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THE NEWSLETTER OF THE KITCHENER SCHOLARS ASSOCIATION

# Welcome

Welcome to the 2011 Kitchener Scholars newsletter 'Thorough'. Emma Traherne and Victoria Manson are delighted to take over the role of Editors. We are new graduates who both went to school together (St Mary's, Calne) and have continued to be close throughout University. Emma went to UCL in London to study Archaeology and has just completed a Masters degree in Museum Studies. Victoria went to UWE in Bristol to study Physiotherapy; she has just accepted a post in a private hospital in Essex. We have both recently joined the Committee and aim to bring you news of the Association events throughout the year. We will be bringing

you news from the AGM and Annual Dinner in March, the Memorial Service at St Pauls in June and the Remembrance Sunday Ceremony in November. However we also hope to keep you informed of any other events and updates on the progress of fellow Scholars. We would therefore enjoy hearing from any of you so that we can report on your successes.

We would both like to start by saying welcome to all the new Scholars and we wish you all the best in your studies and look forward to seeing you all at forthcoming events.

We would also like to wish everyone a Happy Christmas!

## Annual Dinner 2010

On 15<sup>th</sup> March 2010, the Kitchener Scholars Association AGM and Annual Dinner were held in the fine setting of the City Yeomanry Mess in Lincoln's Inn. We were delighted that Emma Kitchener-Fellowes LVO, as President of the Lord Kitchener National Memorial Fund and also as President of the Kitchener Scholars Association, a role she has recently assumed from her uncle, the 3<sup>rd</sup> Earl Kitchener, was present to award personally certificates to new scholars.

Almost 50 Scholars and their friends and family attended the dinner which was an excellent turn out.

At the AGM, Group Captain Gerry Brierley OBE, having reached his 80<sup>th</sup> birthday, deservedly stepped down as Hon. Secretary after some seven years of sterling voluntary service to the Association. The Committee would like to thank him for all his hard work and wish him and his wife well for the future. His successor is Simon Piggott (KS 1986 INSEAD).

## Keeping in Contact — "Unity is Strength"

We would like to encourage members to make use of the 'Kitchener Scholars Association' social network pages on Facebook, LinkedIn and Friends Reunited. We know that a few of the members are keen to organise regional socials and this would be a great place to organise an event. Some scholars at the Remembrance Sunday event were discussing meeting for drinks, dinners and garden parties. If you are interested organising an event, please contact the Committee for help with advertising (via the newsletter, email, website etc). Also please do check the website: [www.kitchenerscholars.org](http://www.kitchenerscholars.org) which has been revamped recently and sets out future events more clearly.

If you have any articles, information or news that you would like to be included in the next newsletter please contact Victoria Manson or Emma Traherne (contact details on page 4).

## Remembrance Sunday 2010 — Emma Traherne

On 14<sup>th</sup> November, I experienced my first Remembrance Sunday in the company of two dozen Kitchener Scholars and their guests and I hope it is an occasion I will be able to attend every year. We gathered on that grey morning at the edge of Horse Guards Parade as the veterans were gathering on the Parade itself to march to the Cenotaph.

Emma Kitchener-Fellowes and her son Peregrine were present and Emma laid a wreath at the foot of the statue of the first Lord Kitchener of Khartoum, her forebear.

Unfortunately Henry Kitchener, who will be 92 on his next birthday, was unable to attend but he kindly left a message for the Scholars present.

It was an emotional two minutes silence which began and ended with the crack of the field gun

fired no more than two hundred meters away. Together we remembered the sacrifice and service that so many had given for their country.

On the south side of Horse Guards Parade, we witnessed Princess Anne taking the salute from veterans marching past and we applauded them as they braved the rain and cold.

We all then made our way to Sloane Square and the Great India Restaurant for a most delicious lunch and lively discussion on a variety of topics including the relaunch of this Kitchener Association newsletter and future events.

I would encourage all Kitchener Scholars to attend next year's event as it is a day for comradeship and coming together.



## Memorial Service 2010— St Paul's

The Memorial Service was held, as usual on the first Sunday in June, in St Paul's. The KSA President was accompanied by her husband and a party of some forty friends. Scholar numbers were rather low but nonetheless we all enjoyed a visit to the Geffrye Museum in Bethnal Green, which shows the changing style of the English domestic interior in a series of period rooms from 1600 to the present day. The KSA President kindly invited the party to delicious tea at the museum. The Dean of St Paul's wishes in

future to incorporate the Memorial Service into General Evensong at the slightly later time of 3.15pm from 2011. The KSA President feels this has a number of advantages. Firstly, the life of Earl Kitchener of Khartoum will be remembered by a much wider audience. Priority seating in the Quire or under the Dome will be afforded to the Kitchener family and their guests and to Kitchener Scholars. And finally, musical and other costs will be absorbed by the Cathedral, thus saving the KSA some £1,400 per annum, about half its current annual expenditure.

## Christmas Card Competition

Next Christmas we would like to add to our list of merchandise by selling Christmas cards to raise money for the Kitchener Fund which will help future Scholars in their first year of university. We are therefore announcing the Christmas card competition for 2011 open! To enter, please send entries by email or post to the Secretary (contact details on page 4). The closing date is 1<sup>st</sup> August 2011 and the winner will be chosen by Emma Kitchener-Fellowes.

## Remembrance Matters — Carl Fazackerley

As an adult in the modern world it is all too easy to conduct a daily existence at arm's length from and in denial of the existence of obligation to the "Big Society"; whilst sometimes expedient, it is inherently dangerous to social cohesion. As a teacher I am constantly seeking ways through which I can encourage students to think deeply about their place in the world and the important role that the individual can *choose* to play. Choosing to be an *active* participant in events is not always easy and can come at a price; working in the inner-city environment I see this all the time. It is in these circumstances that young people need to be encouraged to take the view that without action nothing changes, without personal sacrifices and hardships, wrongdoing and evil can prevail.

Remembrance is indelible in my memories of secondary school and through its sobering reminders of the terrible price paid for freedom, has instilled a respect for the sacrifice made by individuals for the greater good. It is for this reason that my students

are actively encouraged to participate in public acts of commemoration.

I first took students on a Remembrance tour in October 2007 and have done so regularly ever since; perhaps the most significant of which was in June 2009 when I took a group of twenty students to Normandy. As the sound of the bugle drifted over Gold Beach my students stood in silent reflection upon the events of 6<sup>th</sup> June 1944. At the culmination of three days

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representing UK schools in the commemorations of 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary of D-Day, students wrestled with the twin emotions of pride and loss, which had been

so vividly shared with them by veterans who had made the pilgrimage to Northern France.

Many students at the City of London Academy have taken part in tours of Remembrance that have been organised through the Royal British Legion, enabling them to develop a sense of what it means to make the ultimate sacrifice for others. Taking part in the Last Post Ceremony at the Menin Gate;



writing messages of thanks and Remembrance for the Bermondsey Pals in a cemetery visitor's book; assisting veterans laying wreaths at Bayeux Cemetery; planting flags on Gold Beach; these are all memories students will treasure. Remembrance is an important vehicle to provoke deep reflection upon the relationship and obligation between the individual and society; long may schools and Poppy Travel continue to promote this valuable and honourable tradition.

*Carl Fazackerley is Head of Humanities at the City of London Academy in Southwark, Fellow of the Historical Association and a 2001 Kitchener Scholar*

## The KSA "needs YOU"

The new Secretary has been reviewing our membership records and subscriptions. We have just over 1000 Kitchener Scholars in our database, the vast majority with an address, although no doubt many of these will be out of date. We have email addresses for only about 200 Scholars and a similar number of telephone numbers. Less than one third pay the correct subscription (£10 pa or £1 pa for a current undergraduate) and a small number of you are generous enough to give more. We are keen to keep in

contact so do please contact the Secretary with any contact detail update. His own contact details are to be found on page 4. We are particularly keen to move over to electronic communications to reduce costs. The production of this newsletter and mailing costs close to £900 or a quarter of our income, and we would in future like to email it to those on email. Annual subscriptions are paid by standing order on 1<sup>st</sup> October so do please check that you are paying the correct amount at the correct time.

### Your Committee

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

Chairman/Treasurer: Jonathan Price

Vice Chairman: Jim Watson

Hon. Secretary: Simon Piggott

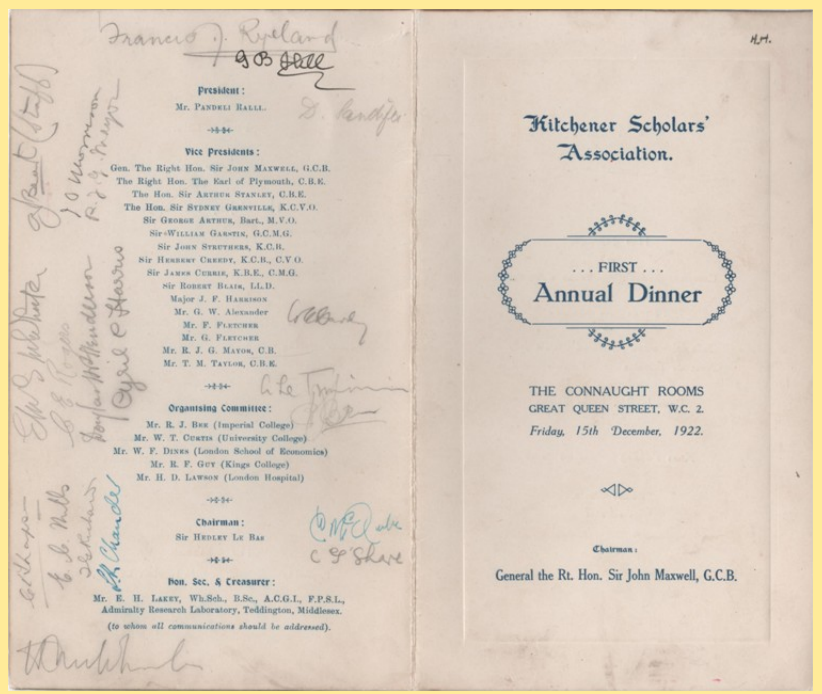
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On the right is a fascinating image of the menu from the Kitchener Scholars Association inaugural dinner in 1922. On the back page are a list of people involved in the Association and many have signed this page as well making it a unique item and an intriguing insight into the beginnings of the Association almost 90 years ago.



## Items for Sale

New stylish KSA hoodies will soon be available, with samples available to view at the Annual Dinner where Susan Saunders will be taking orders. Susan can also be contacted to order brooches and ties.



New scholars will receive a certificate from the Association to mark their achievement. If you would like retrospectively to buy a certificate for yourself, please email or write to Susan Saunders (contact details below). Please state your full name, degree course, University and the dates you were a student. We ask that a minimum donation of £5 be paid to the KSA.



## EasyFundraising.org.uk

Donating to the Kitchener Scholars Association is incredibly simple if you do any shopping online. By registering, logging into [www.easyfundraising.org.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk) and selecting the Kitchener Scholars Association as your cause of choice, a small percentage of the money you spend online will go to the KSA. at no extra cost to you.

## Future Events — Please contact the Secretary if you wish to attend

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2011:** AGM and Annual Dinner at the City Yeomanry Mess in Lincoln's Inn.

It would be wonderful to see as many Kitchener Scholars as possible to welcome the new Scholars and witness them receiving their certificates from Emma Kitchener-Fellowes. Our guest speaker is the Rt Hon Lord Hutton of Furness PC.

John Hutton was educated at Westcliffe High School before undertaking a law degree at Magdalen College, Oxford. He joined the Confederation of British Industry as a legal adviser in 1978, before returning to Oxford as a Research Fellow at Templeton College, Oxford. He went on to become a senior law lecturer at Newcastle Polytechnic. He then stood successfully for the Barrow and Furness constituency as a Labour MP in 1992.

He went on to hold a number of ministerial positions, most notably: Secretary of State for Work & Pensions (2005-2007); Secretary of State for Business, Enterprise & Regulatory Reform (2007-2008); and

finally as Secretary of State for Defence (2008-2009). He announced his decision to stand down from the House of Commons prior to the May 2010 General Election and was subsequently raised to the peerage as Baron Hutton of Furness of Aldingham in the County of Cumbria. In June 2010, the new Coalition Government invited him to chair the Independent Public Service Pensions Commission. Lord Hutton is also Chair of the Royal United Services Institute.



He has an interest in Lord Kitchener of Khartoum and is the author of *Kitchener's Men: The King's Own Royal Lancasters on the Western Front 1915-1918* and *August 1914 – Surrender at St Quentin*.

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2011, 3.15pm:** Memorial Service at St Pauls Cathedral.

**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2011, 11am:** Remembrance Sunday Ceremony on Horse Guards Parade.

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