



King's College
TAUNTON

Friends of King's

Newsletter
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A lot has happened at King's since I last wrote to you in the January Newsletter, the most momentous event being the opening of the new library, the Philip Richards Building. This joyous occasion, blessed with fine weather, saw author Tom Holland perform the opening ceremony following a celebratory eucharist in the School Chapel. It was one of the highlights of my 48 years' connection with King's. Shortly afterwards, with less grandeur, we welcomed an appreciative band of OAs back to School, the focus of which was a Memorial Service to Howard Padfield, a former pillar of the School. Very shortly afterwards came the Friends' Summer Reception,

another happy gathering which led into the summer concert in the Chapel where the dynamic range was considerable. I have never heard so many musical fffff's in my life! The big band was in truly ebullient form. At the Reception I was pleased to announce that Tim Hart has accepted the post of Friends' Vice-Chairman and will follow me as Chairman in July 2012. Tim was a very loyal member of staff for many years, maths teacher, sports coach and latterly O.C. of the CCF. Tim and I have spent many happy hours on CCF camps, notably on the magnificent fells of the Lake District. I am sure he will bring his personal brand of enthusiasm to the Friends of King's.

Ben Sykes, Friends' Chairman

OA Cricket Success

Jos Buttler, Craig Meschede and Alex Barrow are three young cricketers who left King's within the last two years. All three are currently playing for Somerset, and have made significant contributions to important matches. In the T20 series, Meschede helped Somerset to victory against Glamorgan with a thrilling 58 off 28 balls, including four sixes and three fours. Jos Buttler also showed his prowess as he hit a brisk 72 off 45 balls, including six fours and three sixes. Jos has also recently been called up to the England squad and we congratulate him on this achievement.



Alex, Jos and Craig

Summer Reception 2011

Charlotte Duffus
(née Padfield),
Clare Crowson
(née Wilson) and
Howard Padfield's
grand-daughters.



A large group of Friends arrived at King's on the 27th June for the Summer Reception. Drinks and canapés were enjoyed before the School summer concert. The Chairman of Friends of King's, Ben Sykes, spoke about the Friends events over the last year and he thanked the Headmaster for his hospitality and the Development Office staff - Leisa Lavender and Rebecca Hickie - for their continued support.



Shots of various Friends in the marquee as they catch up with teachers and other acquaintances before the concert.

School News

The highlight of 2011 at King's, undoubtedly, was the opening of the new Philip Richards Building. On Saturday 14th May, author Tom Holland opened this splendid new facility. The new library has already transformed the way that the pupils work, and during the recent summer exams, the library was full each evening with pupils studying. The inaugural Annual Fund has also been a success with all of the projects identified receiving support. These projects are making a small but significant improvement across all areas of the school. You will notice there are now clocks in the main tower, and benches scattered around the grounds, perfect for watching the many sports that are played at the school. The Annual Fund for 2011/2012 is soon to be released, and we hope this will be just as successful as 2010/2011. The school is in a dynamic and exciting stage of development, and over the past decade the changes are clear to see. All of the projects have the pupils' and the wider King's community's best interests at heart.



Friends Sporting Lunches

Each term, Friends of King's are invited to a buffet lunch in the Antony Hewish Room prior to a major first team fixture. Please bring your friends back to school to see the many changes that have taken place in the last few years and to support the King's teams. The food is quite nice too!

King's College Business Directory

The King's College Business Directory is a new initiative to help all members of the school community make the most of King's connections. Many members of the King's community, including parents, OAs and Friends have their own businesses. We are keen to promote our Friends' businesses both to their fellow Friends and also to parents and OAs. We would like to create an online business directory. To help us fulfil this aim, we ask you to complete the leaflet enclosed with the mailing and return to the Development Office. The Castle Hotel, run by the Chapman family (Friends of King's) is an example of this type of promotion. The Castle Hotel offers to all members of the King's College community reduced B&B accommodation rates (£90 single, £170 double/twin). Simply mention "King's" when booking. Tel: 01823 272671, email: reservations@the-castle-hotel.com, website: www.the-castle-hotel.com.



Forthcoming Events

7th October 2011- Batten Lecture

The third Batten Lecture in this series: John Ridding, Chief Executive, Financial Times
"Crisis in journalism and social implications"

12th November 2011- Friends of King's Lunch

Lunch in the Antony Hewish room followed by watching the 1st XV Rugby v Queen's at 2.00pm.

30th November - 3rd December 2011- The Pirates of Penzance

The school produce this classic operetta with a modern twist. Tickets @ £5.00.

10th December 2011- Friends of King's Festive Tea

Mince pies and mulled wine at 5.30pm in the Woodard Room before the carol service.