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Earl Kitchener of Khartoum

The majority of Kitchener Scholars will by now be aware that the 3rd Earl Kitchener of Khartoum passed away peacefully on 16th December, 2011, aged 92.

Henry Herbert Kitchener was born on 24th February, 1919, the elder son of Captain Henry Franklin Chevallier Kitchener, the war

leader's nephew and heir to the earldom.

Henry Herbert inherited the title in 1937, the year he went up to Trinity College, Cambridge, from

Winchester, and was a Page of Honour at the coronation of King George VI. During the war, Lord Kitchener, as he had become, was commissioned in the Royal Corps of Signals, serving mainly with GHQ home services and also in Sicily. He retired in the rank of Major.

A qualified physicist, Lord Kitchener spent most of his working life at ICI's alkali division at Winnington in Cheshire and, from 1959, was president of the Organic Food Society.

Before his retirement he seldom attended the House of Lords, explaining that he was "just too lazy". Yet he was a staunch defender of hereditary peers : "It may be anachronistic and illogical that I have a say in running the country, but I take this job very seriously," he explained. The 3rd Earl was unmarried, and in later life lived near



Chichester with his widowed sister. With his death, and to his profound regret, the title Earl Kitchener will be used no more. His niece,

Emma Kitchener, the Lady Fellowes of West Stafford LVO, who is President of the Kitchener Scholars Association and a lady-in-waiting to Princess Michael of Kent, supported an attempt to allow women to succeed to an hereditary peerage.

There is an online Guest Book hosted by The Times newspaper if you wish to sign it, express your condolences and share your memories if you were fortunate enough to have known Henry Kitchener.

Annual Dinner, Friday 30 March 2012 –Jim Rothwell

The Annual Dinner – the eightieth anniversary one - was held at the Mess of the Inns of Court & City Yeomanry, the home of “The Devil’s Own” as its members are known, given the lawyerly backgrounds of the reservists involved. Some 33 KSs and 12 guests were in attendance. The sell-out Dinner was preceded by drinks at the venue’s bar and, for those KSs in attendance, the Association’s AGM, where the Chairman provided a review of the year as well as inviting further Scholars to join the Committee. A photograph of all the KSs attending the AGM on the night, together with the Association’s President, Emma Kitchener, The Lady Fellowes of West Stafford LVO is below.

Following delivery of the Grace of The Royal Engineers, a minute’s silence was held for Lord Kitchener who sadly passed away in December and for whom an obituary appears elsewhere in this newsletter, before attendees sat down for dinner. Lady Fellowes later generously extended an invitation for Scholars to attend the Memorial Service for her uncle, which will take place at midday on Thursday 7 June in central London. The separate Memorial Evensong Service at St Paul’s Cathedral for the first Lord Kitchener will follow a couple of days later on Sunday 10 June at 3.15pm with priority seating for Kitchener Scholars in the Quire. For further information about how to attend either or both events, please contact the Secretary in the first instance.

After the main meal, Lady Fellowes, who was attending with her husband, The Lord Fellowes of West Stafford DL, presented certificates

to twelve new Scholars. Photographs of individual KSs receiving their certificates can be found on the Association’s website.

The Secretary then introduced the guest speaker for the event: Michael Jary. Michael was global managing partner of OC&C Strategy Consultants from 2006 -2011 and was also a founder of this global firm. He holds a number of high profile chairmanships, including Duchy Originals, is a non-executive director of The Nationwide Building Society and is also a best-selling business author. He is himself a Kitchener European Scholar. He gave an inspirational talk about both the similarities and differences that he perceived between military and business leadership, before making some career-related observations in respect of new Scholars. He argued that there were almost certainly more similarities than differences between military and business leadership than in the time of the first Lord Kitchener. The qualities of initiative, flexibility, adaptability, vision, ambition, perseverance, tenacity, endurance, personal responsibility and inspirational leadership were however all as important in both worlds now as they ever had been, confronted as leaders are with uncertain landscapes with change the only constant, not least as a

consequence of globalisation.

Another, albeit less welcome if still necessary element of leadership, was the loneliness of command, which could only partially be alleviated through dog ownership. Michael embellished his talk with some other amusing anecdotes along the way. He drew, for example, on his own experience of the Scholarship interview process as a fresh-faced twenty-three year old, where his love of (most) opera, one shared with a Rear-Admiral on the awarding panel (and indeed Lord Fellowes), had come up together with the value of honesty when it comes to that art form. In terms of new KSs and their future careers, he made the following observations. KSs should: seek to gain wide (ideally global) experience; be willing to change direction if ever they felt bored or insufficiently challenged intellectually; search out opportunities to work for great leaders; but, most importantly of all, to have fun doing whatever it is that individual Scholars ultimately decide to do.

Given the importance of protecting KSA funds, if there are any outstanding payments to be made for attendance at the Dinner, the cost of which the Association already subsidises, the Treasurer looks forward to hearing from you.



Kitchener Scholar meets Portsmouth FC fans in Ethiopia

A Kitchener Scholar has just returned from an inspiring trip to Ethiopia, where she saw first-hand the impact that international children's charity World Vision UK is having on some of the country's most vulnerable children.

World Vision UK is one of the world's leading international relief and development charities. Their supporters sponsor 3.4 million children in almost 100 countries. They are dedicated to making a significant and sustainable impact on poverty and its causes.

29-year-old Clare Wood, who is from Portsmouth, travelled to Ethiopia as part of her role with the charity and visited some of the people who benefit from World Vision's Child Sponsorship Scheme. The Scheme helps ensure communities have access to education, healthcare, food and clean drinking water.

Clare said:

"One of the people I met was Hana. She used to be a World Vision sponsored child and now, with the help and support she has received, runs her own hair dressing business.

"15-year-old Sintayehu, who became a sponsored child after her dad died, was also inspiring. World Vision provided her with three sheep, which multiplied and became six. Sintayehu then sold the sheep for a cow, which now provides her family with milk and butter."

During her trip, Clare found talking about home was a great way to get to know local people. She said:

"I met one boy who was wearing a Manchester United scarf and, after we started chatting about football, another man told me he was a Portsmouth FC fan – just like me."

"I'd come all this way to see other people's lives and yet I met people who are following my local football club!"

World Vision has been working in Ethiopia for nearly forty years and helps almost 70 communities across the country to provide a better future for their children.

Clare concluded:

"The children I met were so grateful for the support they get from their sponsors and it made me extremely proud to be part of a charity that is helping so many people."

You can read Clare's blog from her trip here: <http://blog.worldvision.org.uk/>

On a gloriously sunny October day, Dr Robin Darwall-Smith treated a number of KSs to a historical tour of the college's beauties and architectural quirks of Magdalen College, Oxford.. The college is famous for its extensive grounds, deer park, and a mixture of Gothic and Neo-Classical Architecture.

Every corner of the college held a story. Magdalen lost a fifth of their members who joined up to fight in the First World War and the memorial lines the route to where the students dine. The fascinating day ended with a walk through the city to The Ashmolean Museum of Art and Archaeology, the first ever public museum, and here the group was treated to a delicious afternoon tea.

As a current undergraduate of Magdalen, I was overwhelmed by what I learned of the importance and the history that surrounds me. I think every member of the Kitchener group felt privileged to be part of the day and the wealth of stories and surprises that the City of Oxford holds.

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Remembrance Day—Victoria Manson

The KSA met at Horse Guards Parade on Remembrance Sunday 2011 to lay a wreath at the foot of the statue of the first Lord Kitchener and it was pleasing to see good attendance from young and old Scholars alike.

This year, it was particularly poignant as the late Henry Kitchener was able to attend, travelling independently up from Sussex. As can be seen from the photograph, he stood tall and proud next to the poppy wreath and statue of his forebear. Following our short ceremony, we had a pleasant walk in the sunshine to the traditional curry house near Sloane Square. KSs and their guests filled the restaurant and enjoyed a delicious meal followed by an informal talk from Julian Fellowes about his experience writing and filming *Downton Abbey* and *Titanic*. We discovered that *Downton* was being broadcast in over 200 countries proving that British History is not just for the British!



Upcoming Events

Our President, Emma Kitchener, the Lady Fellowes of West Stafford LVO, has asked me to remind all KSs of the Service of Thanksgiving for the life of the 3rd Earl Kitchener who passed away on 16th December, 2011 aged 92. This will take place at **noon on 7th June, 2012** at St Margaret's Church, Westminster Abbey followed by a light lunch. Those wishing to attend are asked to apply in writing, enclosing a stamped addressed envelope to: Mr M Arnoldi, Room 7, The Chapter Office, 20 Dean's Yard, Westminster Abbey, London, SW1P 3PA. Tickets will be posted by 29th May. All are welcome, so please feel free to bring a guest. You do not need to notify the Secretary if you wish to attend but you must apply for a ticket. There will be a lunch afterwards at One Great George Street just around the corner.

Sunday 10th June, 2012: Annual Memorial Service for the 1st Earl Kitchener at St Paul's Cathedral. As last year, the Service will be incorporated into General Evensong which starts at 3.15pm. Kitchener Scholars will have priority seating in the Quire so please arrive no later than 3pm. The Service will be followed by a light tea. Scholars are able to bring one guest if they so wish.

Sunday 11th November, 2012: Remembrance Service on Horse Guards Parade at 11am.

Should you wish to attend the St Paul's or Remembrance services, please contact the Secretary.

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