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Lord Kitchener National Memorial Fund (LKNMF)

The Trustees are very pleased to announce that the value of Scholarships will rise this year to £1000. It is hoped that we will be able to award between 22-27 Scholarships in 2014 which will bring the numbers of Scholars currently studying to circa 120 at 38 different Universities. The Trustees would like to continue over the coming five years with similar numbers of new Scholarships each year but this will depend on the availability of funding resources.

The Trustees would also like to reintroduce the Kitchener European Scholarship (KES) by 2016/17. Once again, this will depend on the funds available.

The Trustees have introduced a legacy policy, the full details of which are in the enclosed booklet.

The Trustees are very grateful to Members and those many others who have supported the Appeal and look forward to your continued support. There will be a big event in London in 2016, the actual date and location to be confirmed.

If you would like to know of more ways to assist the LKNMF in continuing the Scholarship programme then please contact the Secretary Lieutenant Colonel David Hamilton MBE for more details. secretary@lknmf.com or telephone 07931 378876.

News from the Committee

Sara Thornton from the company WebHolism Ltd. Has done an excellent job providing us with a new, improved website. New features include a gallery, the ability to buy merchandise and register for events online. We would like to encourage people with images from events that they would like placed on the website to send them to a committee member. We would also like to encourage KSA members who at present receive the newsletter in hard copy to sign up to receive the newsletter by email. This will save the KSA money and is also kinder to the environment.

If you have not already done so please visit the website.

www.kitchenerscholars.org

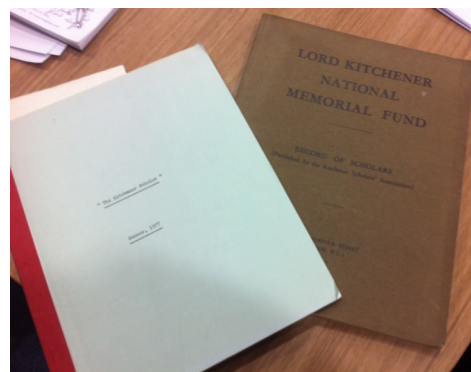
The Committee would also like to remind everyone about our future events:

St Paul's Memorial Service will be held on Sunday 8th June at 3.15pm followed by tea in the Crypt.

Remembrance Day Service will be held on Horse Guards Parade on Sunday 9th November. We meet at 10:30am for a short service and the laying of a wreath at the foot of Kitchener's statue, followed by lunch.

Please register on the KSA website if you wish to attend an event.

The KSA and the Fund are trying to compile a definitive list of all of the people who have received a Scholarship. In the past registers were published listing scholars. We would be very grateful if anyone could have a look in their attic for these past registers, particularly from the 30s, 40s, 50s and 70s. Please contact secretary@lknmf.com if you have any information.



Donating to the Kitchener Scholars' Association is incredibly simple. If you shop online we encourage all KS to use Easyfundraising. By registering, logging into 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.

Annual Dinner, Friday 7 March 2014

The Annual Dinner was held this year at the Royal College of Defence Studies (RCDS), part of the UK Defence Academy. RCDS (and its forerunner, the Imperial Defence College established in 1927) has had its home at Seaford House in Belgravia since 1946. The Committee would like to express its gratitude to our hosts for making such an incredible venue available to the KSA and for giving all such a very warm welcome. Some 47 KSs and 20 guests were in attendance. The Dinner was preceded by a champagne reception, after which KSs and guests filed through to the impressive wood-panelled lecture theatre, whereupon the KSA's President, The Lady Emma Kitchener, LVO, awarded new KSs with their certificates.



Congratulations to all Scholars who received their certificates on the evening, but particular praise should go to Sudi Gharti, who was awarded the inaugural Kitchener Prize, in memory of the 3rd Earl Kitchener of Khartoum. The Prize is awarded to a KS who is embarking on a degree in either a scientific, mathematical or engineering subject, all areas of great academic interest to the late Henry Kitchener.

The final certificate with his signature on it, passing away as he did in late 2011, was also finally presented to its deserving recipient. A photographer was present on the night and pictures from the event will be available in the galleries section of the KSA website shortly. Lord Fellowes of West Stafford DL, who was also in attendance, remarked that, given all the flash bulbs going off, the event was rather reminiscent of an Oscar ceremony, reciting an amusing anecdote involving Gwyneth Paltrow on that theme.



KSs and guests then made their way into the impressive Dining Room of the RCDS. Following delivery of the Grace of the Royal Engineers, KSs sat down to a fine spread of Black Tiger King Prawn Cocktail, then Cumin & Coriander Rubbed Lamb (or Caramelised Red Onion Filo Tartlet) followed by Chocolate & Pear Tart all accompanied by fine wines. For those with room to spare, cheese, biscuits, port and coffee were served.

The Chairman then introduced the guest speaker for the evening: Lt Gen Sir Gary Coward KBE CB (see the January 2014 for his thoroughly impressive biography), who was attending with his wife, Chrissie. Sir Gary opened his remarks by noting that whilst not a Scholar himself, he shared something in common with many of those in attendance, namely that he was a fellow military brat. As a former pupil and now a

Governor of the Duke of York's Royal Military School, he noted that the institution, now having academy status, no longer required one to be a military brat in order to enrol, although 70% of its current strength would qualify for a Kitchener Scholarship, so encouraged those present to consider the merits of their own offspring attending the institution. Sir Gary's speech was structured around the nine boarding houses of the school, which were all named after great British Army commanders - Alanbrooke, Clive, Haig, Kitchener, Marlborough, Roberts, Wellington, Wolfe and Wolseley, with that list consisting of: two major-generals, one general and six field marshals; one lord, two viscounts, the same number of dukes and three earls. Between them, these individuals covered almost 300 years of history and were associated with battlefields from Blenheim to Balaklava, Salamanca to the Somme, all the way to Normandy, Quebec and Waterloo. Sir Gary observed that this pack of successful, charismatic but diverse characters all survived relentless, bloody campaigns in their early years. They had all won his spurs on the battlefields of Europe or Empire - with Kitchener forever synonymous with Khartoum - over long apprenticeships and been good young commanders. All must also have enjoyed his fair share of luck, however, just simply to survive these early campaigns, when disease would often have been as mortal an enemy as the bomb, bullet or spear. Sir Gary added that politics beckoned for some - Clive as an MP, Wellington as a PM and Kitchener, the latter while still in uniform, as a Secretary of State for War. Interestingly, of the nine commanders, six (including Kitchener) were military brats. Unlike some of the other commanders, Kitchener did not attend a well-known public school, but (like Alanbrooke after him) attended the Royal Military Academy at Woolwich (before its subsequent merger with Sandhurst), learning on the job, as it were, instead. Only Haig made it to university, but entered Sandhurst before gaining his degree from Oxford, given that the RMA then required entrance before one's 23rd birthday. Concluding his remarks, Sir Gary noted that of these nine commanders: "...the bulk of them started out in life just like so many of us, sons of soldiers, who took advantage of the education that was available to them and grasped the opportunities they came across in life and battle. They had a strong sense of duty and a determination to see things to a conclusion, often at great personal cost." He commented the examples of these iconic role models to the KSs present.



CERN, Tuesday 22 April 2014

The Chairman would like to report on the visit organised by a Kitchener Scholar, Emma Sanders, who is a member of the communications team at CERN.

The visit was a tremendous success with the KSA delegation at a grand total of 32, 16 of whom were KS/KESs. The group arrived on the CERN site around noon, when there was an opportunity to look around the two permanent exhibitions, one on the history of CERN and one explaining, through films and interactives, the experiments carried out on the site. Emma Sanders organised for us to have an excellent lunch in the canteen which was a brilliant opportunity to meet some of the scientists and physicists who work at CERN. After lunch, Emma delivered an informative introductory lecture to the delegation aimed at setting the scene for the day, not least by providing some background context in respect of the establishment of CERN and its objectives.



The tour started after lunch, with a special bus being laid on to transport the delegation around parts of the site (the Large Hadron Collider being 27 km in circumference). The first stop was the cryogenic test facility where theory was turned into practice in terms of the construction of the large magnets and other machines needed to carry out the experiments. A

group of CERN scientists and physicists from a variety of different countries acted as our guides in order to explain the complex technologies involved.

The delegation was then transported to one of the four main experimental sites (called the Compact Muon Solenoid) and split up as only small groups can be taken underground at any one time.

The delegation all visited areas demonstrating the logistical side of the operation and the underground chamber itself, which was reached via a sort of miners' lift with individuals required to wear hard hats. The scale and complexity of the equipment being used was astounding and to think this was just one of the four huge experiments at CERN located 100 metres beneath the French and Swiss countryside.



On re-surfacing, the delegation left CERN and made its way across the border from Switzerland to France for aperitifs and a delightful dinner (even if the service was delivered at something less than light speed) at a nearby restaurant to share fellowship and as a means of thanking Emma Sanders for the time and effort she put into organising the visit. At the end of the dinner, the Chairman presented her with a KSA hoodie as a final "thank you" for being so central to laying on what had been an extremely worthwhile trip.

From the Archive

Recent work looking into our archive has uncovered a number of interesting finds including this image from the Second Annual Dinner of the KSA in 1923.

We hope to bring you more news of what is found within the archive soon and please check our website to see more of these old photographs that are so important to our history.



Call for Speakers in the West

The Committee is planning an event in Bristol sometime between October-December 2014. We are looking for enthusiastic speakers from a variety of backgrounds to give short inspirational talks followed by a visit to the M-Shed exhibition on the First World War, on the harbourside, and then dinner. The aim of the event is to uphold the aims of the KSA especially:

- To provide friendship for student Scholars and beginners in their professions.
- To provide for discussion of a projected career and of challenges arising later.

Anyone interested in speaking or attending this event should contact

victoriacmanson@gmail.com.

Obituary — Cyril J Lakin

Cyril J Lakin (1924-2013): Born in London and brought up during the depression years, Cyril was able to read Chemistry at University partly funded by the Kitchener Scholarship he received after his father, who served with the Sherwood Foresters in the First World War and was wounded at Passchendaele, had him apply for the bursary. Cyril served in the UOTC at Aberystwyth University where he had been evacuated in 1940. He volunteered to join the war effort after graduation and was commissioned into the Royal Engineers, and subsequently spent time in India, Italy and then Germany at the very end of the Second World War after which he was demobbed as a Captain.

With the demand for industrial growth, Cyril became a Chemical Engineer and spent his entire career working for Monsanto starting at their plant in Llangothlen. He went on to design and ultimately manage the central European office in London. Cyril latterly moved with the European HQ office to Belgium in 1971 (with the advent of the EEC) where he worked until retirement as Head of Purchasing in Europe in 1987.

Initially settling in Herefordshire, it was not long before the warmer climate of south central France led to a move to the Dordogne where he and wife Stella enjoyed some 15 comfortable years before old age led to Cyril's need for full time care in the local retirement home. A short illness led to his death peacefully on the 15th December. There is no doubt the Kitchener Scholarship he received, which helped fund his University course, had a dramatic impact on his life.

Cyril is survived by his wife Stella who will remain in the beautiful Dordogne and his two sons, who are also both Kitchener Scholars. Both remember attending many Kitchener Scholar events as children including the St Paul's memorial services, associated high teas and the Remembrance Days at Horse Guards Parade.

"C'est la soupe qui fait le soldat". Or the student? - Gigi Perry

For me, the pleasure of food can be attained through the medium of writing. Talk about saving the waist-line. My food column for *The Cambridge Student* has offered the perfect excuse to visit the delis, chocolatiers and street food vendors of this city of learning. Each edition has featured my weekly recipe and a drink of the week, as well as an interview with one of the many food societies that the University has to offer. Please find below a recent contribution from me.

"An army marches on its stomach. Well said, Napoleon. Were he to visit Pembroke College, Cambridge on a Sunday morning brunch, he would confirm that this sentiment remains wholly applicable. Whilst the students of Cambridge University may not constitute an army, they can certainly eat like one."

Such is the demand for College Brunch that the opening hours had to be extended in order to reduce queuing. How can one resist the lure of crispy bacon, steaming pancakes or freshly baked croissants, to name but a few of the culinary delights on offer?

As well as this glorious feast, the College Brunch offers the three Cs: chat, cheer and charm. Not to mention a further two Cs: convenience and cheaper prices.

This is not to say the modern-day student remains within the 'bubble'. Food feeds not just the body but also the mind. A quiet spot in a Cambridge café, with a cup of English Breakfast and a gloriously sticky Chelsea Bun can do wonders for an essay. As well as providing visiting tourists with that picture perfect shot: a student at work.

Student life is nothing if not centered on eating. The days of baked beans on toast, pot noodles and lentil stew are long gone. I'm certainly not complaining!"

Current Kitchener Scholar studying History at Pembroke College, Cambridge.
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Merchandise

Full details of sizes, prices and how to order our wonderful range of merchandise can be found on the KSA website www.kitchenerscholars.org. So show your support for the KSA now with a Hoodie, tie or bag.



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