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THE NEWSLETTER OF THE KITCHENER SCHOLARS ASSOCIATION

Welcome

Welcome to the second Newsletter of 2011 for the Kitchener Scholars Association. This newsletter contains information about past and future events and we have included obituaries of Scholars who have recently passed away.

Also included are articles from Scholars about their news including a visit to Ethiopia and one scholar's experience choosing

between the army and teaching.

We would like to encourage everyone to share their experiences through the newsletter so please get in touch in order to be published next time. A whole article is not necessary as just a few lines will do.

The Editors:

Emma Traherne & Victoria Manson

Annual Dinner 2011 — Victoria Manson

This year our annual dinner was again held at the prestigious Mess of the Inns of Court & City and Essex Yeomanry, A Territorial Army unit. The headquarters have proudly resided in Lincoln's Inn for 200 years while the unit has played a unique role in supporting the Army on operations around the world. We are very grateful to them for being our hosts for the night and many thanks go to Jim Watson and Susan Crooke for arranging the evening. This year the dinner was a sell out event with many Scholars and their guests travelling great distances to join us.

On arrival it was a pleasure to see current and past scholars meeting and chatting together at the bar. The AGM was chaired by Jonathan Price. A number of scholars expressed interest to either join the Committee or at least become more involved in the Association. Thank you for your enthusiasm and no doubt you shall be contacted soon.

The meal was, as always, delicious and I understand that only a small handful of us were undefeated by the chocolate tart! That said many still managed some cheese and port. The certificates were then formally presented to the new Kitchener Scholars by our President, Lady

Emma Kitchener-Fellowes (below to the right).



Our guest speaker Lord Hutton (above), despite being unwell, gave a thought provoking talk about writing his book on the first Lord Kitchener and his soon to be published work on the Gunners of World War I. It was fascinating to hear about his research and the connections to current political and military thinking. Lord Hutton's talk stimulated interesting discussions from the diners, in particular the experience of Julian Fellowes, who that day had been filming for the next instalment of Downton Abbey a first World War scenes in a trenches.

The Committee would like to thank all those that attended and we hope to see you at our upcoming events later this year.

Keep in Contact and Competition

- Find out more about the KSA on our website www.kitchenerscholars.org
- Join us on **Facebook**, **Linkedin** and **Friends Reunited**.
- If you have any articles, information or news that you would like to included in the next newsletter please contact Victoria Manson or Emma Traherne (contact details on page 4).
- Please get your Christmas Card Competition entries in. The profits from the sale of the cards will go to the Kitchener Fund. Don't miss this great opportunity to show off your artistic skills. Send entries by email or post to the Secretary (contact details on page 4). Closing date 1st August 2011.

From Student to Young Professional— Jason Stanley

In the Autumn of 2003, I was unexpectedly called to interview for the Lord Kitchener Scholars board and even more surprisingly offered a scholarship following that meeting. At that time, I was preparing to attend the Regular Commissions Board at Westbury and in the summer of 2004 was offered a place at Sandhurst and an undergraduate bursary. At that time I was totally committed to joining the Army on a full time basis, however seven years on, I find myself teaching in the independent sector, very much involved in the CCF but not part of the Regular Army. So why did things change?

As part of a truly wonderful three years at Exeter University I was a fully paid up member of the Officer Training Corps and in September 2006 completed the TA course at Sandhurst and was granted a TA Commission. It was at this point that I started thinking about combining the best aspects of military and civilian life by staying in the TA and using my degree in a civilian profession. Teaching had always been on my mind as a possible second career after the Army so it seemed natural to pursue this line of enquiry. Having graduated in 2007 I took a year out to consider my options, travel and gain some further work experience. It was in April of 2008 that I finally decided to withdraw from Sandhurst and train as a teacher. From September 2008 to July 2009 I combined a PGCE at Oxford University with a platoon commander role at 7 Rifles based in Abingdon. I can honestly say that I have never

worked so hard in my life and balancing the two roles was a constant challenge.

During the PGCE year I was offered a job at Shrewsbury School in Shropshire and have been teaching there ever since. However teaching in a boarding school has forced me to stop training with the TA although I have been lucky enough to command the Army Section at the school. So with the benefit of hindsight, would I have done things differently?

My advice to anyone considering balancing the TA alongside a civilian career as well as friends and family is that you need to think it through carefully and choose a combination that will work. Clearly a job which has considerable weekend commitments and non flexible holiday time is not going to be ideal. I found that most TA units have their annual camps in September which as a teacher simply is not possible. Another consideration at the time was that joining the Regular Army might mean losing touch with civilian friends. However as I discovered during my PGCE year, those friends in the Regular Army (with the exception of those at Sandhurst or on Operations) actually had more free time than I did and were better able to maintain friendships and visit family.

On reflection I think it would have been good to join the Regular Army for four or five years and then make the transition to civilian life afterwards. Having said that I must stress that teaching is hugely rewarding and

working in the independent sector has allowed me to indulge my passions for geography, sport, the military and the great outdoors all at the same time. I have been extremely fortunate to start my teaching career in such a prestigious school and have recently been offered a new job at King's College School Wimbledon in London. Considering the current economic and employment markets things could certainly be a lot worse.



An image of Jason taken in 2006 at Sandhurst.

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Three Days in Ethiopia — Sophie Traherne

Last year I was very lucky to be involved in an Electoral Reform International Services (ERIS) comparative research report. This report examined media regulation through Media Councils in six countries from all corners of the world. The report was for the Ethiopian Government as an informational aid to help them establish an effective Media Council. I was co-author of the report and it was very exciting to be involved in such a project which hopefully will have an important contribution to the progress of media regulation in Ethiopia. Earlier this year I had the opportunity to visit Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, to discuss the report with the Minister for Communication and several representatives from both the public and private media. I travelled with the report co-author to Addis Ababa and began work on our presentation to the Minister and media representatives.

On arrival we had a meeting with the British Embassy and we were briefed on what to expect when discussing the report. There is a great deal of tension in Ethiopia between the private media companies and the government. On-going disputes have continued

to prevent the successful establishment of an effective Media Council and therefore it was very important that we remained neutral presenters who were there to merely facilitate discussion. As someone who is still at university I can say that it was a nerve wracking time waiting to start the presentation which involved an outline of each case study in the report highlighting the key points that we felt were important.

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Later that day we took the role of chairing the meeting and posed questions regarding what the representatives and government officials felt about press

regulation and how this could be applied in Ethiopia. The discussion that followed was lively and very interesting.

Sadly the trip to Ethiopia was only three days in total. I would like to go back to Addis Ababa and explore the city in the future. It is a vibrant area with a huge amount of development. There was constant building work everywhere I looked and I expect if I visited Ethiopia in a few years it will look completely different.



I believe media regulation is an extremely important area of discussion which perhaps is sometimes overlooked. I hope that an effective Media Council is established in Ethiopia as this may go some way to improving the relationship between the media and the government.

Sophie Traherne received a first in Politics from Exeter University and is currently studying for an MA in European Media Studies also at Exeter. She is hoping to pursue a career in political media.

Your Committee

At the AGM in March, the committee for 2010/11 were re-elected.

Chairman/Treasurer: Jonathan Price

Vice Chairman: Jim Watson

Hon. Secretary: Simon Piggott

Webmaster: Tim Price

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Editors: Emma Traherne & Victoria Manson

Jim Rothwell

Carl Fazackerley

Philip Hunt

Future Events

Sunday 13th November 2011, 11am: Remembrance Sunday Ceremony on Horse Guards Parade.

Please contact the Secretary if you wish to attend



Merchandise

MEN'S HOODIES: Navy, with deep red lining to the hood. A silver 'K' embroidered on the front and 'Kitchener Scholar' printed on the back. 80% cotton, 20% polyester. These are very good quality sweatshirts and are really well made. PRICE: £30

SIZING:

S =36 chest M =40 chest L =44 chest XL =48 chest XXL =52 chest

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SIZING: S =8/10 M =12/14 L = 16 XL =18



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Obituaries

Sadly, we have been notified of the passing away of the following Kitchener Scholars:

Died 1999: Sir Edward Noel Larmour: diplomat: born Belfast 1916; British Minister and Deputy High Commissioner, Nigeria 1964-68; CMG 1966, KCMG 1977; Deputy Chief of Administration, Foreign and Commonwealth Office 1968-70, Assistant Under-Secretary of State 1973-75, Deputy Under-Secretary of State 1975-76; High Commissioner, Jamaica, and non-resident ambassador, Haiti 1970-73; High Commissioner (non-resident) for New Hebrides 1973-76; married 1946 Nancy Bill (one son, two daughters); died Belfast 21 August 1999.

Died 2001: Mr K. Esmonde died 22/03/2001.

Died 2006: Mr Felix Henry Mitchell died 03/01/2006.

Reverend Canon Arthur R. Peacocke died 21/10/2006 aged 81. 1948 lecturer in chemistry and then senior lecturer in biophysical chemistry at Birmingham University; 1959 research at Oxford, as lecturer in biochemistry and fellow and tutor in chemistry at St Peter's College and later Mansfield College; 1971 ordained; 1973 Dean of Clare College Cambridge; 1985. Fellow of St Cross College, Oxford, then Catechist at Exeter College and honorary chaplain and honorary canon at Christ Church Cathedral; 1985 founded, the Ian Ramsey Centre for the Interdisciplinary Study of Religious Beliefs in Relation to the Sciences and Medicine; 1986 established the Society of Ordained Scientists; 1993 MBE; 2001 won Templeton Prize for Progress in Religion

Died 2007: Dr M.G. Webber of Old Amersham, Buckinghamshire. Died 2007.

Dr J.E.C Tower: Medical Practitioner. Died 05/06/2007.

Major Deneral D.G.T. Horsford of Shaftesbury, Dorset. Died 05/10/2007 aged 90.

Major J. E. B. Conder of Helston, Cornwall. Died 2007.

Died 2008: Mr Alex Smith of Ingatestone, Essex died 21/11/2008. Colonial Service 17 years in Nigeria then in

Ford Motor Company 8 years rising to Director of Sales Ford Europe.

Died 2009: Dr. E.R. (Dick) Reid died September 2009 aged 85. Served with the RAMC, British Army of Occupation of the Rhine, Hanover, Germany. The family moved to Western Australia in 1956 where Dr Reid worked as a General Practitioner. Awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia for his services to the community.

Revd. Frederic Jack Milverton died 10/08/2009 aged 94; ordained 1958; served in two parishes; Dean of Education in the Dorset Institute of Higher Education; Married Ruth 1978. In retirement, was appointed Team Vicar of Oakdale and completed forming a new church on Canford Heath 1982. Retired to Weymouth and continued to assist in the Parish of Holy Trinity.

Died 2010: Miss G. D. Aylett of Kent died July 2010.

Sir Benedict Hoskyns doctor: Born Cambridge; third son of Sir Edwyn Hoskyns and his wife Mary; 1956 inherited the baronetcy after two elder brothers died; medical training at Corpus Christi College, Cambridge, and the London hospital; 1953 married Ann; moved to Libya and undertook national service in the Royal Army Medical Corps; 1958 GP in Essex; retired 1993; died aged 81 in June 2010

Surgeon Captain D. G. Dalgliesh of Totnes, Devon died March 2010

Died 2011: Mr Reginald S. Lawrie was born on June 22 1917. Educated at Wellington College, he obtained his medical degree (with many honours and prizes) from the Middlesex Hospital Medical School and, after early surgical training, the FRCS in 1942. He was one of a select group of surgeons who, in addition to the FRCS and MS, also obtained the postgraduate qualifications of MRCP and MD. Consultant Emeritus at Guys and St. Thomas's Hospital and one of the finest surgeons of his generation. Died 15/01/2011 see *The Telegraph* 13/2/2011

Dr. David S. Strachan of Middlesbrough, Cleveland died 20/01/2011. He was a General Medical Practitioner.

Mr John Herivel died 11/01/2011.

Mr M.R.H. Innes is also believed to be deceased.

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