



## Newsletter- November 2011

### Message from the President:

As you know we have run a membership recruitment campaign and are pleased to report a healthy increase in numbers. However the job is not done, and we need to keep the pressure on recent leavers as well as any non- members we know. Details of joining are on the website, [www.kesoba.org.uk](http://www.kesoba.org.uk) and application leaflets are available from any of the officers of the committee.

David Young has given details of the annual reunion on Feb 4 at the school and I would like to welcome you to join us at this the main social event of the year. The guest speaker is Mr Andrew Marson, KES 1958-1965. Andy spent a distinguished career in education, latterly as headmaster of the Bluecoat School in Hereford. Come along and hear him!

Many Old Boys are about to embark on a program of mock interviews for year 13 boys about to apply for university. This valuable service is organised and coordinated by Ted Cook, our immediate President, and is much appreciated by the boys and staff

### KES OBA Annual Dinner 2012:

This event is being held on Saturday **February 4 2012** in the Levi Fox Hall, 7pm for 7.30pm. After the success of holding this event at School last year, we are sticking with the same formula. Wives and partners are welcome too. The ticket price for association members and partners remains as last year at £25, and £30 for non-members. Do come and enjoy a pleasant evening of reminiscence and re-acquaintance. To add to the enjoyment, we are looking for "table captains" to fill tables of 8 to 10 with their old school friends and guests. The evening will include the usual brief speeches and displays and the dinner will be preceded by the AGM in Big School at 6pm with the KESOBA headquarters in the Memorial Library open from 5.30pm for those that can make it.

Full booking forms will be circulated before Christmas but do pencil in the date in your diary now and get networking!

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### The Denis Dyson Memorial Plaque Wall

The Denis Dyson "Look to the Stars" Wall gives you this opportunity and helps support KESOBA with projects for the School. £150 purchases a 50cmx10cm plaque engraved to your requirements with up to 30 characters (including spaces) over 2 lines. Contact David Young 01789 205668 or [dcmyoung@btopenworld.com](mailto:dcmyoung@btopenworld.com)

### Annual Sports Dinner

The King Edward VI sporting association will be hosting its annual Sporting Dinner on Friday 9 December in aid of SportsKES and a number of other charities. The main speaker this year is Gareth "Coochie" Chilcott - former Bath, England and British Lions prop forward. Tickets are £45 per head or £420 for tables of 10 booked through organiser Neil Jackson, 07775 353 138 or [jackson694@btinternet.com](mailto:jackson694@btinternet.com) KESOBA is assembling a table which you could join by contacting David Young 01789 205668 or [dcmyoung@btopenworld.com](mailto:dcmyoung@btopenworld.com)

### From the Archive:

Two new books both researched and written by the Archivist, Richard Pearson, are presently with publishers. 'The Laughing Cavalier' is a new biography of Richard Spender (KES 1931-1940) plus the first complete collection of his poems, including the earliest published in 'The Stratfordian' and the last created two days before his death in Tunisia in 1943. There is also an assessment and appreciation of his poetry by Perry Mills. The second book is a companion to the story of the boys who were killed in the First World War that was published last year. Set against the fighting in all the theatres of the Second War, it tells the stories of the 51 Old Boys who were lost between 1940 and 1945, 32 of whom were aircrew. To be published in hard back with over 80 photographs, it is hoped that the book will be available late next year (2012).

If you wish to visit the school archive or wish to speak to the school archivist Richard Pearson please call 01789 203 104 or email him at; [rbp@kes.net](mailto:rbp@kes.net)



## OLD EDWARDIANS FLOODLIT RUGBY GAME

**Friday 23 December v Stratford RFC Exiles at Pearcecroft, K.O 7.30pm.** Whilst a very successful School v Last Years' Old Boys Match was held on 9 September, this other fixture which has run for several seasons allows a broader age group of KES ex-pupils to enjoy a seasonal game together at the local club. The Old Edwardians name was derived from the School's original Old Boys' Club which became incorporated into the Stratford Club after the Second World War. Nick Leach, Joe O'Leary and Mark Hibberd are organising the fixture so if you want to turn out with your boots contact Nick on 07876 162 696 or [theleachio@yahoo.com](mailto:theleachio@yahoo.com) alternatively, just turn up on the evening to be a spectator and enjoy the conviviality of the club bar. A good start to the Christmas holiday

## Benefactors Week 2012

**The Rowing Regatta** next year will take place on **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> of July starting at 6.30pm**. Next year there will be an enlarged number of events. Rowers will be vying for the 'Peter Wyatt Cup, Douglas Tuckey Trophy, Richard Spender Cup, Rogers Miller Cup and the Stratford upon Avon Boat Club Cup'. Along with the new cups, each event will have heats. Along with the increase in races a programme detailing the history of the competition, names of the individual races and participants and times given for each run. Music will also be provided alongside refreshments.

**The Annual Golf Match** will tee off on **Thursday 5th July 2012**, where it is hoped the competition might extend to 18 holes. A very enjoyable evening was held at Stratford-on-Avon Golf Club on 21st June, 2011 when a team of Old Boys played a team of 4 Masters and 4 Students representing the School for the annual golf match, contested over 9 holes. The weather was good and the course was immaculate. The Old Boys team won comfortably due, in part, to the fact that a good number of the team play regularly at the course. The match was followed by a convivial supper, when the teams were joined by President Patrick Taggart, Deputy Headmaster David Gajadharsingh and five non-playing Old Boys, here for the Benefactors events.

**Benefactors Day** is next year on **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> of July**, this is a very unique and important day of the school year at which past and present benefactors are honoured. In 2011, a ceremony was held to mark the laying of the Standard of the Stratford & District Aircrew Association, (see pictures which are available on our website).

A service in Holy Trinity church at 2.30 is usually followed by tea in the Vicarage garden with an opportunity to see the school. A cricket match follows in the afternoon.

## The Stratfordian

The 2011 issue of the Stratfordian is almost upon us, going to print before the end of the Autumn term. All members should now have received a copy of the 2010 Stratfordian, if you have not been sent a copy, please do contact the Secretary or the Membership secretary who will arrange for another copy to be sent out.

## FoKES

FoKES are currently able to offer a range of optional clothing and accessories. For Old Boys there is a very high quality "college" style scarf in 100% Merino Wool which would make a great memento of King Edward VI School. Please find more details on our website.

## Facebook and Website:

Please do visit our Facebook site by typing in 'KES-Old-Boys-Association' or visit our Official Website at [www.kesoba.org.uk](http://www.kesoba.org.uk). For any further details on any events, membership and general queries please do contact one of our Officers below.

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