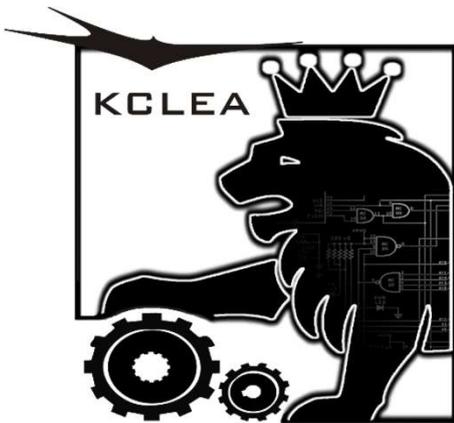


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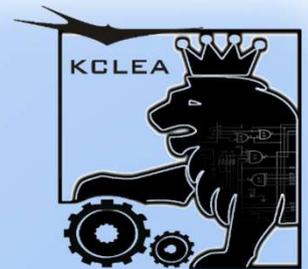


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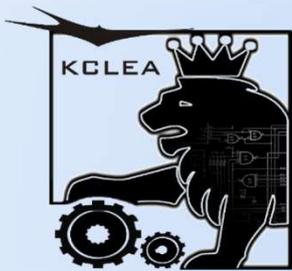
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The KCLEA's AGM will take place on the 16th November 2023 in Room K0.20, which is on the ground floor of the main building of the Strand Campus.

Agenda

- 1) Apologies for absence
- 2) Minutes of the 2022 AGM
- 3) Matters arising
- 4) President's report
- 5) Accounts, including the Trustees' report.
- 6) Nominations for Officers and Committee members
- 7) Election of Officers and Committee members
- 8) Update on Engineering at Kings
- 9) KCLEA events
 - a) The Annual Lecture
 - b) The Annual Lunch
 - b) Communication with members
- 10) KCLES
- 11) Bursaries
- 12) Medals
- 13) The 13 Club Trophy
- 14) AOB

- Chris Bowden, Hon. Secretary KCLEA



Obituaries

*The KCLEA are aware of theses
Engineers that have sadly died.*

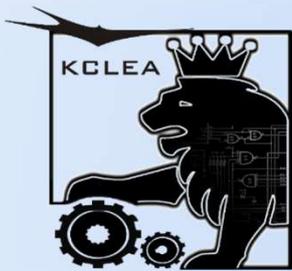


Phok Moeng.	<i>Civ Eng</i>	1964 – 67.	Apr 2019
Graham Leighton Hutchinson.	<i>Civ Eng</i>	1974 – 83 (staff).	Sept 2019.
Martin Philip Wax.	<i>Elec Eng</i>	1939 – 41.	Dec 2019.
Roger Norman Mallett.	<i>Engineering</i>	1972 – 74	Apr 2020.
John Robson Taylor.	<i>Civ Eng</i>	1947 – 50.	Jun 2020.
George Leslie England	<i>Civ Eng</i>	1954 – 62.	Jun 2020.
Terence Anthony Curran.	<i>Engineering</i>	1960 – 63.	Jul 2020.
Keith Gilbert Rodaway.	<i>Mech Eng</i>	1954 – 57.	Jan 2021.
Stewart Edward Sydney Smith	<i>Mech Eng</i>	1954 – 58.	Jan 2021.
Richard Lionel Dorling.	<i>Mech Eng</i>	1959 – 62.	Nov 2021.
Ian Henry Natusch.	<i>Engineering</i>	1958 – 61.	2021.
John Lewis Currell.	<i>Civ Eng</i>	1959 – 62.	May 2022.

Anthony Neville Jolliffe died July 2023. Anthony read civil engineering at King's between 1955 – 58, taking a 2.ii degree. He and his wife attended the recent KCLEA lunch with the rest of the '58 Group

Ted Willis	<i>Civil Engineering</i>	1951-54	Mar 2023
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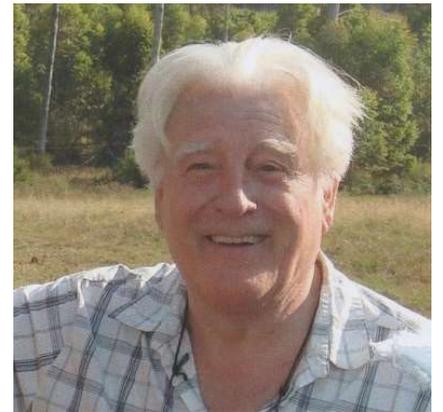
Ted Willis

(20th June 1933 – 14th March 2023)



Ted Willis, a King's Engineer, died on 14 March 2023. Ted was a large man, both physically and intellectually, well-liked and respected by all his colleagues and friends.

Ted was born and brought up in Southampton although for part of the Second World War he lived in Bournemouth, where his school, Taunton's, had been evacuated. In addition to his school studies, Ted was keen on sports and at one stage played table tennis for Hampshire. From a young age he always knew he wanted to be a Civil Engineer.



In 1951 he was offered a place at Kings to read Civil Engineering and moved to London. At King's, he worked and played hard, graduating in 1954 with a first-class honours degree and the opportunity to carve a career in civil engineering.

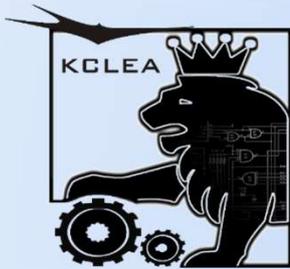
After King's, National Service beckoned. He obtained a commission in the Royal Air Force and joined the Airfield Construction Branch where he spent his time in Germany and Norway. He enjoyed his time in the RAF and it fuelled his curiosity for different cultures.

Once out of the RAF he joined a London civil engineering consulting firm and was subsequently posted to Pakistan in 1961. It was a self-sufficient and resourceful experience. His fondest memories there were spent on a beach near Karachi – Sonmiani – which in later years became the name of the family house.

Returning to the UK in 1963, he brought a plot of land near Lingfield with his overseas savings – on which to build a house. By 1964 he was married to Trudy and working in London. he and Trudy spent the next 2 years building 'Sonmiani'.

By 1968, Ted was on the move again and, accompanied by Trudy, went to Abu Dhabi to work in the Public Works Department. One of his projects was the development of Abu Dhabi port. During his time in the Abu Dhabi Public Works Department, he was promoted to Director. He also became a Fellow of the Institution of Civil Engineers, London.

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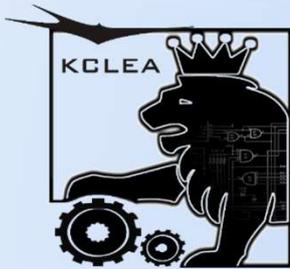
Although he left the Abu Dhabi Government in 1977, he continued to work mainly in the Middle East for more than 30 years. Usually with British consulting engineers, mainly on the supervision of construction projects.

His relationship with King's remained strong and nearly 60 years after graduation he became an active member of the KCLEA committee, taking on the Honorary Events Secretary role from 2014 to 2020.

Ted and Trudy finally 'retired' to Eastbourne in 2008 but continued to spend time in the annexe at 'Sonmiani'. Very sadly, Trudy died in December 2021 after several years of illness. About this time, Ted's own health started to deteriorate, and he went to reside in a nursing home in February 2022. He finally slipped away peacefully on the afternoon of 14th March 2023. Ted is survived by his son, Paul, and daughter, Anna, and their families.



Ted receiving the 13 Club Trophy from the KCLEA President (David Blacoe) at the AGM in 2018



Poetry Doug Kennett

Civil Engineering Class 1958



MOTIVATION

What drives you on, shy, little boy
As you sit alone at play
With your ever improving Meccano toy?
- “What patience” did Grandma say.

What drives you on at eleven plus
As you work so hard at school?
Is it because it would cause a fuss
To fail and feel a fool?

What drives you on in early teens
As you work and seldom play?
Is it because there aren't the means
For that blazer – just Sunday grey?

What drives you on in later teens
As skills begin to show?
Is it because of foggy dreams
You want to cause to grow?

What drives you on at college
And away from its social life?
Is it the vital need for knowledge?
And the best for your future wife?

What drives you on to go abroad
And there to work so hard?
Is it to rise above the herd
And have garden replace back yard?

What drives you on to strive and rise
Through tough industrial scenes?
For now you are more worldly wise
And have yourself more means.

What drives you on to perfect a yacht
With hours apart alone?
For wealth in part you now have got
And loving wife at home.

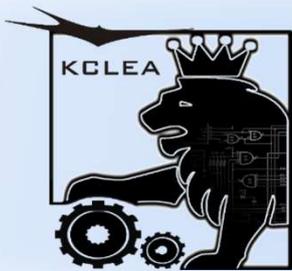
What drives you on to sail the seas
And seek a distant shore?
Is it now to be at ease,
Not gobble life as before?

What must drive you now is today, not
tomorrow,
- For life's transience now you know.
Time was never there to borrow;
Share life's riches – but please go slow.

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In the next issue of the King's Engineer Bulletin, Doug shares his story as a

King's College London Engineer.



Editor's Oddment *by Mike Clode*



It has been a while since we last met !! The KCLEA is still active in all the usual places (Engineers' Lunch, KCLEA Lecture, Bursaries, KCLEA Medals, Undergraduate Student engagement etc etc and of course the AGM.)

This year the AGM will be held on a Thursday and will be held on the Strand Campus. It would be fabulous to see as many of you there as possible. Younger members (under 50) would be especially welcome to join us and possibly stand for membership of the KCLEA Committee. Indeed, an injection of new ideas on how the KCLEA moves forward would be very welcome.

A big thank you to Liz Beckmann who finishes her two-year stint as President of the KCLEA.



Chris Bowden presents a painting of the Strand Quad to Jon Millwood, the Senior Business Support Officer. The painting, by Max Lipman, was gifted to the Department of Engineering to celebrate the department's new home in the Quad.

If you have any contributions to the Engineering Alumni of King's please e-mail me at kclea@clode.net. I am happy to consider contributions of all types, especially self indulgent ones. I wish you all the very best and look forward to hearing from you.