



Message from the Chair

It is such a pleasure and a privilege to have been elected Chair of the Kitchener Scholars' Association (KSA) in 2016. I always say that I have never met a Kitchener Scholar that I have not been completely fascinated by. The Association is a broad, vibrant community and I do encourage you to come to our events and see for yourself.

We bring together current Scholars and alumni:

first, to provide a way to express our collective gratitude for our Kitchener Scholarships and conduct events that commemorate the life and achievements of the first Lord Kitchener. We all share a link to the Armed Forces in some way and these events have strong military links, and second, to create an environment for the building of relationships among peers and among different generations of Scholars. These opportunities include socialising, mentoring and networking.

I am keen to promote these latter events (especially the socialising – my favourite bit!) both through the more formal events with which we mark the 'Kitchener year' (Remembrance Sunday, our Annual Dinner and the Memorial Service at St Pauls) and the growing number of less formal events. You'll find details of our Scholars' tapas evening later in this newsletter. It's an opportunity to talk to other Scholars about their careers, successes, and aspirations: to formulate ideas, network and gain inspiration. We'd love to hold events out of London too – please do get in touch if you're interested in hosting or attending.

Please do get involved – we are here to share knowledge, celebrate and cheerlead on behalf of all Scholars. It's terrific to have such an incredible bunch of people in one organisation.

Susan Saunders



Remembrance Sunday - 12 November 2017

Our annual Remembrance Day event this year will take place on Sunday 12 November on Horse Guards Parade. Due to the popularity of this event for Scholars as well as the general public's interest in the main parade, there are now substantially increased security clearance procedures for Scholars and their guests to be allowed to be able to attend the ceremony. The event takes place by the statue of Lord Kitchener, and enables a viewing of the guns firing to mark the start of the two minutes silence. The Committee ask that you contact us as soon as possible should you wish to attend at susancrookemail@yahoo.co.uk



Last year, the KSA held the annual Remembrance Ceremony on Sunday 13th November 2016 and it was one of the best-attended in recent years, with almost 50 Scholars and guests present. The KSA's President – The Lady Emma Kitchener LVO – laid a wreath at the foot of the monument. She and her husband – The Lord Fellowes of West Stafford – then generously hosted a packed-out delicious curry lunch in The Great Tandoori restaurant on Lower Sloane Street.

Memories of Orkney by Lady Emma Kitchener

2016 was a huge year for the Kitchener community being the centenary of Lord Kitchener's untimely death as a result of the sinking of HMS Hampshire. Lady Emma here recalls the very moving visit to Orkney to remember the tragic events in the summer of 2016:

At the beginning of June 2016, eight representatives of The LKNMF and KSA independently travelled up to the Orkneys. I believe it was the most magical experience for us all. The group of islands are quite extraordinary and I urge you to visit them one day if you ever get the chance.

Julian and I landed on the small airstrip with the shining silver tinfoil sea shimmering around us and really had no idea what to expect. Having checked in to the hotel, we realised we only had a very short afternoon of exploring so we grabbed a car and nipped into the Italian Chapel (essentially two Nissen Huts put together in 1943 to form an enchanting Catholic place of worship). We visited the Ring of Brodgar which was a splendid Neolithic site, surrounded by skylarks calling and seagulls in the air fighting over a vole, saw the Churchill barriers with eerie sunken German ships, the crescent shaped Scarpa beach and, in between, we never took our eyes from the car window to drink in the views around us as we sped along. The most unusual aspect of the landscape is that there are almost no trees which is fascinating.



The exceptionally charming Lord Lieutenant and his wife gave a small dinner at their house for HRH The Princess Royal and Admiral Sir Timothy Laurence which we attended the first evening. I was fascinated by the knowledge and support the Orcadian guests had for Kitchener and his entire history.

The next morning there was a service at the splendid St Magnus Cathedral (do look up his story if you do not know it already), founded in 1137, complete with a weeping wall of scarlet poppies dripping down by the entrance and on tour from the Tower of London. I was honoured to have been asked to read the 2nd lesson, which was a contemporary piece quoting from a survivor of HMS Hampshire's sinking.

Everyone then climbed on to buses to go to the Birsay Village Hall for a reception and the unveiling of a commemorative book. The attendees were mainly relatives and descendants of those who were lost on the ship. There was a modest, but moving, exhibition of relics in a room by the hall and we were amazed to see a handwritten note from Uncle Herbert written at a Cabinet meeting, requesting lunch with Jellicoe (in Orkney after the Battle of Jutland) on the island before boarding the vessel that very day.

Another bus trip and we walked the last short distance up a slight hill to Marwick Head where the solid, square, stone Kitchener Memorial Tower proudly stands at the top of a cliff, looking out to sea.

The most shocking thing was a naval ship had been placed in the exact spot where the Hampshire went down and it was so incredibly close to the land. Oh so close. The problem, on that fateful night, had been the direction of the wind, the tremendous storm and the fact that it was sheer, steep rocks that greeted the survivors, not a shallow beach. Our evening, by contrast, was sunny and calm and unspeakably beautiful.



There was a short service to dedicate the newly-built curved wall by one side of the Tower and, at the moment the mine was detonated at 8.45 pm in 1916, the service ended and there was a hushed silence. When the congregation moved and we were able to look at the low wall with all the names freshly inscribed in alphabetical order with no rank or title or pomp or ceremony, I do not mind admitting that I cried. It was incredibly emotional.

Imagine the twelve survivors too. There have been many events to commemorate the First World War and the 100th anniversary of HMS Hampshire sinking but when we look back on that evening, it is clear that this is a gentle, calm, quiet, extraordinarily special place and one which is entirely fitting to mark the death of Uncle Herbert and all those men.

Annual Dinner – 10 March 2017

The KSA held its 85th Annual Dinner on the evening of Friday 10 March 2017 at The Royal College of Defence Studies (RCDS) in Belgravia. 66 Scholars and their guests joined the drinks reception and dinner. The proceedings included the presentation of certificates to 20 new Scholars by the KSA President. A novel feature of the event was the rotation to different tables by female scholars, marking the fact that women formed the majority of Scholars attending the dinner.

Sir Tom Phillips KCMG, the Commandant of the RCDS, who kindly allowed the KSA to make use of the College's facilities for the event, delivered the address this year - over the port, cheese and coffee course as usual - in which he focused on the fascinating and illustrious history of the building.

Seagrave House, the home of The Royal College of Defence Studies, was that of Lord Howard de Walden. He had installed the impressive onyx staircase and hallway. Among those in attendance on the evening were Mr and Mrs Mark Drake, who had come to the UK especially for the event, having spent a lifetime in the Canadian hydroelectricity industry.

All scholars are invited to attend future dinners to experience this enjoyable and impressive occasion.



Pictured from left to right are: Lady Emma Kitchener, Mr Mark Drake, Mrs Anne Drake, Lord Fellowes and Sir Tom Phillips

St Paul's Service of Remembrance – 4 June 2017



The annual memorial service celebrating the life and commemorating the death of the first Lord Kitchener took place during the afternoon of Sunday 4 June 2017 at St Paul's Cathedral. Scholars sat together with their guests in the priority area reserved for them in the Quire, next to the Kitchener family, allowing all to benefit from the beautiful singing of the Cathedral choir. Since 2011 our service has been incorporated into the general Evensong service at the cathedral. It takes place on the closest Sunday each year to the anniversary of HMS Hampshire being lost to a German mine on 5th June 1916. After the service the group gathered in the All Souls Chapel in the north tower, which was dedicated to Lord Kitchener in 1925. The

rare ability to enter the chapel and see the effigy, the sculptures of St Michael and St George and many important artefacts is a special experience.

A short dedication was presided over by the Chaplain, the Reverend Helen O'Sullivan. The KSA President laid a wreath on the recumbent marble effigy of her forebear located there, before Lord Fellowes of West Stafford delivered a gospel reading from one of the gospels. A book of remembrance was displayed on the altar in the chapel, containing the names of all those Scholars lost during the Second World War. Attendees then enjoyed a high tea served in the cathedral crypt where they met and old friends and new acquaintances from within the KSA community, making for an unmissable event in the association's calendar.

KSA Annual General Meeting - 11 July 2017

The Association's Annual General Meeting took place on a wet Tuesday evening on 11 July at the Goat Tavern in Mayfair, the traditional venue for the occasion over many years.

Following approval of the Minutes of the 2016 AGM; the meeting listened with great interest to the Chair's Report, which covered the run of very successful events held by the KSA over the previous twelve months. Following a presentation by the Treasurer, the Accounts for the period ending 30 September 2016 were approved. The final element of formal business on the evening was to elect the Officers of the KSA for the coming twelve months. The following were elected to the offices indicated: Susan Saunders (Chair); Tracey Campbell (Joint Vice-Chair); Jim Watson (Joint Vice-Chair); John Ryder (Treasurer); and Mike Rennie (Secretary / Membership Secretary and Registrar). In their capacity as Joint Vice-Chairs, Tracey and Jim will have particular responsibilities for Kitchener European Scholars and Kitchener Scholars respectively. It was noted that the 40th anniversary of the first Kitchener European Scholarship awarded would be in 2020, with the centenary of the KSA itself arising in the following year.

The Chair invited any member of the association to step forward to become a committee member and perhaps take on a role in the association's affairs. Please contact the Chair on susancrookemail@yahoo.co.uk for further details. The Chair thanked Sara Thornton and Ruairidh Cumming for their contributions over the last twelve months as the Website and Social Media Officers of the KSA, as well as Charles Bryant for taking on the role of Newsletter Editor. The Chair thanked Victoria Manson and Sara Hook for their contribution to the Committee over several years.

It is anticipated that the KSA will hold its AGM in the second half of July next year to maximise the likelihood of undergraduate Scholars being able to attend - holidays permitting! A request was made to identify any locations (employers permitting) where the three meetings that the KSA Committee holds in central London each year could be arranged - on a *gratis* basis?

Lord Kitchener National Memorial Fund Centenary Dinner November 2016

The KSA was closely involved with an event organised by the LKNMF - the Kitchener Centenary Dinner, which was held on the evening of Tuesday 15th November 2016 in The Great Hall of The Royal Hospital Chelsea. This fundraising initiative was hosted by the KSA President and preceded by a very convivial drinks reception, which allowed for valuable networking to take place. The Association had been formally represented at the event by various members of the Committee at the kind personal invitation of the KSA President, but a number of individual KSs and KESs, together with their guests, had attended in their own capacity. Money was raised for the benefit of the Fund.

Forthcoming Events in the Kitchener Calendar

- ⇒ The KSA informal social will be on Tuesday 27th February 2018 at Goya Tapas bar in Pimlico starting 6.45pm. Scholars still at college may attend for free, those who left further back in time will be asked to pay for tickets at around £17.00 per head. Please let teamcrampton@yahoo.co.uk know if you would like to attend.
- ⇒ The annual dinner is planned for Friday 16 March 2018
- ⇒ The date for the commemoration service at St Paul's will be announced as soon as possible
- ⇒ The AGM will take place during the second half of July 2018 on a date to be finalized
- ⇒ The Remembrance Day commemoration will take place on Sunday 11 November 2018

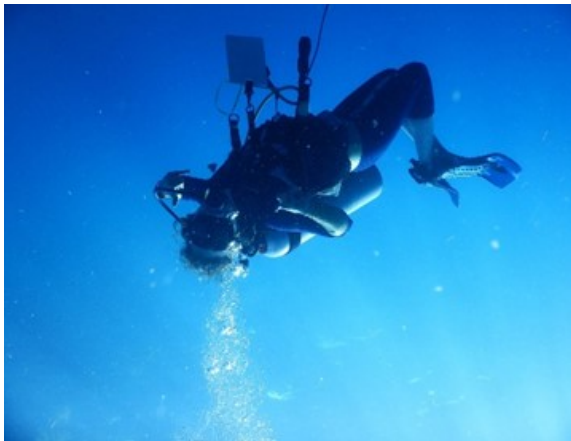
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News from Scholars: Maria Scullion

My name is Maria and I received my Kitchener Scholarship in September 2016. I study animal science at Nottingham University and am now in my second year. I heard about an opportunity through university to work with an organisation called Operation Wallacea (they run expeditions for budding field scientists around the world). I undertook a 6-week expedition to Mexico, it was about 35 degrees Celsius every day with 100% humidity! When I landed back in Gatwick in my shorts and t-shirt I got quite shocked by the rain and cold!

I spent three weeks doing remote surveys in the Calakmul Biosphere reserve - which is the second largest expanse of protected forest in the world - along with 12 university students and field ecologists. We were introduced to several surveys, all included walking through the forest to a transect and then walking slowly down a 2km long track looking for mammals, herpetofauna, birds, bats and doing habitat plots.

My favourite surveys were bird surveys. I didn't realise how much I would enjoy doing them but I have already started bird-ringing with the South Nottingham Ringing group and have joined the RSPB. My favourite experience was seeing a pair of keel-billed toucans landing near me and flying off together. Although it lasted only a few seconds, it was a moment I will never forget. A friend did manage to see a jaguar in the night when she went to the toilet (well, the trench in the ground!), an amazing experience for her although also quite frightening!



The three weeks after this, I was based in the rather contrasting coastal tourist town of Akumal. The bay of Akumal is a great area for sea-grass so juvenile loggerhead and green turtles can be found here. As tourism has increased, so has the rate of turtles contracting tumours and dying so Operation Wallacea are undertaking research to determine ways to decrease the stress that tourists cause turtles. I undertook snorkelling surveys where I surveyed the sea-grass in the different areas of the bay and watched to see where the turtles preferred to eat. I also gained my PADI open water qualification in the first week which meant that I could then do coral mapping, fish ID and herbivory surveys.

I would like to thank the Lord Kitchener National Memorial Fund. I would not have been able to afford to go to Mexico without the money, so I am grateful. This opportunity has opened my eyes to the pathways I could take after my degree and has introduced me to the amazing world of fieldwork.

Tapas evening in Pimlico

The KSA Committee organised drinks and tapas at a Spanish restaurant – Goya – in Pimlico on the evening of Wednesday 8th February 2017, with current undergraduate Scholars able to attend free-of-charge courtesy of Association funds, but largely on a cost-recovery basis, with graduate Scholars under 30 paying £15 and all others £30.

A very agreeable evening was enjoyed by all with many new useful contacts made. It was agreed that the KSA Committee should endeavour to repeat this successful event in early 2018, either in the same location or somewhere else within Zone 1 of the London Underground network, now scheduled for 27 February 2018 (see forthcoming events)

Lord Kitchener National Memorial Fund update

The Trustees are delighted to report that, despite the volatility in financial markets during the accounting year, the Fund was able to award 20 scholarships in 2016 to applicants about to attend universities and colleges to study a very wide range of courses.

Of these scholarships: 3 were supported by a grant from MidKent College (specifically for successful applicants with a Royal Engineers background), 2 by the Wakeham Trust and 1 by the Manufacturing Technologies Association. Other scholarships were sponsored by: Mr Derek Ridout, Professor John Norris and Ms Susan Saunders, the Chair of the Kitchener Scholars' Association. The Trustees would like to record their sincere appreciation to the organizations and in particular to the individual sponsors whose contributions made a significant difference to the support the Fund has been able to offer.

The Scholarship Committee reports that the standard of applications remains exceptionally high. There has been a significant rise in the number of applications to the Fund with over 90 electronic applications received. The number of applicants called for interview was 51 and each scholarship awarded was for £1,000. Daniel McLoughlin was awarded the Kitchener Prize for 2016.

The Trustees noted that as at 31st March 2017, the value of the Fund's investments had increased to £631,927 (2016: £530,733). This was due to an upturn in the market, the performance of the Barclays Charity Fund and the extra scholarship funding received. The Trustees are satisfied that the objects of the Fund are being fully met, both in the financial support that its scholarships offer to the individuals concerned and their achievements while at university.

Hot News: 22 Scholarships for 2017 have just been awarded (a listing is provided in this newsletter) and from the end of October 2017 the application process for 2018 scholarships will be open. See www.lknmf.com.

KSA congratulates the 2017 Scholars

Elizabeth Bearblock
- Medicine at Cambridge

Nick Bennett
- History and Arabic at Edinburgh

Charles Betton
- Medicine at Edinburgh

Joshua Bex
- Physics at Oxford

Mary Butler
- English at Cambridge

Tom Channer
- Ancient Near Eastern Studies at Oxford

Felicity Giles
- International Development at Sussex

Grace Girling
- Business with Strategic Economics at Edinburgh

Joseph Hopwood
- Mechanical Engineering at Exeter

Bertie Johnson
- History at Exeter

Alice Johnson
- History at York

Hugo Lyon
- Physics at Durham

Alexandra Morris
- History of Art at University College London

Philippa Murrison
- Anthropology and Archaeology at Durham

Emily Pope
- Classics at Oxford

Sam Riddle-Webster
- Mechanical Engineering at Bath

Christina Scullion
- Architecture at Nottingham

Benjamin Thornley
- Mechanical Engineering at Cardiff

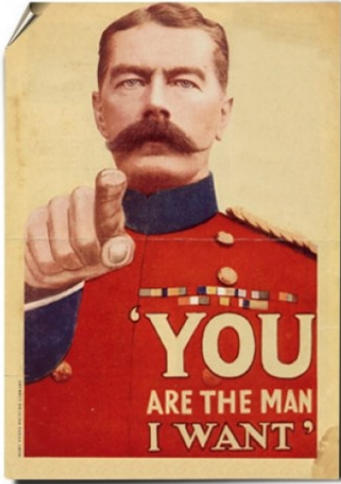
Archie Timmis
- Biological Sciences at Durham

Edmund Warner
- Islamic and Arabic Studies at Exeter

Megan Williams
- Criminology at Gloucester

Anna Winthrop
- Medicine at Cardiff

YOUR FUND NEEDS YOU!



Do you enjoy a challenge? Are you willing to contribute to the future of Kitchener Scholars and have a lot of fun at the same time? If so, please will you join the Kitchener 2018 Challenge Committee?

In 2019, it will be a century since the Lord Kitchener National Memorial Fund received its Royal Charter. Since that time, the Fund has improved the lives of thousands of war veterans as well as those of Kitchener Scholars like you. To ensure that this work can continue and develop, the Fund needs income – and this is where you can help!

What we would like to do is start with a brainstorming exercise by a group of proactive people, who can put their heads together and come up with a challenge that will be of interest to many in the Kitchener community. The Committee team would do the following:

- ◆ Define an appropriate challenge. Have you ever wanted to do the Three Peaks, complete a triathlon, be a 'Tough Mudder' or run a marathon? Other possibilities?
- ◆ Organize the event and set up social media links to help with communication; join in...
- ◆ Recruit Challenge Teams from the KSA network, ensuring the broadest possible participation
- ◆ Set up links to a charity website, such as Just Giving, so that teams can find sponsors and donors for the Fund. Raising Funds is a key objective.

Those interested should send an email to challenge@kitchenerscholars.org with your contact details

How can you help the LKNMF with its Scholarship work and appeal?

1. Make a "one-off" donation. *Should you be in a position to do so, you might consider repaying the value of your scholarship, ideally adjusted for inflation. If you qualify, please ask the Fund Secretary - David Hamilton - for a gift aid form and standing order mandate secretary@lknmf.com*

2. Make a regular monthly or annual standing order. *The completed standing order mandate with the gift aid form should be returned to the Secretary.*

3. Sponsor a Scholarship. *University Scholarships currently offer £1000 to each successful candidate.*

4. Leave a legacy. *There are generous tax advantages associated with legacies. If you wish to discuss these further with one of our Trustees, who is a lawyer, then please contact the Fund Secretary.*

5. Payments. *Cheques should be made payable to the "Lord Kitchener National Memorial Fund Appeal" and returned to the Fund Secretary. Payments can also be made by BACs to the "Lord Kitchener National Memorial Fund Appeal". Please include your name in the reference.*

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