

# Alfredians



A Newsletter for King Alfred School Alumni

Summer 2016



Old Alfredians' Summer Reception  
Saturday 2nd July  
4pm - 6pm  
Main Hall

Old Alfredians most welcome to  
join KAS Summer Fair earlier,  
from 12.30 - 3.30 pm

Anthony met his teacher, Stephen de Brett, semi-retired but still thankfully part of KAS life

## OLD ALFREDIAN AND TURNER PRIZE WINNER ANTHONY MEACOCK VISITS DT

Old Alfredian Anthony Meacock, who graduated from KAS in 2005 and went on to study architecture at the University of Cambridge, is part of the Assemble Collective, winners of this year's Turner Prize. Assemble is a collective of artists, designers and architects. One of their best known projects was the regeneration of a derelict section of Liverpool, The Granby Four Streets. Anthony spoke to Sixth Form DT students about his current work and how his time at KAS influenced his philosophy and approach to design. He toured the school grounds and visited his old haunts. He recalled helping to build the tree house, which still stands today though without the very high crow's nest they initially installed all those years ago.

## THE END OF AN ERA

Neil and Shelley Frazer have been KAS parents for 35 years - continuously! Is this not a record? They have entrusted the school with the care of their five children, the last of which leaves this summer. All five came in reception and left after sixth form. Where are they now?

Polly, their firstborn, now Polly Bennett, graduated with a BA Hons QTS NPQH from Roehampton Institute, University of Surrey and an MA from the Open University. She is now a Head teacher and has two children.

Thomas graduated with a BA Hons in Politics from Warwick, then a scholarship to the University of Massachusetts, Amherst. There followed an MSc in Media and Communications at LSE with an Alf Waddington/Greg Dyke Scholarship and Graduate Merit Award. He is currently Vice President of Strategy and Digital at Viacom. He has two children who are both registered to attend KAS.

Joseph graduated with a BA Hons in Fine Art and History, was a guest student at Städelschule, Frankfurt and is currently an artist.

Rachel graduated with a BA Hons in Sports Development and Sports Science from Brighton University and a Master of Law degree (LLM) specialising in Sports Law and Practice at De Montfort University. She is currently Director of Communications at Racepoint Global.

Grace is now in her last month at KAS, taking her A levels.

We wish the Frazer family all the best and hope to see Shelley and Neil back as grandparents - all ready to set another record!



Shelley and Neil Frazer

## EDITORIAL

This is the first issue without Peter Palliser as editor. He worked on the newsletter since 2007 and saw it grow from strength to strength. As a KAS parent he devoted many years to the school in his role as Chair of Council. We're sorry to see him go but he and his wife Wendy are relocating to the States.

They will share their time between Cape Cod and San Francisco where their son Miles has a restaurant, a sports bar and a cocktail bar. Their daughter Fabia will be moving to San Francisco too. She was married to Harry Langdale in Italy a few weeks ago in a Tuscan wedding with flowers by another Old Alfredian, Oliver

Anderson. Much thanks is due to Peter and we wish him happiness. This is a stop-gap short edition until we find another editor to fill his shoes. We hope to see as many as possible of you on Saturday 2nd July at 4pm for the reunion.

– Kara Conti, President of King Alfred School Society



## NEW HEAD OF KAS

"It is a great pleasure to introduce myself to the Old Alfredian community. Before arriving at KAS, I worked in the State system for 25 years as a History teacher, Head of History, Deputy Head, Head and Executive Head. Having grown up in North London, I knew about KAS from an early age and have been drawn here by its commitment to a rational, forward-looking, child centred education. It has been a fascinating and enjoyable first year in the role, and I have been struck by the enormous potential we have here. I am looking forward to maintaining all that is great about the school, whilst taking it on a creative journey to the next phase of its development."

– Robert Lobatto

## SAVE THE DATE

**KASS Annual Conference**  
**Saturday 15th October 2016**  
**10am – 4pm**

### "BREAKING THE MOULD"

– *progressive ideas in practice* –

Around the country many schools are pioneering bold, exciting innovations to engage pupils and promote learning. This year we invite practitioners to share their successes in enriching the curriculum, their thinking outside the box.

## HARD ACTS TO FOLLOW

**Two long term KAS teachers, many Old Alfredians will remember fondly, are leaving this summer.**

Anna Broad, Head of Performing Arts, (19 years at KAS) will be remembered for the brilliant quality of her annual musicals and for the enthusiasm and devotion she inspired in her pupils, getting everyone singing. She leaves to relocate out of London. Androulla Nicholas, (33 years at KAS), History and Careers, has been the warm beating heart of the school over the years and has guided many pupils through the tortuous next step of university applications and careers. She leaves to take over the Headship of Park School for Girls in Ilford.



## ARCHIVES

The Archives have a fantastic new environmental control funded by KAS Society, also a new work table recycled from the science department. The archives are open for consultation by alumni and we're always thrilled to welcome new donations. Archive visits can be arranged through Sheila Hanlon at sheilah@kingalfred.org.uk.

## IN MEMORIAM

In the last year three KAS teachers died. They will be fondly remembered. Sue Keverne, art teacher, Sue Jaggard, gym teacher and Barry Foxwell, IT support. Sad news just in of the deaths of three old Alfredians - Danny Anshel, brother of Miriam Charlotte Elvey, née Beresford Marianna Archer, née Collingwood. We'd like to print your memories of these dear friends and colleagues in our next edition.



### EDWIN SAVITT 1920-2015

"My father, Edwin Savitt, who was a very committed KAS parent throughout the late

1950's and 60's and into the 70's, died last summer. My sister, Andrea and I, entered KAS in 1958, leaving around 1970. Our father, Eddie, as he was better known, formed a close personal friendship with Sir Alan Wood who then became President of KASS and together, over a period of 17 years, spent a great deal of time helping to raise much needed funds for the school. He was a keen supporter of the ethos and forged close relationships with the teachers. Eddie served on Council for 17 years and worked tirelessly to help the school through difficult financial times by way of personal fundraising as well as contributing to the school's approach to education and society as a whole." – Jonathan Savitt, father of Alexander (KAS pupil 1990-2005)

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