles for software and hardware engineers.

"It will be the same across so many new tech companies such as Facebook and Google. My talk is designed to help today's young men and women plan for their futures, explain about the apprenticeships and graduate schemes available, and the many different entry points."

Student medics' inspiring talk

Former pupils **Aiman Aslam** and **Ailbe Smith**, who are both currently studying Medicine, were able to visit King's in September to speak to current pupils aspiring to become medics. Year 12 pupils really benefitted from hearing first-hand what it is like to study medicine at Cambridge University and Imperial College London.



Weaving King's future

Renowned Northern sculptor and former pupil **Juliette Hamilton** (1989) has been working with some of King's youngest pupils to create a pride of lions that will adorn the entrance to the Junior Division at the new campus.

Juliette, who sources her willow from the Somerset levels, built a frame for a huge male lion taken from the King's School's 500-year-old badge, and then supervised as pupils wove round the structure to build their own lion sculpture. Juliette said: "It's an incredibly therapeutic exercise in which the children relax, focus and concentrate and have the satisfaction of creating something tangible and lasting."

As well as the male lion, Juliette will build a female partner and two cubs to make a pride of lions that will sit near the entrance to the Infant & Junior Division when the school relocates to its new campus in the summer.

CONGRATULATIONS TO...

Ashley Barratt (2016), who picked up the Emily Willey Prize in Archaeology and Prehistory and the Sanders Prize in Classical Archaeology to go along with his First in Archaeology and History from Sheffield University.

Jon Butler (1993), was named in 2019's *Insider* magazine as one of the North West's '42 under 42'. The list aims to identify the region's brightest business talent and rising stars. Jon is the founder



and Managing Director of Big Brand Ideas, a contented marketing agency. Founded in 2011, it is now a £4m business, based in Macclesfield and central Manchester.

Richard Buxton (1995) had another successful year in 2019. His Cheshire Cheese Company won awards at the Royal Cheshire Show, but also gained accolades in the International Cheese Awards. Facing rivals from 37 countries, and in a contest with over 5,000 entries, the company gained four awards.

Richard Cragg (1965), was a distinguished former 1st XI cricketer and went on to play for Oxford University and Cheshire CC. He played with considerable success for Bramhall CC, including as captain, and once his playing days were over, he took on other roles, including President and Junior Organiser. In 2019, he was granted the honour of having the club's Church Lane ground renamed as The Richard Cragg Cricket Ground.

Andrew Henshall (1975), who was President of the Cheshire Union of Golf Clubs for 2019. Andrew plays at Wilmslow GC.



Brendan Jacot (2016), who graduated in August 2019 from Hertford College Oxford with a first in PPE.

Henry McKenna (2016), who was awarded a First in Maths and a First in Physics at Keele University. He is now starting an MSc at Durham University in Particles, Strings and Cosmology.

Roger Newton (1993), a former member of staff whose obituary appeared in the 2017 edition, spent many hours out of school writing poetry, and his wife and daughter have now had published *The Complete Poetical Works of Roger Newton M.A.* It can be purchased via mnewton@uwclub.net.

Madeleine Phillips (2016), who graduated from the University of Birmingham with a First-class degree. She is now studying at the University of Cambridge to gain her teacher training qualification.

Honor Price (2016) who gained a First in Animation & Visual Effects at Falmouth and is now taking an MA in Directing Animation at the National Film and Television School.

Adam Russ (2016), who received an award for an outstanding final year performance along with his First in Physics, Astrophysics and Cosmology.



Luca Schurink (2018), who represented England at Lacrosse in the European Championships in Prague in July, 2019.

Victoria Tann (2015), who achieved a Distinction in her Masters at Oxford University, achieving the top mark in the cohort for her Masters dissertation on Edward Lear.

Jon Tilley (1981) is the main organiser of Macclesfield's Garden Festival, which celebrated its third year last June. Undoubtedly the biggest and best yet, it focused on the theme of geography and travel. Held over three days in the town centre market place and the grounds of Christ Church, it not only featured thirteen different

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garden displays, but also a series of live displays and an eclectic mix of music. Jon is promising even bigger and better next time, when the theme will be energy.

Rob Thorneycroft (1976), who is well known locally as well as being a great supporter of the King's School and of the Former Pupils' Association, retired last summer, 29 years after he founded Thorneycroft Solicitors, which has developed into being one of the largest law firms in the North West.

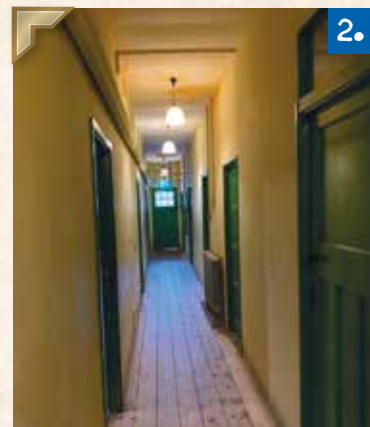
Eleanor Strutt (2012) who has received a Distinction in her Masters of Music from Trinity Laban Conservatoire of Music & Dance.

Stuart White (1988) joined Burnley Football Club in 2015 and enjoyed two successful years, coinciding with the club winning the Championship and beginning to establish itself in the Premier Division. He subsequently became Head of Recruitment at Wigan Athletic, before moving on to Hull City, where he is currently chief scout, enjoying what he describes as a 'very different kind of challenge' operating at a club focused on drastic reductions in the wage bill, as against the relative affluence enjoyed among Premier clubs.

April Wild née Greaves (2008), whose vegetarian café in Congleton won the Cheshire Life Tearoom/Café of the Year 2019 award.



Fiona Beeston, Will Fosbrook, Verity Griffin, Pari Mehrabani, Emily Naismith, Gwendolyn Rayworth and **Esther Wain**, who were invited to attend the Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award Presentation at St James's Palace in March 2020.



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PHOTOS 2, 3, 4 & 6:
Inside Hut 3 at
Bletchley Park

PHOTOS 1, 5 & 7:
Sir Eric, with Lord
Mountbatten, and
on his wedding
day to wife Edith,
Courtesy of Nick
Jones.

Our Hut 3 Hero

IN PROFILE...

FROM leaving King's at the age of fifteen to join his family's textile business to becoming the Head of Bletchley Park's Hut 3 and subsequently Director of GCHQ, Sir Eric Malcolm Jones is quite possibly the school's most notable former pupil. He came to national attention last year when Bletchley Park opened an exhibition on the Government Communications Headquarters (GCHQ) and showcased declassified documents which revealed the true extent and significance of Sir Eric's involvement in World War 2 and in particular his contribution to D-Day in June 1944.

The exhibition revealed Jones's essential interpretation and cataloguing system for the massive amounts of data from the team that was intercepting intelligence after cracking coded German messages using the Enigma machines. Jones's skill at putting together all the information coming in was crucial. Peronel Craddock, Head of Collections and Exhibitions at Bletchley Park said: "We really can say that, by leading his team inside Hut 3, Sir Eric was at least equally important to Turing in this part of the story."

Sir Eric Malcolm Jones, born on the 27th April 1907 in Buxton, one of five children of Samuel Jones and Minnie Florence Grove, attended The King's School in Macclesfield until he left in 1922 aged 15 in order to join the family textile business Samuel Jones & Son. At the age of 18, Eric decided to set up a textile agency of his own. On the 25th September 1929, he married Edith (Meg) Taylor, daughter of Sir Thomas Taylor, a silk merchant of Macclesfield, and they went on to have two children, a son and daughter.

In 1940, Eric handed over the business to another manager in order to enlist in the Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve. Posted to Air Ministry intelligence, he quickly rose to Squadron Leader and in 1942 he was requested at the Government Code and

Cypher School (GC&CS) at Bletchley Park to report on the conflict in the management of Hut 3.

Hut 3 was an inter-service section set up by Wing Cdr F.W Winterbotham in late 1939/early 1940. Its primary function was to translate and annotate high-grade German signals (Enigma and non-morse) and to report the results to Ministries and Commanders in the Field. Seated around a semi-circular table, the Watch concentrated on urgent Enigma decrypts received from Hut 6, in the form of slips of paper. They divided the letters into recognisable German words and translated them. These would then be scrutinised by the Head of Watch and passed to two Army and Air Advisers. They assessed the intelligence using various card indexes; these factual messages were then passed to the Duty Officer for checking, then to the Signals Officer for onward transmission to the relevant field commanders, ministries or intelligence departments in London.

Over time, Hut 3 acquired numerous sub-sections and grew into a large organisation, much larger than the nearby stations of Hut 6 and 8, which led to the move to Block D in February 1943. At its peak, Hut 3 had a workforce of over 550 people.

Throughout 1941, Hut 3 was riddled with discord; friction was caused and a struggle for control amongst the management team ultimately led to the decision to ask Sir Eric to step in. His advice and recommendations, along with his impressive management skills, led the Director of GC&CS (later GCHQ) Edward Travis, to appoint Eric permanently as Head of Hut 3 and promoted him to Group Captain. This appointment did come as a surprise to some due to Eric's lack of experience in intelligence work and German and military translation.

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SIR ERIC: DID YOU KNOW...

He was invited and attended the Queen's Coronation in 1953 (Photos 9 & 10)

He took up skiing at the age of 50

Sir Eric Jones featured in a limited Bletchley Park edition of Cluedo as 'Eric Peacock' (11)

He was described as a man of the highest integrity. It was said of him that corruption was unthinkable in his presence.

However, under Eric's management, Hut 3 was described as 'a happy ship' and his calm temperament and business management experience guided Hut 3 steadily until the end of the war.

From 1945 to 1946, Eric represented the British signal intelligence in Washington DC, and it was his discussions with the American agencies which formed the basis for American-British co-operation in this field in the future. Eric's standing amongst the American government and service officers was very high, he was awarded the US Legion of Merit in 1946 and provided advice to the US Air Force in setting up their own signal intelligence organisation.

Eric returned to England and was formally transferred from the RAF to GCHQ at assistant secretary level. He became deputy director in 1950 and succeeded Sir Edward Travis as director in April 1952. This was an exciting time for GCHQ, they were equipped with a larger budget and staff had started to move over to their new headquarters in Cheltenham. Eric was also busy filling the three hundred extra staff posts that had recently been authorised.

Although Eric was an incredibly significant figure at GCHQ, there isn't much information available on him, and he remained very much a private person throughout his life.

Eric remained director of GCHQ for eight years, during which time he established the organisation and the ethos under which it was to operate in succeeding years. In 1960 Eric took early retirement believing that eight years was long enough in the post. Upon his retirement, Eric accepted non-executive directorships in a number of companies, including Simon Engineering Ltd (1966-77). In his spare time he enjoyed playing golf (at the highest amateur level) with memberships at Ross on Wye, Porthcawl and Lytham St Annes. As well as golf, Eric's other passions included skiing, his Citroën cars and his garden, particularly his carnations.

In 1984 Eric's wife Meg passed away after 55 years of marriage. Eric passed away in Gloucester on Christmas Eve 1986 aged 80 leaving behind his son and daughter as well as a legacy, which would be talked about for generations to come.

The Sound of Music

Many alumni have gone on to enjoy fantastic careers in music and performing arts. Here are just a few more who are celebrating success:

Orchestra Conductor role for Will



Will Fox (2016) has been appointed conductor of Durham University Chamber Orchestra. He has been conducting the orchestra in concerts throughout the academic year. Will, a third year Music student at Trevelyan College, Durham, studied piano and organ (alongside conducting) at the Junior RNCM, and spent a year at Toneheim folkehøgskole in Norway.

Will's previous conducting experience has come in the form of directing chamber choirs, both in Norway and in Durham. He has served in DUOS for the past year as principal pianist for Symphony and Chamber, and has worked extensively in Durham as an accompanist and soloist, winning the James Etherington Music Award in February 2018 and holding a Music Department accompanist scholarship.

He has also received a Trevelyan Trust Award for outstanding performance in his first-year exams, as well as a Joan Bernard Scholarship for second year results, and a Vice Chancellor's Scholarship for Academic Excellence. Alongside his love for classical music, Will also has an interest in jazz, enjoying lessons with pianist Dan Whieldon whilst at school and winning the school's jazz prize.

Tim's leading Hallé appointment

Tim Pooley has been appointed as Viola Section Leader for the world-renowned Hallé Orchestra. Now in its 162nd season, the Hallé ranks among the UK's top symphonic ensembles. With a reputation for artistic excellence, the Hallé's distinguished history of acclaimed performances includes over 70 concerts each year in The Bridgewater Hall, Manchester, around 40 concerts a year around Britain, international tours, frequent broadcasts and televised performances. Hallé players are among the finest in the world and have come from 14 countries all over the world to work in Manchester.



Alex wins Jazz Accolade

Alex Clarke (2018) has won the 'The Rising Star Award' in the 2019 British Jazz Awards. After a record 8,200 jazz fans voted in this year's British Jazz Awards, winners were revealed in each of the 16 categories in the 33rd edition. The talented jazz saxophonist landed the top prize in what is regarded as one of the blue-ribbon categories for British jazz aficionados. Other winners included the legendary Courtney Pine, putting Alex in very good company.

Alex, 19, began playing piano in King's Juniors, later moving onto flute and saxophone at 14, then later the clarinet. "I was playing in the King's Wind Band on a retreat and heard their Jazz Band and thought, that's what I want to do," said Alex, who also paid tribute to her early teachers. "It started with Alison Lea in Juniors – she was inspirational – then Dan Whieldon and Kevin Dearden took me under their wing."

Alex progressed to the Birmingham Conservatoire in 2018 but left after a year and is now combining work as a Music Assistant at Warwick School and gigging up and down the country. "I learned a lot at Birmingham, but the course was too theoretical," she explained. "I'm all about playing melodically and, though I appreciate contemporary Jazz, I am most in my element playing straight-ahead Jazz standards".

Alex, who writes her own compositions alongside playing the familiar, added: "I love what I do, and aim to keep developing my career as a professional musician. It's great honour to win the award."

IN PROFILE...

Labour of love...

*King's has many successful alumni. One of the most notable is **Guy Ryder** (1974). Director-General of the International Labour Organisation. The ILO is a United Nations agency whose mandate is to advance social justice and promote decent work by setting international labour standards.*



Guy's Twitter account gives a wonderful insight into his life and work within the ILO.

Twitter:
@GuyRyder

GUY is the tenth and current Director-General of the ILO, which is an elected role; he was overwhelmingly re-elected to a second term in 2016. The ILO

has 187 member states and representatives from the government, employers and employees openly debate and create labour standards. As one would imagine, Guy is a very busy man – working alongside some of the world's movers and shakers. Despite this, and being based in Geneva, *King's Speech* recently managed to catch up with him.

Guy had a very successful King's career, both academically and otherwise – he was 1st XI cricket captain – and left in 1974 to read Economics, later Social and Political Sciences, at Jesus College, Cambridge. "Thereafter", he said, "I had very little immediate sense of direction, with a much better idea of what I didn't want – a 'standard' career path – than what I did, except that I definitely had an ambition to spend some time living abroad. So I in fact went to Spain for 18 months, then back home to Liverpool for a course in Latin American Studies. Finally, I got a job, and spent four key and definitely formative years working on international issues with the TUC. That was, to say the least, a challenging time to be working in the trade union sector, with Mrs Thatcher rampant, miners' strikes, etc. The result was that both my desire to work overseas, in an international environment, and to commit to labour issues, were both very much confirmed."

For the next 25 years, Guy worked in Geneva and Brussels, ending up first as General Secretary of the International Trade Union Confederation and then Executive Director at the ILO before, in 2012, moving to his present post with the organisation. Overall,

he concluded, "there has been a degree of logical progression to the career path, I suppose, in hindsight, though with an enormous amount of luck involved too – and I don't regret any of it!"

"Never having worked in the private sector, it is difficult to make comparisons", said Guy, when asked how he thought his career might have differed in nature from that pursued by many of his contemporaries. "Clearly people who work in my field have strong identification with the values and objectives being pursued by labour, and perhaps such depth of feeling is not always present among those working in profit sectors. Each probably involves similar doses of routine, hierarchy, discipline and frustration, though! However, the rewards of working with colleagues with common purpose on things which you care about is definitely very motivating."

Asked about his time at school, Guy admitted that he may have developed something of a 'selective memory', but that he now has 'unalloyed good memories' of his years at King's. "Because of the funding system and selection processes in operation then, my classmates and friends came from a wide spectrum of the local community, so that meant that I enjoyed both a broadening of personal experience and understanding of surroundings, as well as a feeling of security

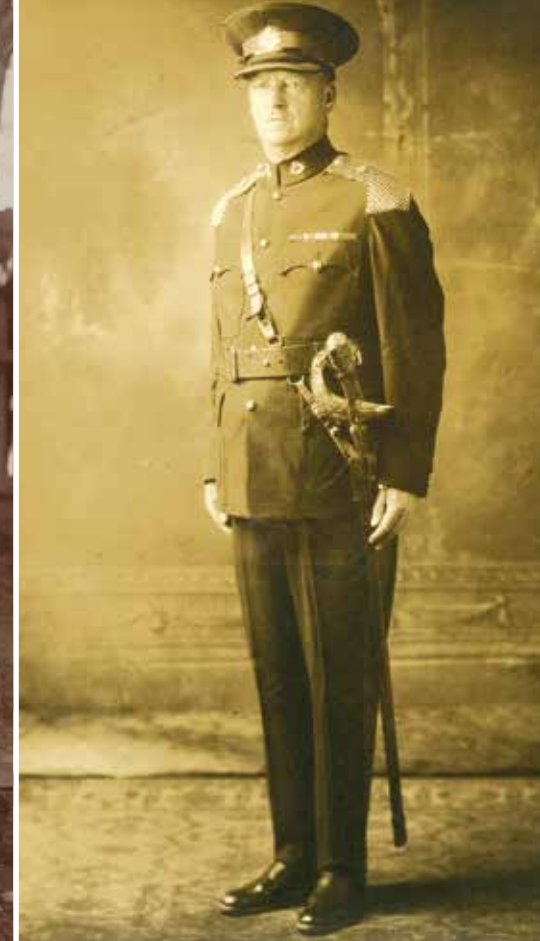
PHOTOS: ALAMY, ZIMBIO, FEDERAL GOVERNMENT OF GERMANY



and belonging. The academic results and quality of teaching were noteworthy, but they were not the whole story. Some of my most memorable episodes came through being a member of the school's 1st XI, for example; it was maybe not its most successful ever side, but certainly one of its most entertaining! Good schools, I believe, though, are about being taught to think for yourself and to think questioningly, and I certainly got that from King's."

Guy was reluctant to give advice to current Sixth Formers about to embark on their own careers. But what he would say is that a readiness to take risks, to look for long-term motivation rather than necessarily shorter-term material reward, and then to really graft even when things might have looked unpromising have worked for him. "Failures and setbacks are often the result of some bad luck, just as success is often founded on good luck – so treat the two imposters just the same!"





The life of William Fernie, the man who caught Billy Miner by **RON HATCH**

Pioneer of Perseverance

“Little did the lone rider know as he ate an early lunch at the Greave’s home on the Douglas Lake Cattle Ranch on Monday 14th May 1906 that by the end of that fateful day he would have single-handedly confronted three armed suspects, outwitted them, alerted the North-West Mounted Police patrol, missed a gunfight and be propelled into national fame.”

WILLIAM Lewis Fernie born on 1st April 1868, a pioneer police officer in the province of British Columbia had been tracking Billy Miner, an infamous American stagecoach and train robber who had escaped to Canada for six days. The authorities suspected Miner orchestrated the first two robberies against the largest corporate entity in Canada, the Canadian Pacific Railway.

Two days earlier, Fernie had separated from the main posse and tracked the suspects through rain, snow, swamps, and dense bush as he followed his intuition. Having ridden his quarter horse to a bend in the lonely dirt trail, three heavily armed men confronted Fernie. With few options, he played the part of an eccentric Englishman with his best accent, confused manner, and innocent questions about how to continue his journey. The ruse worked and allowed Fernie to connect with the North-West Mounted Police, who quickly captured their prey.

Fernie’s chosen life was in sharp contrast to his upper middle-class upbringing in Macclesfield during the reign of Queen Victoria. He attended King’s from 1878 to 1886 and was to follow his father’s footsteps at Owen’s College, University of Manchester, in the medical field. However, aged 19 he left England to follow his dreams and seek adventure in the small town of Kamloops, British Columbia, Canada.

William Fernie had a storied police career as a constable, chief constable, and inspector responsible for a district in the southern interior of British Columbia. Superiors knew Fernie as an excellent tracker, a knowledgeable outdoorsman, a conscientious officer, and an able and natural leader. Throughout his career he maintained law and order in a huge area and tracked and arrested other train robbers, murderers, and traders selling illegal liquor. Fernie was also a life-long military reservist and a veteran of the Boer and First World wars. He was one of the elite troopers in the Lord Strathcona’s

Horse, the last privately funded regiment in the British Empire. Lord Strathcona recruited the regiment exclusively from Western Canada, and the troopers and officers were cowboys, frontiersmen, and members of the North-West Mounted Police. Fernie served during WWI as an intelligence officer with the 5th Canadian Division in 1917, as a platoon commander with the 7th Canadian Infantry Battalion in northern France in 1918, and as a provost marshal with the 3rd Canadian Division in 1919.

Bill Fernie was truly a “Renaissance Man.” He was a hunter and fisherman, an excellent shot with a rifle, reliable resource on local flora and fauna, polo player, tennis and badminton player, an enthusiastic follower of premier league football, and a skilled horseman. He and his Canadian family bred polo ponies to enhance the stock in Western Canada and operated a thoroughbred programme that supplied the federal government with quality mounts for the military. He was a passable sketch artist, a published poet, and an avid reader of Wordsworth and Canadian poet, Robert Service. He was an early conservationist and was involved in the establishment of the first game reserve in the province.

Unlike many of his countrymen of the time, Bill Fernie had a unique relationship with the Indigenous people. He developed an understanding of their language and was fluent in the Chinook trade dialect. He learned much of his tracking and hunting skills from the Secwépemc (Shuswap People), relied on them as valuable members of his posses, treated

them fairly and with respect, and established lifelong friendships with several skilled trackers with whom he worked. A contemporary noted that Fernie could be five hundred miles from his home and “address an Indian by his first name with the same surety as he would the chief of the Kamloops Band.”

An acquaintance described Fernie as innately modest. “It would only be by accident that you would hear him comment on the unusual number of cases he resolved throughout his career.” His contemporaries described him as quiet, unassuming; a man of the open spaces who had many talents, who did not seek to be the centre of attention but who possessed a commanding presence and was a natural leader to whom his subordinates automatically looked for direction. Other accounts speak of his perseverance, his unfailing courage and determination, his calm and even temper, his many skills and encyclopedic knowledge, and his love for family, horses, and dogs.

William Fernie retired from the military in 1932 after 32 years of service and from the provincial police in 1934 after thirty-three years of service. He enjoyed a brief retirement before being stricken with Alzheimer’s and passed away on 23 July 1943. The government provided a military escort at his funeral and members of the local detachment of the police were his pallbearers. His wife and two daughters buried him in Pleasant Street Cemetery beneath a cross monument marking the grave of his son who had died tragically in 1930 at twenty-three years of age.



Copies of
Ron Hatch’s book
‘Perseverance:
The Life of William
Fernie, the man who
caught Billy Miner’
are available
to buy.

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STAFF REUNION

PHOTO CAPTIONS

1. Angela Cooper, Anne Treverton, Gill Turner, Val White and Liz Spence.

2. Geographers and geologists, Paul Halewood, Peter Cotterell, John Fitzgerald, Mike Hart and John Hardy.

3. Scientists John Britton, Angela Cooper, David Gradwell, Anne Treverton, Jack Hargreaves, Bill Beaton and Claire Aspinall.

4. John Doughty with music staff Jo Beesley, Andrew Green, Jane Barratt and Linda Pyatt.

FORMER members of the teaching and support staff came together in February for a reunion in the Main Hall at Cumberland Street. Ahead of the school's move to a breath-taking new £60 million campus, former staff enjoyed afternoon tea and a final tour of their old haunts.

The Hall was packed with around 90 old friends who have shaped the lives of thousands of young boys and girls over the decades. Headmaster, Dr Simon Hyde, said: "Our current staff stand on the shoulders of giants. Some of you taught me, so no one knows better the debt you are owed by so many."

Jack Hargreaves, now 83, who spent 34 years at King's primarily teaching Chemistry, and was known affectionately to successive generations as 'Jolly Jack' said: "I'd like to think science teachers are special, the demand for good quality science teachers nowadays does show that society believes they are important,

but every teacher is special. We were a team, whatever subject we taught. "Robin Craig, who had 16 years at King's first as Head of RE and then as Vice Principal, said: "It was such fun and simply thrilling to work at King's. I enjoyed every moment."

Gill Turner, who was part of the team that opened King's Girls' Division in 1993, said: "It was an incredibly exciting time and it looks like this generation has such wonderful opportunities ahead."

Geoff Shaw, who taught at King's for 37 years, 16 as Head of the Junior Division, said: "The new development has been mooted for many years and, whilst there will be some sadness to leave these old buildings, there is also excitement ahead."

While the legendary Welsh rugby guru Tyss Bevan, who started at King's in 1966, said: "There was always a great bond between staff and pupils and I know there always will be."



PHOTOCAPTIONS

5. Robin Craig, Anne Craig, Ian Wilson and Barbara Livesley.

6. Historians Mark Harbord, Dave Hill, Simon Hyde and Chris Taylor.

7. Administrative staff Linda Green, Sharon Cooper, Tracey Elliott, Jill Major, Jane Harris, former catering manager Marley Kyrantonis, Sally Raw-Rees and Val Kendall.

8. Colin Kinshott, Tony Browne, Jeff Dodd, Chris Mawdsley and Barry Edwards.

SUPPORTING KING'S

A King's bursary can be truly life-changing. Proud Year 13 King's pupil **KIERAN CULLEN** explains how much it has meant to him...

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I am writing this on the final day at King's. This was not meant to be my final day, however unforeseen circumstances, Covid-19, have resulted in it being brought forwards several months. I was 11 when I joined King's on a bursary and would not have been able to attend without it. Attending has been nothing short of life-changing for me – from singing in the Vatican to receiving an offer to study Medicine at Cambridge, I have been able to do so much at this school which I would otherwise not have been able to do.

I would like to thank everyone who has donated to the Bursary Fund and made my time at King's possible. As the school, and I, prepare for change and a big move – the school to its new campus and myself to university – it's important to remember that the school itself is not changing – it will still be King's. As School Captain, I've been able to speak to other pupils who received bursaries and we are all in agreement that the King's School is a friendly, caring community for all its students; a school where teachers work hard to see you succeed, and long-lasting friendships are made. No matter how fancy the new campus, this will not change, and my only hope is that more students will be able to experience it as I did.

I will be moving onto the next step of my career in a few months. I aim to be a doctor – not a unique aspiration amongst King's alumni as the idea of working for the community is something that is ingrained in every King's student. The fact so many go on to a career of public service or philanthropy is a mark of pride.

Whilst there are an incredible amount of deserving causes, I ask you to consider donating money to the Bursary Fund. It allows young students to achieve their fullest even when they otherwise couldn't, and it has the potential to change a young boy or girl's life – it certainly did mine.

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For more information, see: kingsmac.co.uk/support-us



Preserving our Heritage

NEW SCHOOL
UPDATE



King's is now counting down the weeks until the completion of its new 80-acre campus on the outskirts of Macclesfield.

Former pupils will have a deep appreciation of the School's long history. King's has existed on a number of sites, starting life as part of St Michael's Church in 1502, the school moved to School Bank in 1552, King Edward Street in 1748 and Cumberland Street in 1854. In 1994, the Foundation acquired the former site of the Macclesfield High School for Girls on Fence Avenue.

The 2020 Vision recognised that our "new school must be designed with a vision for the future rather than a template from the past." At the same time, the Vision recognised the need to acknowledge the school's rich heritage both by preserving and repurposing our historic buildings and by transferring or replicating various heritage assets on the new site.

Heritage Strategy

The School has prepared a Heritage Strategy as part of its move to its new campus, to ensure that the most significant and valued physical reminders of our history can be taken with us or replicated. The royal coat of arms located above the main entrance at Cumberland Street will be familiar to generations of pupils.

Main Block Entrance

The Main Building's front façade will be preserved as part of Hillcrest's development scheme along with a significant proportion of the cricket field. On the new school site, an appropriately scaled and updated version of the crest will take centre stage at the head of the main avenue. Suspended between two of the columns forming the impressive canopy on the building's principal façade, it will be a fitting tribute to the School's history.

War Memorial Plaques

The School's War Memorial Plaques bear eloquent testimony to previous generations of pupils and staff, who have given their lives in the service of their country. The plaques will be placed centrally in the School's new Jackson Hall, forming an important focal point for our acts of commemoration.

War Memorial Gates

The original War Memorial Gates form part of the setting of the Cumberland Street site and will therefore be left in situ when the school relocates. Our plan, when finances allow, is to commission a replica, which will be sited between the main school building and the bridge to the new Sports Centre. As such, the Gates will come into daily use by pupils making their way across the site. Currently, the Gates are restricted to vehicular access only.

Quincentenary items

Other heritage items that will be moving with us to the new campus include the Quincentenary Memorial Stone, the 'Kingsmacc' Commemorative Roses from Cumberland Street and Fence Avenue and the Oak Table from the Alan Cooper Library. The table was made from wood salvaged from the building the school occupied on King Edward Street between 1748 and 1856.

Cricket Pavilion

In addition, the lintel from the Cricket Pavilion will be preserved for later installation on the new site. In a fitting homage to Cumberland Street, the First XI pitch will resume its place in front of the main school building.

Fence Avenue

Perhaps because of its history, there are relatively fewer heritage items from Fence Avenue, but we do intend to make a full pictorial record of the site before leaving. The Fence Avenue electric bell is a beautiful sculptural piece of mid-C20th engineering and is one of a number of mementos that will come with us. It will be displayed in an appropriate location and a plaque will acknowledge its provenance and history. Finally, we are planning a double-height mural for the end wall of the new Refectory, which will chart the long and proud history of the School. The object is to ensure that our new home will be ornamented with glimpses of the past; a past that is appreciated and understood.

• A variety of images of the school by photographer **JON CRUTTENDEN** can be purchased. Please email joncruttenden@me.com or ring 07973 321346.

• For all the latest news on our new campus go to: www.kingsmac.co.uk/new-campus

FUNDRAISING

Supporting Our Vision



In 2016, we set ourselves a fundraising target of **£3 million** as part of our plans to establish the school on a new £60m campus from September 2020. We are delighted that we have already raised £1.75 million of this target, thanks to the generosity of former pupils, parents, staff and the Merchant Taylors' Company. In January 2020, we launched a campaign to raise the remaining £1.25 million and hope that, with your help, we can raise this by September.

Working together

All donations, whatever their size, are warmly welcomed and will help us to put the finishing touches to our new campus. Your donation will help us open the doors to generations of King's pupils – with all the extra items that we would like to have.

Philanthropy heritage

The school was founded in 1502 by Sir John Percyvale's endowment. A local boy who went on to become Lord Mayor of London, Sir John founded a school in his hometown through an endowment upon his death. Since then, the

school has thrived and grown through subsequent gifts and endowments. Many former pupils choose to pass on the benefits of their own education by donating to our Bursary Fund. Others provide gifts that fund facilities for future generations of pupils.

Sharing our Vision

Our challenge is to raise the final £1.25m of our £3m fundraising total. We hope that every member of our community will embrace our vision and be able to support us in whatever way they are able. There are three major ways in which we hope you will help us:

1 NAMING & DEDICATION RIGHTS

YOUR NAME

You are invited as either an individual, as a company or a group, to take the opportunity to name or dedicate a room on the new campus. Rooms and spaces vary in suggested gift size, from £4k to £1m, and all rooms/spaces will be appropriately named through signage on the room or building e.g. The Jackson Hall.

If you have specific interests, or perhaps would like to name a room after a loved one who attended the school or one of your own teachers, please speak to us about your wishes.

2 PLANT A TREE OR TAKE A SEAT



'From little acorns do mighty oaks grow.'

We are offering everyone the opportunity to sponsor one of the many semi-mature trees that will be planted at our new school or, alternatively, to sponsor a seat in the new Lecture Theatre or the Main Conference Hall. A small plaque will acknowledge your gift.

Plant a tree - £400

Lecture Theatre seats - £100

Conference Hall seats - £100

3 TRANSFORMING LIVES



We are proud to maintain one of the original objectives of the founders of the school: to offer a first-class education to pupils irrespective of financial means. To be able to do this, we need to grow our bursary fund. Bursaries are truly transformational for those children who receive one, enabling them to aspire, work hard and achieve their dreams.

Donations can be a one-off, through regular giving, an annual donation or by remembering the school in your will.

For further information on how to support the school, please go to:
www.kingsmac.co.uk/support-us or email: former.pupils@kingsmac.co.uk

SCHOOL NEWS

King's appoints new headmaster **Jason Slack**



King's has appointed physicist Jason Slack as the new Headmaster who will take the helm as the school opens its £60 million campus in September. He is currently the Head of King Henry VIII School, a co-educational Headmasters' Conference (HMC) school in Coventry, which was founded in 1545 and has been co-educational for 40 years.

Jason said: "It is an honour to be asked to lead King's at such a momentous point in its history. I am really excited about what the future holds and looking forward to being a part of the wonderful community and getting started on the school's next chapter."

Jason graduated from Durham University with a BSc in Physics and a PGCE in Physics and Science. He also holds an

MA in Educational Management. His first teaching post was at his current school, after which he spent seven years at The Grange School, Northwich, initially as Head of Physics before being promoted to Head of Science. Jason then spent five years as Deputy Head of Queen Elizabeth Grammar School, Wakefield before returning to King Henry VIII School in April 2010 as Headmaster.

Jason is married with two daughters and has a wide range of interests from playing the violin, notably for the Warwickshire Symphony Orchestra, and watching football as a 'long suffering' Leeds United fan. He also volunteers for Guide Dogs for the Blind by boarding and helping to train guide dogs in training.

Unbeaten run for U12 Rugby Squad

King's young guns have been firing on all cylinders with the under-12 rugby team finishing unbeaten to rank fifth nationwide. The RFU rankings coordinated with The Daily Mail, confirm King's long-held reputation as a Northern rugby fortress, with the new generation of talent impressing experienced coaches across the region.

Under the leadership of former Leicester Academy coach Pete Langley, the boys in blue played 13 and won 13, scoring 430 points and conceding 100. Furthermore, the under-12 B team, under the hugely respected Paul Williams, who is stepping down after 30 years' service to King's rugby, played 9 and won 8 and were ranked a brilliant third nationally.

King's Head of Rugby, Giles Hetherington, said: "The foundation stage is perhaps the most important in any rugby player's development and we have been impressed by this group's resilience, appetite and spirit. We are thrilled for the boys that they are ranked 5th nationally after their first year of senior school rugby."



Bugsy comes to town!

In February, pupils entertained audiences with the classic comedy crime caper Bugsy Malone. Over four splurge-filled nights, the cast took viewers back to a depression-hit, prohibition America. The feel-good gangster spoof offered great parts, fantastic lines and great tunes. The production was six months in the planning and three months in rehearsals and all the work showed in the stage craft and timing. A thrilling experience for the young thespians.

CORRESPONDENCE



CORNER

Many thanks to everyone who took time to put pen to paper following the last edition of *King's Speech*. Here are a few of your letters:

Nick Rushbrooke (1965) has been in touch, to say he found the 2019 edition of *King's Speech* 'both informative and interesting', and he added some thoughts on his time at the school. He started in 1C and recalls the 'formidable' Mrs Titterton from the Junior School in particular.

The highlight of his time there, though, seems to have been the lifting of the cast iron covers whilst in 2B and exploring the tunnels underneath the old school! He then moved into the Senior School 'under the watchful eye of 'bog-eyed' Mr Vigor in the cowsheds' – though the teaching cannot have been too inspirational, since Nick recalls having failed O Level Latin three times! He did much better in all other subjects though, and in due course left to study Civil Engineering at Imperial College, London.

His successful career was then spent as a chartered engineer, specialising in the water industry. His father was Jack Rushbrooke, Head of Maths and later a Senior Master at the school, and Nick also recalls a few other teachers, in particular Roger Wood, Selwyn Jones – skiing trips especially – and Deryck Siddall, who Nick describes as a 'great influencer' through outdoor activities on Brathay Exploration Group trips to the Lake District and to Iceland. Inevitably, he also recalls TT Shaw, as 'an eccentric, to say the least; for example, he often conducted assemblies in his bedroom slippers' – though he does also comment that his father held him in the highest regard.

Peter Kent (1960) also made brief comment: "Another excellent edition! To think we have a Commander of the Fleet, an unsung Bletchley hero and a Premier League chief exec as former pupils, not to mention Robert Longden, who I vaguely recall as having been on the stage, but was not aware he made such a good career from it. The piece on the gates was very interesting. From my early days in local journalism, I recall GP Siggins as a magistrate, and several other names on the memorial gates committee as local 'movers and shakers'."

Jeremy Forward (1971) wrote in, from Toronto, where he taught French from 1982 until his retirement five years ago, to express his condolences after Ron Wilson's death – "thank you, Ron, for all your humour, warmth and dedication". Jeremy recalls Ron as having inspired his love of French in a classroom in Beech Lane when he was in 3B.

Messrs. Haresign, Robinson and Bagnall also feature in his memories from the Modern Languages department, as well as Peter Mathews, who inspired his lifelong love of squash, and John Vigor and Chris Urwin in Classics. After graduation, Jeremy taught under Nick Wrigley and 'iron man' Dave Rowlands, two former King's teachers, at Tarporley High School, before going to King's Chester, and then to Canada. His first school in Toronto was Trinity School, which had a 'front field' very reminiscent of the one at King's.

Simon Todd (1976) got in touch, recalling 'what a horrible student I must have been'! After King's, Simon went to Aston University to read Computing, and then spent about 12 years first with Hertz, who moved him to the USA as their youngest ever vice-principal of international sales and marketing, and then with several other organisations, including Thomas Cook and Sabre, in the travel and tourism trade. But he says he was 'never really political enough' to go any further in the corporate world, so moved into a more entrepreneurial life, running his own travel publishing company, based in Texas.

That turned out to be both much more to his liking, and very successful, to the extent that he was able to operate an 'exit strategy', being bought out in 2018. Simon was a hard-hitting batsman whilst at school, and continued to play cricket afterwards for a while, but eventually shifted his allegiance towards golf – and having become quite a low-handicapper, he has now moved into the refereeing side of the sport. He is now an officially accredited USGA referee, and has been busy both in the US and on a pro tour in the Middle East over the past year in that capacity, 'earning a little bit of money doing something I love'.

A notice appeared in last year's edition of the death of **John Adie** (1949) and his daughter Sue has made further contact with more details of her father's life. He was a significant cricketer at King's, 1st XI captain in 1949, and also played rugby and ran cross country for the school. After two years of national service in Germany – where he continued a very active cricket life – John moved into the commercial world, spending many years with Nestlé, before he moved in 1980 to Pembrokeshire, where he and his wife Gillian enjoyed a life in which they were very heavily involved in many community activities.

Alan Maynard (1962) died in April 2019 aged 73, having been diagnosed with myeloma at the age of 58. After leaving King's in 1961, Alan worked in the chemicals industry, finally joining his friend Howard Stockwell at Bowden Chemicals where he remained until illness forced early retirement. Sports lover Alan was an original member at Prestbury Squash Club, but his first love was golf, and he spent many years at Hazel Grove Golf Club where he was Captain, President and a long-time committee member. Alan used to attend the King's Former Pupils' dinners and in 2011 successfully bid at auction for two tickets to attend the Ryder Cup in Chicago. It was his main goal to get there after his first stem cell transplant and, thankfully, he made it there with his colleague Howard. A trip of a lifetime for him in 2012!

The School is sad to hear of the recent passing of **Henry Critchley** (1944). He was a proud Old Boy of King's and recently attended the Over 60's Lunch in Prestbury. Henry was a Captain in the Royal Artillery and later went on to a career in banking. He married Pamela in 1956, and lived in Bramhall where he worked tirelessly for the British Heart Foundation as the Treasurer, and

Chairman of the Wilmslow branch. On retirement he helped small, new businesses in Stockport and started travelling to countries such as Canada, Alaska, Australia, The South Pole and South Africa to name a few. His passion was his garden and enjoyed spending time growing vegetables in his patch in Prestbury. His family shall never forget his everlasting supply of green beans in the summer.

Clive Wellings (1957) died last July, aged 81. He was an optician by profession and a significant supporter of the Former Pupils' Association, including a period as Chair, and it owes a considerable debt of gratitude to him for his many contributions. Clive studied Optics at UMIST, then Pharmacy at Manchester University, after which he joined his father in the well-established family optician business on Chestergate. He eventually took over the business, retiring in 1995. At school, Clive played 2nd XI cricket, and was also very proud to have been crowned 'victor ludorum' at his last school Sports Day! A keen golfer, Clive was a stalwart member of Macclesfield Golf Club, serving as both Captain and President. The Wellings family have had a long connection with King's, both Clive's father Philip (1919–20) and his brother Robert (1951–2) having been School Captains, and Clive was very proud to see his three sons – Philip, Peter and Simon – through the school as the third generation.



Tony Iddon (1952) died in January 2020, aged 83. He was the son of former Lancs. and England cricketer Jack Iddon, who was an all-rounder for Lancs for 22 years, and captain-elect when he died in a freak car accident in 1946. Tony was originally a boarder

FONDFAREWELL

OBITUARIES

at King's around the end of the Second World War, and after he left, enjoyed a career in the Stockport area running a lubricants business. He was also a good club golfer, but he was best known as a trad jazz musician. He was a clarinettist, and leader of The Red River Jazzmen for over 50 years; they were very well known and very popular on the Manchester scene for many years – 'one of the best trad jazz bands in the country in the 1960s', according to one of the many tributes posted online on Tony's death. The current band played 'Roll me up and smoke me when I die' at Tony's funeral!

Capt. John Russell Turner, OBE (1945), died in January 2020.

Neil Ferguson who died in May 2019.

Tom North (member of staff, 1981–2009) died in January 2020. He had been suffering from dementia for some time. Tom joined the Maths department and immediately demonstrated himself to be a conscientious teacher. When the school opened the Girls' Division in 1992, he moved there from Cumberland Street, and become an active and valued member of staff based at Fence Ave. Tom also played many roles outside the classroom, including the Fence Ave House System, Maths Challenges, cricket and hockey sides.

Derrick Margerson, died in November 2019, having taught trumpet to very many King's students over the years.

EVENTS ROUND-UP

Golfing round-up



Played in honour of one of Macclesfield's most respected sports people, The King's School's Alan McInnes Memorial Bursary Golf Day raised £2,500 to help fund assisted places at the school. Jewellers Mickey and David Jones along with skipper Ken Grant and ringer Joe Linzey from Cavendish won with a stunning 97 points. Other golfing highlights of the

year included the Frank Moore Trophy/Geoff Dakin Shield competition, at the end of May. Trophy winner was Tim Moore (1983), while Rob Oehlcke (1988) won the Geoff Dakin Shield. A six-strong team also competed in the Annual Interschools Former Pupils' Golf Tournament at Bramhall Golf Club, where King's finished second behind a strong William Hulme team. And five players represented King's in early September at Knutsford Golf Club in the match against Stockport Grammar former pupils, where we won the Howard Worth Shield with a score of 155 points to 148.

Drinks in the City

The annual London Drinks event was held at Brown's Courtrooms in Covent Garden in October and the Manchester Drinks was a great evening with around 30 former pupils and staff coming along to Cloud 23 at The Hilton.



Over 60s lunch



A fabulous addition to the former pupils' event calendar this past year has been the Over 60s lunches. Our first outing was in June at Sutton Hall in Macclesfield with our second and third held at The Bridge in Prestbury in November and February. The next is planned for June.

Netball Tournament

The second Alumnae Netball Tournament took place on Saturday, 7 September. Once again it was a huge success and many 'Old Girls' turned out. Luckily, the weather was kind to us and the standard of netball was fabulous. It was heartwarming to see so many of our former King's girls there and that are still playing netball to such a high standard.



Macclesfield High School



The Girls' Division opened its doors in June for what was to be the last Macclesfield High School reunion at Fence Avenue. Over 400 former pupils and staff made the

journey from far and wide (some flying over from Australia) to visit their old school. Former Headmistress Beryl Footman addressed the room and gave former pupils an insight into what it was like being Headmistress all those years ago as well as how important it is to keep adapting and changing with the times.

Rescheduled Open Doors Event

After much consideration we have postponed the Open Doors event until the end of June. To book your place, scan the QR code or visit the Alumni Page on our website.



SCAN ME!

Send your updates to
former.pupils@kingsmac.co.uk

STAY IN TOUCH!

Hundreds of our former pupils now use the school website and Facebook page to stay connected. There is a dedicated Former Pupils' area on the website, containing dates of forthcoming events, former pupils news, plus details of how to get involved and support the school. Please see: www.kingsmac.co.uk



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DIARY DATES

Please find below dates for forthcoming events, although these dates are subject to postponement and/or cancellation given the current Covid-19 situation.

Manchester Drinks in the City

Thursday 4 June, 6-9pm | Cloud 23
The Hilton, Manchester | £20pp

Over 60s Lunch

Thursday 11 June, 12.30pm | Legh Arms,
Prestbury | 2 courses & drink | £20pp

Bursary Fund Golf Day

Friday 19 June | Wilmslow Golf Club
£50 pp or £200 for a team of 4

Alumni Cricket Match & Front Field Farewell

Friday 26 June | Front Field,
Cumberland Street | Drinks & Picnic
(contact stephen.moore@kingsmac.co.uk)

Interschools Golf Tournament

Wednesday 1 July | Bramhall Golf Club

Howard Worth Shield

Thursday 5 September |
Knutsford Golf Club |
(contact: alanmhoe41@gmail.com)

For more information on all events, please contact:
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