



KING'S TYNEMOUTH ALUMNI SUMMER NEWSLETTER

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KTA EVENTS 2009/10

Touch Rugby and Hockey versus School 1st Teams
 Thursday 10th September at The Parks, North Shields.
 Games from 5pm followed by refreshments at Magnesia Bank.

Family and friends walk, Wylam to Prudhoe
 Saturday 26th September. Time and meeting place to be confirmed. See website for details.

Holy Communion for Former Pupils, Parents and Pupils
 Dates to be posted on the website

KTA Committee Meeting
 Thursday 12th November at 7.30pm in Tynemouth House.
 Please forward any agenda items to ewotton@kings-tynemouth.co.uk.

Carol Service for Parents and Former Pupils
 Tuesday 15th December at 7.30pm at St George's Church, Cullercoats. Mince pies and coffee will be served in the Church Hall afterwards.

Annual Reunion Dinner 2010
 Friday 23rd April at 7.30pm in The King's Hall. See website for details.

Family day at Hexham
 Saturday 26th May, 2010. Walking, canoeing and picnic around Tyne Green. See website for details.

Annual Golf Match at Tynemouth Golf Club
 Tuesday 1st June, 2010.

Cricket
 If anyone is interested in playing for The King's School Old Boys' Cricket Club at Prior's Park, Tynemouth, please contact Ian Black on (0191) 428 3423 for further details.

Sport Representatives

Golf: Karen Bilton kebilton@tiscali.co.uk
Football: Marcus Turner marcusturner77@hotmail.com
Volleyball: Chris Peacock chris@peacocks.net

We are still looking for representatives to assist in the organisation of future sporting events: Rugby/Touch Rugby, Hockey and Cricket. If you would like to be involved, please contact Emma Wotton or Gary Bradley on ewotton@kings-tynemouth.co.uk or gbradley@kings-tynemouth.co.uk

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CONGRATULATIONS

BIRTHS

Congratulations to Chris and Heather Peacock on the birth of Myla, 10th March 2008.



COMMITTEE 2009/10

Chairman Julian Brown (1969)
President Geoff Scarth (1950)
 Karen Bilton (1976)
 David Bilton (1975)
 Shaun Brannen (1995)
 John Burn (1957)
 Bruce Cockburn (1963)
 Michael Coulson (1979)
 Aidan Johnson (1989)
 Simon Johnson (1987)
 Chris McConnachie (1999)
 Ricky Tocher (1962)

EDITORIAL

This newsletter brings to an end my first few months in the Alumni Development Office, having taken over from Karen Bilton who retired in February this year.

Before I begin, I would like to express my thanks to Karen who has been a tremendous support to me in these first few months. The definition of retired has to be interpreted very loosely as Karen has been extremely generous with her time and has continued to work energetically on behalf of the KTA.

I would also like to thank the Committee, Philip Cantwell and the staff at King's who have made me feel very welcome and who have equally extended their support to me in my new role.

Originally from Lancashire, I have been living in the North East for almost two years now with my husband Richard and our one-year-old Joseph. We are expecting our second baby in July.

My background is rooted in the Independent School Sector. After graduating from Keele University in 1993 with a BA Honours Degree in French and German, I went on to teach Modern Languages at QEGS Blackburn for two years. The subsequent nine years were spent at Stonyhurst College, an Independent Boarding School in Lancashire. In 2007 I embarked on marketing qualifications to pursue a career change into Marketing and Development. Since then I have worked alongside the Alumni Office at Stonyhurst and the Marketing Office at Mount St Mary's College. I am delighted to have been offered the opportunity to work at King's and am enjoying my work here enormously.

Since my appointment in February, the past few months have flown. We held our Annual AGM and the Oswin's Open Evening in March. May saw the annual golf match at Tynemouth Golf Club followed by the first summer sports event on Longsands in June. My thanks go out to Karen Bilton, Gary Bradley and the Sports Department for their help in the organisation of these events. A big thanks also goes to Jackie Rennie and her team for their help in catering.

In May I attended the AROPS Annual Conference which was well attended with representatives from over 80 Independent Schools nationally. The challenges faced by alumni and development offices were shared, in particular the issue of keeping in touch with our members. An inspiring workshop on Facebook convinced me that this the way forward to keep in touch with our younger members. If

there are members who would like to assist in setting this up, please get in touch.

In this issue you will find the calendar of forthcoming events and an invitation to the Annual Reunion Dinner 2010. Those of you who left in 2000, 1995 and 1990 may want to use this as an opportunity to celebrate your 10, 15 and 20 years since leaving the school. I would particularly like to hear news from these year groups. Additionally, I am more than happy to assist in the organisation of individual Year Group Reunions.

In September we have the hockey and touch rugby tournament which will round off the sporting events for the year. To further develop our sporting events and support new initiatives, we are looking for former pupils to act as representatives for each sport.

I am also keen to expand and diversify the events programme and would welcome ideas and feedback from members. I would particularly like to develop events which are family friendly and build on the strong ethos of family at King's. I hope some of you will be able to join us in September for the Wylam to Prudhoe walk.

Also included in this issue is a section on Charities which covers both KTA Funding Projects and former pupil involvement in charitable activities.

Finally I would like to wish all our U6 Leavers well for their examination results and future careers and encourage them to stay in touch. Our best wishes also go to Stephen Pettitt, Jeff Limer and Rev. Bill Miller who leave us this term.

I will be off on maternity leave by the time you receive this newsletter. However, I will be contactable on email and welcome your feedback, ideas and of course news.

Emma Wotton

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FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Well, its that time of year again, but its not Karen who's reminding me for my piece for the newsletter, it's Emma, and I have kept her waiting long enough, as she's about to go on maternity leave, and, fairly reasonably, wants to get the Newsletter out before she goes.

First of all can I thank you for voting me in for a further year's term in office. Having been involved since its re-birth over 20 years ago, it is gratifying to see our Association thrive, but, equally, I always welcome continuing development and ideas and I want to encourage fresh blood on the committee to bring renewed impetus. If you feel you have something to give, or could be of assistance, please do not hesitate to come to one of our meetings. I am sure you will not be disappointed.

At the AGM, our oldest committee member John Hall told us that he could no longer manage to come to our meetings, and act as accounts checker. John has been a fount of wisdom and support since the start and will be sadly missed so I hope he has second thoughts. He keeps on reminding me that his son was in the same year group as me. Whether that is to make me feel younger or him older I do not know, but John, I will miss your witty lines and good company, and I hope we can continue to keep in touch. If you feel you cannot make the journey again, your input will be sadly missed.

John's place as account checker has been taken on by Ricky Tocher, who had not sought re-election as Vice Chairman. This made way for Shaun Brannen, another "new boy", to take over the role as VC.

Since my last missive, Geoff Scarth and I attended the opening of the Oswin's Building by HRH Prince Edward on 29th January, a wonderful new resource, which I got a further chance to explore, along with the rest of the school on the open day on Monday 9th March. A very well attended event, it was the first time in over 20 years that I have explored the school in detail and to my eyes, it's a strange mixture of old and new, a place to be justifiably proud. The sixth formers, who acted as guides on the day were so patient listening to stories from way back when!

With the completion of the building work on the school site and the provision of proper catering facilities in the new Oswin's Building, we are pleased to announce

that we will be holding a dinner again at the school, the date being set at 23rd April 2010. The initial plan is that the format will be as previous years, short on speeches and long on chat time. Keep looking at the website as arrangements fall into place. As I have said before, the dinner had grown to test the abilities of the venue to cope, and has in that extent become a victim of its own success. We are agreed that the Kings Hall in the school continues to be the best place for the event and that the new kitchens should be well up to the task of making this a great evening.

We continue to support the school. After the AGM, we went through into the Chapel to view the first half of the Stained Glass window. We have also bought Tracksuits for the Barbados Cricket tour. Conversely, I must thank the school, the Governors and the Headmaster again for the help and generous support financial and otherwise, we receive, from the provision of the ADO to the cost of printing, and all those other things.

Can I float a matter for your consideration and feedback. At a dinner in early January, I was taken to task by a former parent, somebody I had known for many years through another organisation, someone who knew of my connection with the school. As a former member of the PTA, he and his wife had been heavily involved and felt he had a strong empathy with the school, not least by the amount he had paid in fees over the years. This had turned into a void once their youngest child left the school. He felt that he still wanted to be connected in some way. This sent my mind going. I would like to explore a means by which the body of "former parents" may be assimilated into our Association, and would appreciate the membership's thoughts on this. At the Oswin's Open Evening, I discussed the subject with Bill Gillen, a former Headmaster, and the mainspring of the re-born society. In his current role he is encouraging similar associations to our own to make this step and was very supportive that we should move in that direction.

May I wish you all a great Summer, and thank you all for your continuing support.

Best wishes

Julian



THE KING'S TYNEMOUTH ALUMNI
ARE PLEASED TO INVITE YOU TO THE
ANNUAL REUNION DINNER 2010

TO BE HELD ON

Friday 23rd April 2010 at 7.30pm

In the King's Hall, The Chapter Building, The King's School, Tynemouth

Tickets: £20.00

Non-Members, Partners and Guests welcome

Meet up with former friends. Arrange a Year Group Reunion Table.

If you are interested in attending, please complete the form below and return to

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ANNUAL REUNION DINNER 2010

Your Name (please print)

Your Address

..... Postcode

Telephone Mobile:

Email address:..... Tick for permission to include in Email Directory

Year left School: I will be attending withguests.

Names of Guests

Signed Date

REPORT FROM THE HEADMASTER

As we reach the end of the summer term and the end of another school year, public exams are upon us these last few weeks for our older students. We took the decision during this year to abandon SAT testing at Key Stage 2 (11 year olds) and you will have seen in the press the continual arguments since then! 94 members of the Upper Sixth leave us this term, proceeding (we hope!) to their first choice universities and we wish them all well and thank them for their contributions. It will be my great pleasure to present Alumni cufflinks and brooches to six boys and five girls who joined the school in 1995 in the Kindergarten and have received all of their education here.

The school has been a different place this year with the magnificent Oswin's building creating a whole new environment for learning as well as a whole array of facilities to offer new opportunities. Café K has been a real hit with all, offering an all day service and we now offer 'before school care' as well for younger pupils. The sports hall is magnificent - the new climbing wall is used extensively and last weekend a group of 16 Sixth Formers climbed the equivalent of Mount Everest in eight hours between them to raise funds for their expedition to the Himalaya's in 2010! Dance is growing fast in the new studio, music facilities have been revolutionised, and this term our first workshop plays took place in the new Drama Studio.

Several colleagues leave us this year. At Easter, Martin George, our Pastoral Deputy Head left to take on the Headship of Durham School after five very effective years here. In the summer we say goodbye to three very important and long serving men. Stephen Pettitt, who came to King's in 1972, leaves us having led the Music in the school throughout his time here. Jeff Limer retires too after 32 years teaching and running the Outdoor Pursuits, Duke of Edinburgh's Scheme and lately the Alnham Centre. And we also say goodbye to Rev. Bill Miller after 19 years of Chaplaincy in the school. All of these men have made a huge impact on King's pupils over such a long period and will be long remembered. We wish them all well!

Our academic results at A-Level and GCSE last year were our strongest ever combination, and we fully expect that to be matched this summer too. But King's remains true to the personal development of all of its pupils and to this end, the extra curricular life of the school flourishes. Numerous hockey and rugby cups, national awards in trampolining, music and drama; magnificent productions (The School Play 'Salt of the Earth' produced by Craig Leather and 'The Sound of Music' directed by David Littlefield and Stephen Pettitt) included.

It was very gratifying this spring to have been inspected by both Ofsted and ISI. All components of King's were judged to be either 'good' or 'outstanding' and the school now sits proudly on the list of 'Outstanding Independent Schools' at Ofsted. This is a great testament to the pupils and the staff and we are very proud that external bodies have recognised the strength of what we are doing here!

I look forward, as ever, to welcoming any former pupils to the school – please just let us know when you would like to visit.

Philip Cantwell

U6 LEAVERS SUMMER 2009



IRISH BLESSING

**MAY THE ROADS RISE TO MEET YOU,
MAY THE WIND BE ALWAYS AT YOUR BACK,
MAY THE SUN SHINE WARM UPON YOUR FACE,
THE RAINS FALL SOFT UPON YOUR FIELDS,
AND UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN,
MAY GOD HOLD YOU IN THE HOLLOW OF HIS
HAND.**



TEN YEARS ON.....

CLASS OF '99

Richard Crinson MSci MSc ACII

Since leaving, I did an MSci in Physics & Astronomy at Durham and an MSc in Petroleum Geochemistry at Newcastle. I worked briefly in oil exploration in Austria and Congo, then started in insurance broking at HSBC in London where I've been for the past three and a half years. I professionally qualified one and a half years ago and I insure senior management against allegations of negligence etc. (think Northern Rock). I'm getting married later this year here, but no other family. We live in London.

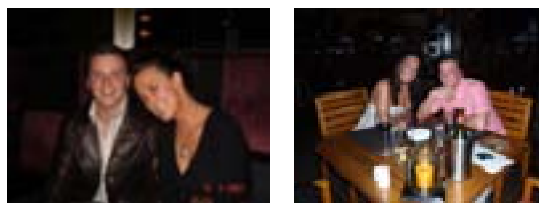
I love travelling and socialising and almost all of my large group of friends are ex-Kings pupils, from my year, the year above and also the year below.

I also married an ex-Kings girl Lizzy (formerly known as Lizzy Allan), who was two academic years below me at school, so you could say Kings features quite highly in our household and in the social circles in which we mix, with Lizzy also keeping in touch with friends from Kings. We have no plans to start a family just yet and are enjoying married life!

Chris Willits

I left in '99 and went straight into the family roofing and cladding business. I am now a Director along with my younger brother Michael, who was in the year below at Kings, but did not stay for 6th form.

I still have a keen interest in the sports we played at Kings and follow rugby, football and cricket, having played rugby for a local club (on occasions) since leaving school.



Chris and Lizzy Willits

Any 1999 Leavers who would like to get together for Christmas drinks to mark their 10 year reunion before the end of 2009, please join us for the Carol Service on 15th December at St Georges Church, Cullercoats. Follow on drinks at a location yet to be arranged! If you would like to be involved, please contact Emma Wotton.

CLASS OF 2000— WHERE ARE YOU NOW?



Please send in your news for the January Newsletter. Reserve your table for the 2010 dinner now!

CLASS OF 1990

Howard Glynn



After a Kings schooling from J3 to U6, I graduated with a degree in Computing and Economics. I eventually ended up in Edinburgh in 1995. I have worked for Sun Microsystems for many years in technical roles. In parallel to that, somehow I completed an MBA at Edinburgh Uni. If anyone remembers my enthusiasm for the computer labs at school this career path should come as no surprise! The computer classes of Dr. Hall-

Aspland and my never ending fascination for gadgets (Link 480Z, black and white portable TV, and a 2.4K modem anybody?) set me on a highly satisfying and rewarding course for life.

Despite my utter failure in all things sporty at school (rugby, gym, swimming etc) I always enjoyed running and was not too bad at it looking back. Like many, I can probably trace that back to Colin Gregg in junior school. I recall him being pivotal in setting up the Children's Cancer Run at Gosforth Park and the excitement of running that race stayed with me for life. After a brief hiatus, I resumed at University, in large part due to inspiration from 1989 alumnus Stuart Coulson. Following the usual rite of passage of a few marathons and some 11 Great North Run's (so far), I switched to triathlon! Amongst the 40 or so triathlons completed, I finished 50th overall in the inaugural UK Ironman Triathlon (2.4 mile swim, 112 mile bike, 26.2 mile run!) in 2005.

I married in 1999 to Liz in Edinburgh where we still live today. We had a beautiful girl, Kirsty in early 2008, bringing about a considerable change in priorities! We return to Whitley Bay at least every other month to visit family. I am about to change jobs this summer so another chapter will soon open up. In the meantime I am still trying to dream up the next big internet thing! Continuing the tech theme, I can be found on Facebook or Linked In or on the Alumni Directory.

Whilst clearing out the attic recently, I came across a handful of photos from school, most notably this one. Thankfully, at some point when I could still remember, I wrote the details on the back, I hope they are correct! I believe this was taken at the end of the 1984/1985 school year, obviously in the Headmaster's garden, and it should be class "2B". The majority of people in the photo would be leavers in the "Class of 1990". We would all have been about 14 by my reckoning. With no access to my reports, I am struggling to remember who our form teacher was - it could have been Mr. Woods but I really am not too sure. I am fairly sure our form class was located what used to be "geography/music room" block.



Back Row, L to R: Matthew Bagshaw, Sajid Ali Kahn, Nigel Haig, Adam Bell, Timothy Bilton, Rob Snowdon, Neil Anton Heggerness, Ian Smith, Phil Taylor, Lee Stronach, Simon Askew, Paul Miller
Middle Row, L to R: Howard Glynn, Andrew Rhodes, Adrian Kershaw, Jason Sanderson, Richard Gold, Marcus Munafa
Front Row, L to R: Andrew Holmes, Gordon Bolton, David Goodfellow, Charles Blades, Ellis Nicholson, Glenn Robinson, Adam Davis

I have no idea how this photo came to be in my possession but digital copies can be sent if anyone wishes, just get in touch!

If you are interested in galvanising your former classmates into a reunion, tables can be reserved for next year's dinner. Alternatively, if you would like help planning a reunion elsewhere, the KTA Office can assist with postal addresses and emails, but we are not always informed of changes, therefore any help you can provide with new details is always gratefully accepted. Those interested, please contact Emma Wotton at ewotton@kings-tynemouth.co.uk Please send in your news and photos for the January 2010 Newsletter.

OSWIN'S OPEN EVENING

Dr Peter Milne (1951)

Tynemouth School was the first school I had been to which showed any interest in the progress of its pupils. The other memory is the emphasis on sport even though we did not have very strong teams. Unfortunately I was not at the school very long because my parents decided that a craft skill was important and I left in 1951 to start an apprenticeship. Despite my short stay the school has always been an important part of my life and I have kept in touch by playing for the Old Boy's Cricket Team, helping with the fund raising for the Chapter Building and taking part in former pupil's activities.

I know that the concern for pupils and pastoral care is still a strong feature of the school's ethos. This is the result of having two grandchildren who both benefitted from the support they were given by the staff. What about the facilities because I remember being taught in adequate but not very impressive buildings? Well they have been transformed over the years and I was very anxious to see the latest addition Oswin's at the Open Evening in March. It was a revelation. The designers have managed to create an impression of space and light on what I would have thought was a difficult site. It blends in with the existing buildings and provides facilities which are in keeping with the objective of providing a rounded education. The Sports Hall and Music Studio are state of the art and the social space with cafeteria particularly impressive.

We were shown round by pupils who were properly dressed in school uniform showing pride in themselves and their school. It was a memorable evening and everyone involved in the development is to be congratulated. Thank you for another big step forward for our school.

Robin Clarkson (1944)

During the evening of Monday, 9th March, 2009, groups of former and present pupils, teachers and parents descended on the School to mark the opening of the Oswin Building with tours of the building and enjoying light refreshments in the newly refurbished Café K. The School Emblem, incorporated in the floor of the atrium, was a very nice touch and was well displayed from the landing above.



In addition to the imposing architecture of the building and the large number of classrooms and workshops the most impressive feature was perhaps the large and well-equipped sports hall with its spectator gallery above. There is no doubt that this fine new building will be a valuable asset to the School.

CHARITIES

KTA FUNDING PROJECTS

School Bursary Fund

The King's School Bursary Fund was established in 2002 by the School Council with the express purpose of developing a permanent and self-regenerating way of ensuring that access to the school is made available to as many pupils in the local area as possible. This long term scheme will enable the development of a Foundation working within the charity, The King's School Tynemouth Ltd, that will provide means-tested support to individuals who wish to attend King's but are precluded from doing so for economic reasons.

The School Council is committed to ensuring that the school broadens its access as much as possible within the existing financial constraints and so has invested a fixed proportion of net fees each year to develop the Foundation's resources. It is hoped that this long term commitment will be supported in the form of gifts, donations and legacies, particularly from those who have benefited from a King's Education and the school is very grateful to all those who have supported the principle.

Donations from any source will be maximised by the most efficient means available. Individual donations attract 'Gift Aid' according to the donor's tax situation and are particularly welcome in this form. Both 'lump sum' and 'regular giving' through covenant are equally welcome. Donators may either remain confidential or acknowledged in the school in an appropriate way.

For an informal discussion please contact the Headmaster, Philip Cantwell or the Bursar, Christine Dobson at School (0191) 258 5995.

The school's Opening Morning will be held on Saturday 21st November. For further information, please contact the Admissions Secretary, Peta Alberici, at palberici@kings-tynemouth.co.uk or telephone 0191 258 5995.

Dedicate a Chapel Chair

Now that the new development is complete, the refurbishment of the Chapel continues with the replacement of the existing chairs. Parents of pupils have already committed themselves to over half the total needed and it has been suggested by the committee that former pupils may be interested in dedicating a chair to the memory of a loved one, or indeed to their own school days here.

The new chairs are of elegant, modern design with sturdy wooden frames, upholstered in the particular maroon and gold colours which are associated with The King's School.

Each chair will cost around £100 but we would only ask that a donation of £50 be given to dedicate a chair. Those dedicated will be fitted with a brass plaque, of approximately 5cm x 4cm, stating the name and details of either yourself or the person in whose memory the chair is commemorated. If you would like to participate just return the reply slip at the bottom of the enclosed leaflet together with your cheque.

The New Chapel Windows

The first half of the new Stained Glass Window has now been completed. The KTA would like to thank Paul Baxter for his artwork on this project.

Cricket Tour to Barbados

This Summer sees the fourth tour of the 1st XV Cricket Team this year to Barbados.

Many thanks to the KTA for their generous sponsorship of team tracksuits.

Anyone who is involved in charitable activities either in the UK or overseas, please send in your news. Also, anyone taking part in the Great North Run, please send in a write up and photos.

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NIC RAMSDEN (2004)

“The change will change you”

Nic Ramsden reports from Juba

On Easter Day 2009 I celebrated my 18 month anniversary working in Southern Sudan for the Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan – work that has now resulted in my being International Co-ordinator to Archbishop Daniel Deng, generously funded by the Salisbury-Sudan Link. Having begun by proof-reading documents and assessing bore-hole wells, I now draft archiepiscopal speeches and declarations, manage ECS’ growing pool of partner involvement, and have visited both the Lambeth Conference and No. 10 Downing Street.

I first came to Sudan in October 2007 – a couple of months after finishing my degree in Modern History at Balliol College, Oxford – through a college connection in order to gain experience in the developing world. Initially posted to SUDRA, the ECS provincial development agency, my first few months were spent learning how development projects are devised, proposed, funded, implemented, monitored and ideally succeed, though in many cases do not. Having grown up in Papua New Guinea, I was no stranger to tropical service, but Juba did hit me as incredibly underdeveloped compared with anything I had previously experienced, and not a terribly pleasant place to spend Christmas – for my first time away from friends and family – with very little money.

From February to October 2008 I was transferred to the ECS Education Office, partly to replace Charlie Goldsmith who had left in November 2007, but also to fill in between a lull in effective education staff.

Here I was construction projects focal point, managing a building project in the Diocese of Wau – that has since delivered three excellent value schools – providing support to the work of the Salisbury Support Group in assisting the development of Juba Diocesan Model Secondary School, and networking amongst government and non-governmental organisations (NGOs) for support for the Church’s education work. This job not only helped me to learn on the job how full scale projects are run, but also put me in contact with many interesting people – both Sudanese and international – whilst allowing me unprecedented policy involvement in education at Government of Southern Sudan (GoSS) level.



A school in Tharqueng near Wau nearing completion

Following a visit with the then reasonably new-in-the-job Archbishop Daniel Deng Bul to Western Equatoria State in September, I was appointed by the Archbishop to take care of his international affairs – correspondence, speeches, partnerships and communications – work that I really see as having been tailor-made for my interests and which the first 12 months in Sudan had prepared me well for in terms of being able to speak authoritatively to international partners

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NIC RAMSDEN (2004)

about Sudanese issues. I have since accompanied His Grace on nearly all of his internal tours of various parts of Southern Sudan and on one notable visit overseas to the UK during which I accompanied His Grace to No. 10 Downing Street to meet the special advisor to the Prime Minister for international development, in order to discuss the Church's work in safeguarding the Comprehensive Peace Agreement (CPA).



Juba itself has visibly improved in 18 months – there are now a few miles of tarmac roads, many more fuel stations, a couple of supermarkets and even internet in the ECS Provincial Office – but there is still a lot to be done by both the Southern Sudanese and the international community. The way aid money is squandered by idle international staff is nigh-on criminal, and the state of the peace is now in the balance with increased tribal violence across Southern Sudan in the run up to crucial elections in February 2010, that will affect the face of the government heading towards the referendum on Southern secession in 2011.



The Archbishop's greatest worry is that this violence – which is being incited by enemies of the peace in Khartoum – will cause the CPA to collapse before 2011, after which a new return to peace will be almost impossible to achieve soon, resulting in the further devastation of the Sudanese people and the destabilisation of the entire region.



KTA SPORTS EVENTS

GOLF MATCH AT TYNEMOUTH GOLF CLUB

KAREN BILTON (1976) Now retired and with plenty of time on my hands (or so my husband tells me), I offered to take on the organization of the annual golf match which is held at Tynemouth Golf Club. This is now a four team event with the addition in recent years of the former staff. As John Maths Taylor and Kim Rowntree were unable to play I decided at the last minute to join the former staff, rather than the former pupils', team to boost their numbers. The weather was kind to us and, after being greeted by the new Alumni Development Officer, Emma Wotton, the teams set off to conquer the course. The pupils fielded a very strong team and, despite exam worries and illness, played well—they were a credit to the school and joined in with



Bob Davison, Karen Bilton and Matty Robertson

enthusiasm and confidence. Play ran smoothly and surprisingly quickly, some players saw parts of the course not often visited during a round of golf and others played far more golf than is normal for 18 holes, however when we met in the club house afterwards for soup and sandwiches and a 'few' bebies all were in agreement that this had, once again, been a most enjoyable occasion played with good humour and good fellowship.

As I played for the former staff this year, in the absence of Andrew Windass' unbiased take on the statistics (it seemed unfair to ask him for the fifth time to write a report on an event in which he was unable to participate) I am powerless and, for the first time, have absolutely no desire to manipulate the results. I am delighted to report that the Former Staff romped in home with the winning average score of 30.75 points. To reflect the inequality of team numbers the results were based on the average stableford points for each team. A full report of the match and results can be found on the website.

For those former pupils, former staff, staff and pupils who managed to take time out to play, thank you so much for joining in, and for those of you who were unable to participate I hope to see you at next year's event. Please keep Tuesday 1st June free.



Dan Boardman, Gary Bradley and Jenny Bilton



Rob Snow, Chris Davy and Johnny Laws

KTA SPORTS EVENTS

TOUCH RUGBY ON LONGSANDS



On Friday 19th June, we held the first K.T.A sports evening on Longsands Beach. Volleyball had to be cancelled due to windy conditions but the boys managed to show off their sporting prowess in a competitive game of touch rugby. Thanks to all who came and participated and especially to Marcus Turner for his support in rallying the teams. Anyone interested in taking part in sport on Friday evenings from September and using the school's new facilities, please contact the Director of Sport, Gary Bradley, at gbradley@kings-tynemouth.co.uk.



Kings' youngest recruit

