



Tiffinian Association Bulletin

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*Happy Christmas
and
New Year
from the
Tiffinian Association*



Over **1000** have so far applied for usernames and passwords for the **Tiffinian Association Website**



100th Tiffinian Association Dinner

The Dinner Committee (**John Wright/Jack Foster/Roger Keep/Gordon Mylchreest/Stu Vidler**) again organised another excellent evening. OT David Tyrell's catering company provided the dinner before **Derek Wood CBE QC (1956)** greatly entertained the guests with his reminiscences of his admission to the school, school boxing and being reprimanded by his English master. [Click here](#) to view photographs of the evening.



School news



Please click on the icon to see the **December 2011 Tiffin School Newsletter**

It includes a video excerpt from the school's recent production of Sweeney Todd by the Tiffin Broadcasting Network, details of this term's school sporting and dancing highlights, a photo of Ollie Garner (2009) holding his UK Scrabble Championship trophy and a review of the opening of the new Salim Hilmy (2005) gate at the school

Tiffin's Listed Wall

Did you know that the brick wall which runs alongside Queen Elizabeth Road is a Grade II listed structure of 17th and 18th Century origin? The school has recently begun to look at a programme of restoration because parts are in poor condition. An archaeological survey of the wall has revealed that some of the bricks are of the same size and type as those used by Cardinal Wolsey and then Henry VIII at Hampton Court Palace. There is a suggestion that the wall may have a stone base of Norman origins which might be revealed when rebuilding work starts (which at present is some way off). There is also a black mortar band which dates to the death of the Prince Consort in 1861, used as a sign of mourning, presumably when the wall was being repointed. The dating of the brickwork possibly makes the wall the sixth oldest listed structure in Kingston. There is however one question which the experts cannot at present answer. Why was such a large wall built in this location?



Tiffinian Association News



Tim Lane (2005) visited the School on 1st December to talk to the students about his work. Tim is currently a **PhD research student at Durham University**, having graduated in Physical Geography at Durham and gaining an MSc from Royal Holloway. Tim is studying ice stream behaviour in Greenland, where 95% of the land is covered in ice sheets. He told the students how the rise in air and oceanic temperature leads to the ice melting and an increase in sea level. He showed photos of bison and arctic foxes, shelters he had built and stayed in and videos of him travelling in *extremely* manoeuvrable helicopters.

Dr Benjamin Jones (1996) visited the School on 9th December. Ben is currently a **lecturer and research associate in Architecture and the Built Environment at University College London**, having completed an engineering doctorate in environmental technologies. He spoke to Upper 6 design and technology students about the challenges they might face in their careers and why what they're doing at school is relevant for their future.



Tiffin School Record Cards

Avid readers of the TAL Bulletin will remember earlier this year we announced that, as a 'thank-you' to our supporters, anyone who donated at least £25 to TAL via www.tiffinfriends.org/donate during 2011 would receive a scanned copy of their school record card. Up to 1997, when the system was digitised, every boy joining the School had a hard copy record card created. Most survive in the school archive, and come complete with details on exam results and, usually, a photo of an eleven-year-old in an oversized stripy blazer. The initiative proved so popular, raising over £1,000 for TAL and our work supporting Tiffin School, that **we have decided to extend it into 2012**.

So if you would like to see your record card, and you can afford a donation, pop along to www.tiffinfriends.org/donate now!



Calling Tiffinians of the Eighties and Nineties!

TAL has grown significantly in size since the launch of www.tiffinfriends.org eighteen months ago, but we are still notably short of members who left the school during the 1980s and 1990s. We know a few of you will be reading this, and we are hoping some of you will be interested in helping us try to improve on that. We can provide lists of names and any details we have of people from your year or surrounding years, and what we need from you is a bit of time spent chasing people up and asking them to sign up at www.tiffinfriends.org/register. If you know of Tiffinians who are not currently in touch with TAL, or you would like to try to get in touch with your old classmates, do give us a shout.

We are particularly keen to try to get the 1982 and 1992 leavers back in touch in time for the 2012 summer reunion – marking 30 and 20 years since they set off into the wider world!



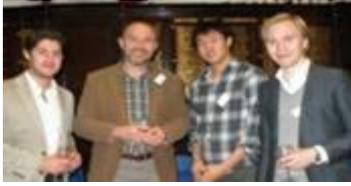
Photos held by Old Tiffinian, **Christopher Day** (1958), currently living in Canada have been added to the 1950s selection of photographs on the TiffinFriends website.

Old Tiffinian Societies

Such was the success of the recent medics event that we are now looking to set up similar interest groups for other professions. It is intended that the groups will help current students with their interview technique and ensure that the boys are well informed about the profession before they go into it. It is hoped that the societies will also provide networking opportunities for Old Tiffinians.

Please email Alex Swift at TAL@tiffin.kingston.sch.uk to register your interest in any of these societies...

Tiffin Medic Society



On 29th October the inaugural meeting of the Tiffin Medic Society took place in the Main Hall at Tiffin School. Generously sponsored by TAL Trustee Atula Abeysekera and co-ordinated by **Dr Kushala Abeysekera** (2005), the event proved a great success, with several attendees subsequently assisting current Tiffin boys with their own medical school applications by running mock interviews. It is likely no coincidence that medicine is now the leading destination for Tiffin leavers. A photo gallery from the event can be seen on the [News page](#) of the website.

Calling All Old Tiffinian Medics or Dentists! Following on from the success of the Tiffin Medic Society Meet and Greet and the mock interviews (in their 6th year now), we are looking for alumni who would like to get involved with the committee. We'd be looking for medics or dentists who'd be free for roughly four meetings a year and are keen to help build the society to help both current students and alumni. For anyone who is interested, please email Kushala Abeysekera at kabeysekera87@gmail.com

Tiffin Legal Society??? Tiffin Financial Society???

We have had some interest from **lawyers** and from **financial sector** workers already, but no-one has volunteered (yet!) to take on the all-important co-ordinator role.

Tiffin Architecture Society

Old Tiffinian **Naveen Anandakumar** (2006) has already offered to co-ordinate a society for Tiffinians working in **architecture** and related professions. For further information, please contact Naveen at n.anandakumar@hotmail.com

Events

The Tiffin Parents' Association Burns Night Supper, Friday 13th January 2012

The celebration will commence at 7.15pm with aperitif drinks in the Main Hall at Tiffin School, followed by a 3 course meal which will include the traditional haggis, neeps and tatties. A piper will pipe in the Haggis and offer the traditional 'Address to the Haggis'. The dinner will be followed by dancing led by a caller and accompanied by the band 'Green Ginger'.

The ticket price is £30 per head, to include both the aperitif drink and the whisky with which to toast the haggis. There will be a bar for the purchase of wine etc.

Please click on the following link for a [printable copy of the application form.](#)



Vice Presidents and Ex-Players Rugby Lunch, Saturday 4th February 2012

This will take place in the Dean Pavilion. The bar will be open for drinks from 12.00pm and the lunch should commence at approximately 1.00pm followed by the 1st XV Surrey League One game against London Exiles with the 2nd XV playing Croydon. The price will be £20 per head, which includes some beer and wine on the table. Please send a cheque and a completed [form](#) to Pete Smith if you wish to attend.

The 1st XV team are still doing very well and after having played 11 of the 20 League matches they are in 3rd spot.

If you have any information you would like included in future editions, suggestions as to how the bulletin might be improved or if you wish to unsubscribe from the bulletin, please email Alex Swift at TAL@tiffin.kingston.sch.uk



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