

THE RED ROSE 2014

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EDITORIAL

For those of you who take note of the 'officials' page, you will probably have seen that I currently hold a number of roles within the Association. This is not for want of trying to recruit new blood into accepting one of those positions, each of which have their different requirements and not withstanding several committee members who have also held multiple positions for several terms.

In the 1960s, the OGA events calendar started off with walking events (Geoffrey Dixon) and then the Dinner introduced annually by Stan. The Chairman's Weekend came along in the 80s, with the Games Night in the 90s and the Quiz Night in the 2000's. The occasional Summer Barbecue took place, thanks to the Rostrons.

Time and effort is willingly given by all of the committee members. There is satisfaction in seeing events take place and conclude successfully. The occasional kindly communication is received, congratulating the Association on the content and upkeep of the Red Rose. So where is this 'appeal' or sentiment heading?

Recently, attendance and timely communication from members has dropped off and this year has been a struggle to get the numbers in for the Quiz and the Games Night. The dinner attendance has swayed over the last few years, with it's obviously higher attendance when Stan and I spend many hours chasing people.

The membership has stayed stable at around 1500 – maybe not as many as you would think given the numbers that have passed through the School and College. But this should still be enough to sustain our events, especially with over half still living in or close to Southport. But, it is becoming more of struggle to generate interest or commitment or even just to stay in touch.

The dates are advertised in advance. Most events are open to family and friends; even the Dinner is now open to partners. We should be able to sustain the events, but we do need the membership community to remain active and in contact.

So, to my appeal! Please be more involved and pro-active if you want to keep the events in the annual calendar. Keep a note of things, put it on your calendar or in your iPhone and if you want to be at an event, avoid accidentally committing to minding your neighbours pet dog for ten minutes, or some other such excuse I have heard recently. Remember – you will get back what you put in. It is time for the middle ranks (40-65 years of age) to become more involved. If you don't want anything, then fine. But if you do, please actively participate more, rather than having to be cajoled by the Committee!

My thanks and support to those members who do regularly take part and assist. You know who you are!

Jonathan R Elliott – RR Editor (Grears 1973-1980)

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Old Georgians

It has been another successful and busy year for KGV with our usual crop of wonderful students who have achieved fantastic results. As I write, I'm looking at a report on how our students are doing and what strikes me as particularly significant is the wonderful range of extension activities that make learning so much more than simply a classroom experience. Over the last term there has been a very wide range of trips such as:

- Art students visiting the Walker Art Gallery in Liverpool and carrying out Textiles research in Manchester;
- History students having a taste of authentic history through their visit to the Painters and Stainers Guild and the Imperial War Museum;
- Business students visiting Jaguar Landrover and Liverpool Airport and participating in work experience at the Association of College's Annual Conference in Birmingham;
- Media students visiting Warner Brothers studio and the London Film Museum as well as hosting a visit from the MD of 20th Century Fox UK (an Old Georgian);
- Music students taking part in the Britten centenary celebrations at the Philharmonic Hall.

At a time when educational policy seems to evolve every term – and it can feel as if we have an impossible task just to keep ahead of the rapid pace of change – it is important to remember that this is what learning is all about. And one of the recent changes has actually helped us with this aim.

From September 2013, the government introduced what it called 16-19 study programmes which gave educational institutions more flexibility in providing an appropriate learning experience. Key aspects of these study programmes are a central substantial learning programme (A Levels or a BTEC Extended Diploma), English and Maths (if not already achieved at GCSE level), tutorial support, enrichment and meaningful work experience. What is important about these new programmes is that every element doesn't have to be certificated in order to be funded – which gives us so much more freedom to offer a broad enrichment programme. But we also have a new responsibility to ensure that we develop employability skills and I know that this is particularly relevant in relation to recent work that the College has undertaken with The Old Georgians.

Finding meaningful work experience for young people is often a challenge and this is more the case than ever in these times of austerity (employers are less likely to want to commit resources to setting up good experiences when they are stretched simply to make ends meet). The Old Georgian Association has long offered its extensive range of expertise to help with this agenda and a number of students have already

benefited from, for example, working with Paul Bagshaw's film company or enjoying an educational trip to London with Duncan Burton to see the workings of the Guilds. Paul has met with the College's Assistant Principal for Student Support, Michael Barker, to see if further opportunities could be developed. Duncan has met with Holly Mannion, our Careers Co-Ordinator. We are looking to create a database of Old Georgians who would be willing to offer work experience for our students in any field. Paul Bagshaw made a similar plea at the last Annual Dinner. We work with the Education Business Partnership to ensure that the appropriate Health and Safety and legal considerations are all covered, so anyone offering their help would need to be appropriately registered with them. I hope that you will seriously consider being part of this exciting new initiative if you are in a position to do so. I know the Association is keen to work in partnership with the current students and it never fails to amaze me when I learn about the skills and expertise of the Old Georgians that I know could be a huge benefit to what we do.

I would like to thank you for all your support this year. Times are undoubtedly hard, but I anyone who visits KGV and sees our wonderful students cannot fail but feel uplifted and optimistic about the future of our country.

Adele Wills



Adele with some of this year's students

CHAIRMAN'S LETTER

Dear Old Georgians

My term as Chair of the Old Georgians this year has really opened my eyes to the lasting impact that KGV has had on a lot of people, and the sense of community that they all feel many years after they have left the educational side of the school/college. It has also amazed me at how much KGV has changed and adapted through the years. As a whippersnapper of 42, I attended KGV in 1988, and spent only 2 years there studying my A-Levels (as well as getting involved in many other life changing activities), and at the time, we were not really aware of the rich history of the school, and the connection a lot of people still felt for it, years after they had left.

Looking back now, I can see where that connection and fondness comes from. The 2 years I spent at KGV were some of the happiest, and probably most pivotal, of my life. I formed and strengthened friendships there that endure to this day. I learned some valuable lessons about responsibility and self-reliance, and also the importance of standing up for yourself and trying to make things better for the community that was the college. Since I attended KGV I have been immensely proud of that fact, and know that I wouldn't be the same person today had I not studied there.

Let me give you 2 very different examples of how KGV changed my life. While I was there, I was selected to attend a Europe wide conference of young people in Belgium. The idea was to promote understanding between the young people of the countries involved, and the history and present state of Europe. Six of us set off and met with students from Ireland, Belgium, Germany and other countries in a week of activities that included a mock debate in the European Parliament and a visit to a WW2 prisoner of war camp, at Breendonk. This was an amazing week, which I would never have had the opportunity to experience were it not for the reputation of KGV. (I must also mention that we stayed in Leuven, the home of Stella Artois, and I must thank the college for allowing me the opportunity to visit this Mecca for young people the world over).

The other example was much closer to home. In 1988, KGV was a sixth form only, and had no uniform. The dress code was quite strict though. A lot of students at the time wanted to be able to wear jeans for college. There was a fair amount of opposition to this though, as there were beliefs that allowing jeans would lower the image of the college. At the time, I was Vice-Chair of the college council. The approach we took to this issue was well thought out, planned and executed. A small questionnaire was given to all staff, students and parents, pointing out that jeans were practical and could also be very smart. We posed the question, "Would you be happy for students to wear smart jeans to college?" The overwhelming response from all 3 groups was a resounding yes. We went before the governors, presented our results, and within 5 minutes they agreed that the dress code would be modified. This gave me a great understanding of negotiation and presenting a case for change

based on the facts available and the wishes of the majority. It was something that has stood me in very good stead throughout the years.

I really hope that the current students at KGV will look back on their time as fondly as most people reading the Red Rose do, and feel we need to do something more to encourage them to stay in touch with the college.

I'd also like to echo words from previous chairmen. The Association is run by an extremely dedicated group of committee members and Old Georgians. If you would like to become involved in the committee, help with the publication of the Red Rose or help with the organisation of one of the events, you would be made most welcome. Meetings are very informal with a good selection of biscuits available!

May I wish you all a happy year ahead, and I hope to see you at the annual dinner in 2014.

Please note the new Golf Competition that has been arranged – details are in the 2014 Events section of the Red Rose.

Matthew Duffy – KGV College, 1988-2000



OLD GEORGIANS' NEWS

Rod Ainsworth (Edwards 1953-59)

Left KGV to take up a position in local government where he stayed for seven years and then came to the conclusion that life was a bit boring in an office and decided to go into sales. Rod had two sales jobs before spending the last twenty-five years of his working life in sales and management positions at Rank Xerox. He is retired and living in Southport. Married to Jackie for thirty nine years, he has two grown-up children and two wonderful grandchildren.

Peter Bailey (Masons 1946-51)

See Letters to the Editor

Martin Birch (Woodhams 1964-71)

Martin retired from his post as Senior Lecturer at UCLAN in December 2011. He is now a Senior Visiting Fellow in the Jeremiah Horrocks Institute for Mathematics, Physics and Astronomy (UCLAN), where he continues his research in solar-terrestrial physics.

Mark Blundell (Spencers. 1967-74)

Mark is an electrical engineer in the power field ever since leaving Durham University. He went to 'Oz' in 1981 and is still work for same employer – now called Powerlink Queensland. He married an Aussie girl of eastern European extraction and has 6 boys aged 21 down to 4. No grandchildren yet, but not planning any for a while. As an engineer he is FIET, FIEAust, MIMechE, RPEQ. He is active in Engineers Australia and just completed two year term as Chairman of the Electrical College Board. Mark is also Chairman of Standards Australia committees for Power Switchgear and Circuit Breakers. He has published a number of papers in the power switchgear field in CIGRE, AJEEE and IEEE.

Craig Bromilow (Edwards 74-80)

I have now been married to Karen (James) for 30 years KGV has a lot to answer too! We are grandparents to 2 beautiful grandsons with a third on the way. We still see Richard Gregson and Elaine Francis (now Gregson) regularly who have a beautiful little girl. I am still working in banking for over 33 years.

Harold Corrin (Woodhams. 1951-59)

See Letters to the Editor.

Gordon A. Croome (Leech's 1968 - 73)

After enjoying a brief (very) early retirement, following 40 years with Royal Bank of Scotland Group and also gradually getting used to "Grandparenthood", Gordon is now Director of a Project Management, Programme Governance, Change Management, Project Planning and Risk/Issue Management Consultancy business, currently working for the Scottish Government.

Gordon can be contacted via e-mail or telephone on gordon@croome95.freemove.co.uk / 07528 495169

Alan Dickinson (Masons 1964-71)

Since retiring from Cowley School, St Helens as Deputy Head, Alan has become a magistrate (meeting some of his ex-pupils!) and spends time promoting various charities. In particular he is a speaker for the disaster relief charity 'Shelter Box'. This takes him into schools and various functions over a wide area.

Darrell Farrant (Edwards 1948-55)

“Since retirement 15 years ago we have been living in a village outside Nottingham, which enables us to have easy access to our children and grandchildren in Sheffield. I have maintained my interest in cricket and am a PA announcer at both Trent Bridge and Lord’s. I still undertake school inspections for Ofsted, am Governor of an independent school in Nottingham, and am a trustee of an educational charity that helps to find suitable school placements for vulnerable children.”

Ben Garside (1998-2000)

Since leaving KGV in the year 2000 I went on to study Business and IT at Northumbria University in Newcastle. After graduating in 2003 I spent a year doing a bit of travelling and doing office work before I decided that being a teacher sounded like a good career path so I studied at Edge Hill for year and returned back to Newcastle after getting a job at a secondary school in Durham where I still work. I'm fortunate enough to have got married and have 2 year old twins keeping us more than busy and we have a third child on the way. Madness I know. In need of a bigger house we've recently moved away from our beloved Newcastle to a leafy village in County Durham called Lanchester.

I still have fond memories of my time at KGV and the friends I made whilst I was there.

Lawrence Hanlon (Rogers 1956-63)

Lawrence is a retired Teacher who worked first in the Approved Schools Service and then managed Children's' Services in Hertfordshire before returning to Classroom Teaching in a Comprehensive School in Stevenage.

Kazi Hussain

Kazi has been working in Canada for the past year and has now returned to Devon for up to one year before looking for a consultant post.

After re-sitting 'A' levels at KGV, he went to study medicine at the University of Liverpool from 1996 – 2002, completing a BSc in Anatomy gaining first class honours in 2001. Following house jobs in Whiston in 2002-3, Kazi completed the 3 year Mersey Basic Surgical Training Programme, followed by gaining a place on the Mersey Orthopaedic Rotation from 2007 - 2012. He then completed the FRCS (Tr&Orth) in 2011 and from July 2012 completed a 12 month knee and trauma fellowship at Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre in Toronto, Canada. In July of this year, he started a 12 month hip fellowship (*plenty of custom from OGA members there Kazi, Ed!*) at the Princess Elizabeth Orthopaedic Centre in Exeter prior to applying for consultant jobs. Kazi met Victoria who became his wife in 2008 and they have two young children Annabelle (3) and Isaac (1).

Sir Miles Irving (Evans 1945-53)

Miles wrote to inform us that over the summer period he had an award bestowed upon him, being made an Honorary Freeman of the Worshipful Company of Barbers, which is the highest award this ancient London Livery Company can bestow. The Barbers (actually Barber Surgeons) is over 700 years old and has a fine Hall in London where one dines in splendour. Congratulations to Miles!

Tony Kay (Evans 1945-53)

Tony studied Physics and Mathematics at Manchester University from 1953 to 1956. He is currently the Executive Chairman of Danlers Ltd. Tony is semi-retired, but still working 5 days a week

Tony Lancaster (Grears 1950-56)

I'm now formally retired as Prof of Economics at Brown University. But I do occasional work in Biostatistics in the medical school here, when I'm not watching cricket in England or, as now, in Australia.

David Marshall (Grears 1973-1979)

Have swapped the frozen wastes of Canada for sunny Spain and am now living in Madrid, walking distance from the Bernabeu which makes a refreshing change from watching Bolton. Still with JTI, now as CFO for Iberia so travelling around the Iberian Peninsula quite a bit this is most enjoyable. Hope to catch up at the Annual Dinner or if you are in Madrid, get in touch, david.marshall37@btinternet.com.

Peter Miles (Honeybones 1970-79)

Peter wrote to us this year, with the following personal update.

Inspired by the likes of Messrs Smith, Clark, Mawer and Wohlers I followed my passion for numbers and became an accountant working either in industry or through my own business. In 2000 I was diagnosed with leukaemia and underwent a bone marrow transplant. I would urge my fellow Old Georgians and their families to sign up to the Bone Marrow/Stem Cell registers - you may help save a life one day. My brother, David, was my donor and he ran a half marathon a week later! My eldest two children, James and Hannah both attended KGV College and my youngest Jessica is due to start in September 2013.

I am currently Chair of Governors at Greenbank High School in Southport and thoroughly enjoying the experience. I bumped into John Batemen in Bangkok recently - he has settled there with his family - we are planning on meeting up again this summer.

I have a challenge for the readers too. Before I came to KGV I attended primary school in Oxford. My family was relocating to Southport in 1970 with my Father's job and my Father requested that I sit the 11-Plus exam in Oxford - I was only nine at the time. I somehow passed the exam and joined KGV at the tender age of about 10 years and 3 months. I seem to recall either Geoff Dixon or George Wakefield telling me that I was the youngest boy they believed had ever attended the School. I'm curious as to whether this was correct - are there any records anywhere or

recollections from other Old Georgians to prove or disprove otherwise - do I hold the record for the youngest ever Old Georgian?

If anyone can beat Peter's age for attending KGV, please let us know! – Ed.

Andrew Newton (Woodhams 1975-83)

Andrew owns and runs his own private Dental Practice in Lincoln. He is married to Karen and they have two sons, aged 15 and 12.

John Ormandy (Rogers 1975-79)

John has worked for the North West Ambulance Service for the last 33 years. He is currently a paramedic working in the role of an assistant operations manager based in Southport.

Garry Owen (Leeches 1966-70)

Garry took early retirement from Midland/HSBC Bank in March 2006 after working for the bank for 32.5 years. The last 6 years were spent working for the Bank's IT Help Desk in Bootle. Garry lost his Civil Partner of almost 32 years in April 2010. He is still a keen gardener, DIY enthusiast and biker.

Tony Pastor (1987-89)

Tony completed an English degree after KGV before joining the Liverpool Daily Post and Echo as a trainee journalist. After two years he joined the BBC in London as an assistant producer in the Sport department. He left the Beeb for ITV in 2001, where he worked until late Summer 2013 as the channel's Controller of Sport. He has had the good fortune to work on a number of World Cups, both of the football and rugby variety, as well as big boxing nights, the Boat Race and two Olympic Games. Tony spent last summer in Warsaw producing ITV's European Championship coverage. He has since left to set up his own production company, LoveSport. He is married to Sarah, who he met at the Liverpool Daily Post, and with whom he has three sons, Manny, 8, Dashiell, 6, and Fred, 4. Tony fondly remembers his time at KGV in Mrs Dearnley's form, as well as being taught by Chris Collier, Mrs Chadwick, Mrs Wall and Mr Wohlers.

Bert Richardson (Grears 1941-48)

We received this "email and photographs from Bert

For this past 5 or 6 years I have not been too well, unfortunately I cannot say from day to day how I will be. I have had a heart bypass some years ago but this is the least of my problems. I have got "parkinsons" which causes a tremor, this affects my hands and I have problems with using a knife and fork which means I cannot attend the dinner. Please pass my best wishes to anyone who knows me. Yours Bert.

Peter Rigby (Edwards 1966-73)

Peter Rigby is a former Deputy Head Boy, House Captain and First XV School Rugby Captain. He worked as CEO of Informa Plc for 30 years, most recently in Switzerland but is retiring from this job at the end of 2013 to return to the UK. With being outside of England, he has not been able to attend any recent events, but he hopes to particulate in some OGA events in the future.

Martin Stringfellow (Woodhams. 1971-76)

See Letters to the Editor.

David Underdown (1993-95)

Since 2005, David has been working at The National Archives, largely on digital preservation – trying to make sure that the records of government created in electronic form last as long as Doomsday has. He has had the chance for the odd bit of celebrity spotting as Who Do You Think You Are is filmed in parts, on location.

Tony Whitehead (Leeches 1950-57)

Tony has now retired after a career in design and construction of projects such as petro-chemical plants, oil and gas production facilities and pipelines. His specialty was project controls and he worked through his own consulting company. This enabled Tony to own and fly his own light twin aircraft, as general aviation has always been a main interest.

HOME RE-VISITED

On a recent visit to Southport (from my home in Ottawa), I decided to drop in at my “old school” to see if I might be able to contact anyone who might remember the school amateur radio station which was set up shortly after the Second World War by the recently demobilized RAF officer, Mr. Buckley, who was now the school’s new physics master. (Mr. Caff was the physics department head.)

As a radio enthusiast, I enrolled in the school Amateur Radio Club under his jurisdiction: amateur radio station call letters if I remember correctly were G3DCR (regularly ON THE AIR – after school hours!). (I have tried to confirm that I recall the call letters correctly but have so far been unable to obtain this confirmation.)

I have good memories of my time at KGV which I feel provided everyone with very good educational opportunities.

I had a couple of friends who entered the school a year ahead of me which led to my specific request to be enrolled in Evans’ House, and this was granted!

This letter comes about because of my aforementioned recent visit and the fact that I was provided with a copy of “The Red Rose” whose cover looks exactly like it did seventy years ago except that the rose on the front cover is now in glorious colour!

I would also like to acknowledge and thank the lady in the KGV front office that provided me with all the information enabling me to re-establish contact with my “old school”.

Geoffrey Weir (Evans 1943-50)

“Dad’s War” by John Wakefield

There will be few reading this who did not come across George Wakefield at some time. Known to generations of schoolboys as ‘Peg Leg’, George’s connection with KGV lasted a life-time, both as student and teacher.

In the opening line of his preface, George Wakefield’s son, John, states that he has ‘written this book primarily for the family to read’ and ‘for private circulation rather than for commercial publication’, which suggested to me that it might not be of much relevance, or indeed interest, to the casual reader. I was wrong.

Dad’s War largely concentrates on a two year period between February 1943 and April 1945, during which George was a lieutenant attached to the Durham Light Infantry and saw active service overseas. Having sailed ‘the long way round’ via South Africa, his unit eventually passed through the Suez Canal and into Egypt before becoming heavily involved, as part of the 8th Army, in the invasion of Sicily in July 1943. In what turned out to be a mishandled and bloody campaign, George Wakefield commanded a platoon of some 50 men, as part the 9th Durham Light Infantry, during a concerted push up Sicily’s east coast towards Catania and Messina. Over a period of just 18 days, the platoon fought its way through resistance of varying strength, with the objective of taking a vital crossing point at Primosole Bridge. It was here that, as a result of bad luck (and poor decision making on the part of the generals), George’s platoon became isolated and fell into the hands of the German army.

The remainder of *Dad’s War* takes place in the P.O.W camps in Italy, Poland and Germany that became George’s home for the next 18 months before his repatriation in the early spring of 1945.

Dad’s War is a painstakingly researched and endearingly affectionate personal record of a father’s life. It skilfully balances enough hard facts to keep even the most pedantic of historians engaged, with touching personal reminiscences and anecdotes drawn from George’s diaries and letters. One section that particularly strikes me deals with the days following the Sicilian landings, when an element of the Durham Light Infantry (not George’s platoon) were ordered to execute a group of young Italian soldiers at the height of the battle, rather than commit manpower in attempting the risky job of taking them into captivity. This moment of perhaps necessary savagery makes striking contrast with the largely considerate and exemplary care shown to the injured Lieutenant Wakefield when he was captured by the Germans only days later, personalising the conflict and effectively causing the reader reconsider both obvious stereotypes and received wisdom. The overall result is a book that makes one appreciate the Second World War as a conflict fought by real people; individuals with families who loved them and whose lives were completely dominated by the absence of sons and brothers.

Apart from the well-researched (and I would guess entirely accurate) accounts of one of Britain’s less well known campaigns, the book’s strengths lie in the vivid and often

atmospheric descriptions of George's life as a prisoner of war, with the attendant boredom and obsession with receiving mail from home. The sections that deal with his swift recovery from the shrapnel injury to his knee, and his enthusiasm for mounting theatrical productions during his captivity provide a touching echo of the man that many of us knew in later years.

From both a historical and personal perspective *Dad's War* is a notable achievement for John Wakefield. The book stops short of being homage and is never sentimental, but most ably paints a hugely affectionate picture of a man, who in his own life-time was reluctant to share a remarkable story.

As a schoolboy at KGV, I never knew how 'Peg' had acquired, what I'd always thought was, his wooden leg. I wish now that I had.

David Lonsdale, 1973-1980



SOCIAL EVENTS 2013-14

ANNUAL DINNER

We welcomed the OGA guests to the Prince of Wales Hotel for the second year running, with the membership split between the AGM and the bar at 7pm, but re-grouping in the Windsor Suite at 8pm for grace, dinner, speeches and raffle.

124 members were present this year and for the first time since the Jubilee dinner, we formally opened up attendance to partners – and will continue to do so this year.

We had the usual mix of generations running through the attendance, but this year clearly lacked former College students, other than those assembled to support the in and out going Chairmen. Former staff were well represented. In order to ensure ambience, we relocated from the ball room of last year, as that particular room was somewhat large and lifeless and the move to the Windsor suite produced a much better atmosphere.

Due to popular demand, we took a slightly different tack on the after dinner events this year. Following addresses from both Adele Wills and Neil Spencer, we had a guest visit from ‘The Professor’, an impressive if fearsome looking character who addressed those assembled with extracts from school reports and anecdotes from other available journals associated with the School and College. This welcome change, from speech delivery to entertainment, was well received by all attending and produced a resounding congratulatory round of applause from everyone. The Committee would like to extend their thanks to the Professor for his contribution to the evening. He wished to remain anonymous, but his photograph is included in the centre pages.

Attending in 2013 (former staff in italics):

Martin Abram	Carol Fowler	Ray Owen
Derek Adams	Phil Frampton	Chris Parkinson
<i>Maurice Amer</i>	Nicholas Gibson	John Pilling
Rob Anderson	Roger Hargreaves	David Preston
Colin Andrews	Dave Harrison	Ken Priestley
<i>Hilary Anslow</i>	Jonathan Hatton	Mike Ratcliffe
Paul Bagshaw	Mark Haworth	Liz Read
Penny Bailey	Dave Heselgrave	John Ridehalgh
Philip Barton	Alan Hoyles	<i>Stan Rimmer</i>
David Booth	Brian Hoyles	Dennis Robinson
Graham Booth	Andy Hudson	Erika Robinson
Tom Booth	Colin Hunt	Michael Robinson
Robin Bowen-Williams	Neil Hunt	John Rostron
Adrian Brown	Barry Hurst	Peter Rostron
David Brown	John Hyde	Peter Rostron
Duncan Burton	Mike Hyde	Derrick Salmon

Dave Carter	Allan Jones	<i>Michelle Sanderson</i>
Mike Chalke	Barry Jones	John Seddon
Philip Chong	Roger Jump	Trevor Seed
Graeme Clenahan	<i>Caroline Kaye</i>	Paul Seton
Iain Clenahan	John Keeley	Brian Shorrock
Dave Cornes	John Kendrew	Keith Shorrock
Eddie Cowan	John Kermode	<i>Dr Gary Skinner</i>
Graham Cox	Ian Kettle	<i>Mrs Skinner</i>
Lesley Cox	Sarah Lapsley	Neil Spencer
Jeff Cummings	Gordon Lees	Jim Stanley
Alan Cunliffe	Chris Lewis	Paul Sternberg
<i>Pauline Davis</i>	David Lonsdale	Chris Stitson
Mark Day	Steve Mallinder	Russell Stott
Malcolm Dennett	Jim Marsh	Andrew Sweeney
Alan Dickinson	Joanne Matthews	Stan Swettenham
Peter Dickinson	<i>Barry Mawer</i>	Jez Sykes
Matthew Duffy	Andy Maxwell	Steve Tasker
Patricia Eastlake	Julian McNerny	Chris Tinsley
Jon Elliott	Paul Merone	Richard Titherington
Ron Ellis	Tony Milner	John Wainwright
Mark Elsen	James Morgan	Kev Watkins
John Fairclough	John Nicholls	Barrie Whittaker
Darrell Farrant	Karen Nicholson	Adele Wills
Alan Fleetwood	Eric Ogden	Tony Wilson
Rob Fletcher	Graham Ostick	Chris Wood
		Alan Wright

QUIZ NIGHT

For the sixth consecutive year, OGA members gathered on a fine night in May to attend the OGA Annual Quiz, held at the S&B on Trafalgar Road. Several new faces were in attendance this year, keeping the number around the 80 mark, producing some fiery inter (and in deed intra-) team competition, some gamesmanship and not inconsiderable good humour and entertainment.

John Nelson provided his expertise in the form of a variety of rounds, including regular questions, film themes, picture quizzes and conundrums which ensured the engagement of all team members in each team, old or young(er), male or female, quiz mad or not.

Again both current and former Staff members were well represented, providing stiff competition throughout the evening. Whilst scores were kept secret, hints were given throughout the evening just to keep all on their toes and to ensure complacency did not set in. That was not likely with the variety of subjects being asked.

As ever, it is much more enjoyable in the partaking of, than in the reading, so this passage will not do the evening justice. But, once again, all those who took part thoroughly enjoyed themselves regardless of their finishing position. Negotiations did take place at the end of the evening and agreement reached, that a wooden spoon prize would be available in 2014, to ensure even those with the lowest scores still had something to take home with them.

Well done to those taking part, whether 1st, 2nd or 15th.

See you all on June 6th 2014!! Hot supper from 7pm. Quiz starts at 8pm.

To access events and all other pages of the OGA web site, access the College home page at

<http://www.kgv.ac.uk/areas/home/index.php>



and then select this icon in the box titled 'Connect to KGV'.

GAMES EVENING

It is weird to think that this event has now been taking place for 21 years, give or take a couple, since the first heady night in 1992 that saw some 40 OGA members take part in the first event. We started with snooker and darts, running both a singles and doubles competition in the snooker, in more recent years adding the carpet bowls and dropping the doubles contest.

Time was when we had two snooker tables to work with, but as the S&B re-fitted their rooms, this was reduced to one, which proved problematic when organising 32 members into the various competitions – herding cats comes to mind! Finishes at 1a.m. became common. The numbers dwindled and it was soon realised that a reduced field of 16 ensured we managed the timings sensibly and organised the consumption of both beer and hot pot in a methodical and logical way. So much so that lights out at 11.30 became the usual state, with winners and runners up departing in the three disciplines with full stomachs and full hearts of a pleasant evening of competing, consuming (I was going to write consumption, but that would suggest Victorian times!) and conversation.

This year was no different in the partaking. Beer and hotpot were in plentiful supply. A variety of skills were proffered in each sporting discipline. The winners rejoiced and those not so fortunate were glad of the company, but wondered whether their sporting luck/prowess would ever shine again!

The elder statesman in the room (Roy Elliott aged 78) was the only person to make all three semi-finals. A worthy note to those who think they are beyond the event! Roy went on to victory in the Bowls final. Dave Trottman defeated Stuart Wincer in a closely fought Darts final. Jon Elliott produced his largest break of the last 21 years – 15 – to win the Snooker final over Chris Threlfall.

It should be remembered that this is a fun event. Very few of the attendees have an excellence in any of the sports, especially remembering that most of them dust off their arrows and cues once a year just for this event. Practice may make perfect, but it is not needed for this evening of (regardless of your ability) fun. This is a good night out that is not too challenging. Family and friends are welcome to take part, though we do obviously want to keep it to 16-20 participants if possible, just to end at a reasonable hour. We are putting in a handicap next year to assist those who are not always successful on the night. The date is also pulled forward a little, so that the arrival time is still in daylight and not in the gloom of a late autumn evening.

So please, if you are interested, let us know for next year's event by contacting either Jon Elliott or Stan Rimmer. You can contact us any time and we will note the interest and contact again in September.

**OGA 2014 GAMES NIGHT
FRIDAY 10th OCTOBER @ S&B, TRAFALGAR ROAD**

PHOTO GALLERY

The following pages show a selection of photographs.

The first is of our grand Board of former Chairmen, present at the 2013 dinner.

Back row, left to right: Jim Marsh, Jonathan Elliott, David Lonsdale, Eric Ogden, Mike Hyde, Rob Fletcher, Martin Fearn, Duncan Burton, Trevor Seed, Stan Rimmer, John Rostron. Front row, left to right: John Pilling, Paul Bagshaw, Hilary Anslow, Neil Spencer (Chairman), Adele Wills (President), Eddie Cowan, David Brown.

There are others from the 2013 dinner and the 2013 Snooker Night. Also shown are photographs taken in the College of the newly framed pictures and portraits of four the former Head Teachers and Principals of the School and College: George Millward, Geoffrey Dixon, David Arnold and Hilary Anslow.



President, Chairman and Vice-Presidents



A general view of the Windsor Suite at the 2013 Dinner



**Chairman, President & Chairman of the
College Governors.**



Messrs Pilling and Hyde in conversation



Messrs Mallinder & Stitson



The Professor



Memorabilia Display at the Dinner



Newly Framed Photos at the College



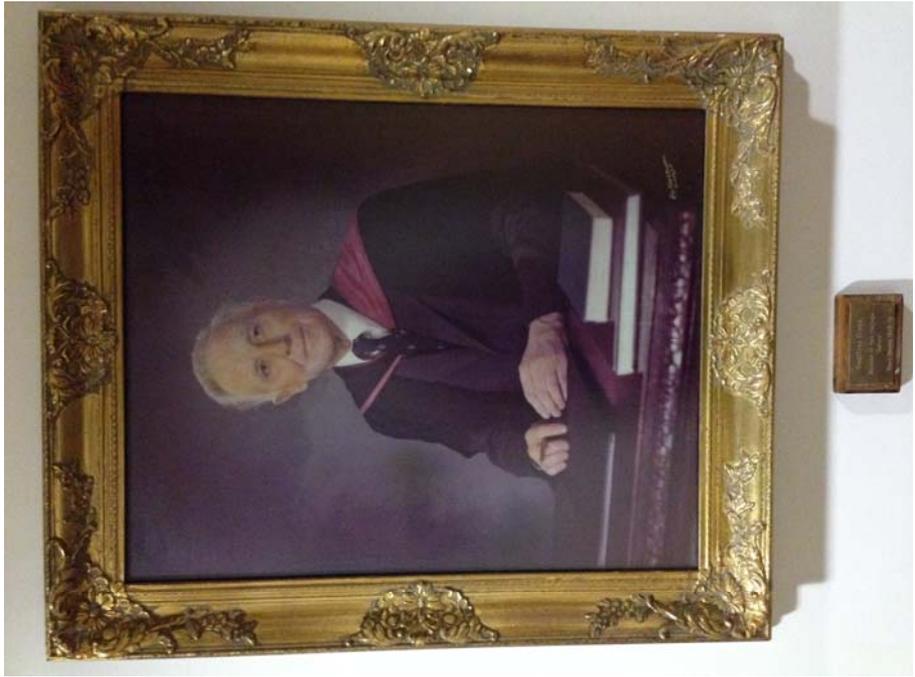
This year's Snooker Night Trophy Winners

(LtoR: Stuart Wincer, David Trottman, Roy Elliott, Jon Elliott, Chris Threlfall)



Shot of the Night

The most unusual shot on the night; this reverse 'arrow' lost its flite on the way to the board and embedded itself tail first!







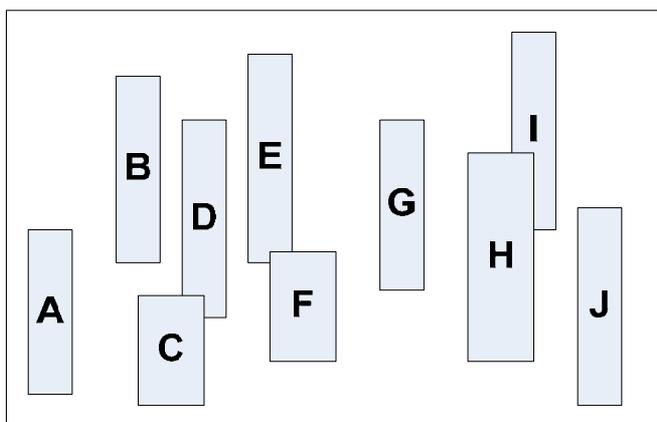
THE FAMILY SILVER

Anyone who visits the College will see a fine display cabinet in the entrance foyer, showing off various trophies and awards that have been gained by the College or awarded internally to students for a variety of skills and disciplines. Many of the items are new to the College era, but several are retained from the Grammar School days and used as similar or alternative awards.

Some trophies are not used, but still stored at the College from their former glory in the old school days. Some of these school trophies were not immediately identifiable but reading through past Red Roses has solved the mysteries

We also completed the framing of eight School and one College photographs, which are now displayed in the corridor opposite the Principals office (see photos). These are from years 1930, 1938, 1943, 1946, 1952, 1955, 1958, 1977 and 1988. Subsequently, six more years were recovered and are in the process of being framed, these being 1923, 1933, 1964, 1967, 1970 and 1984. If anyone has any other years and would like to either donate, or lend for copying, their picture, please get in touch with Jonathan Elliott. The Association would like to thank the College and Adele Wills for agreeing to display these historic and nostalgic items in the College. They complement other items such as the portraits of all the Heads of School and College, the memorial boards and other framed items.

A photograph of the trophies still in College is shown on the previous page. Below is a guide to them, the date is the first known year of awarding that particular trophy.



- A – Cross Country (1967); B – Basketball (1967); C – Athletics;
D - Ross Cup, Swimming; E – Jubilee Cup (1935); F – Badminton
G – Relay Cup, Swimming (1967);
H – James Buckingham Memorial Challenge Cup (1931)
I – ‘unknown’ rose bowl; J – Chess Cup

OBITUARIES

W.R. (Bill) Aspin 1930-2013 (Rogers 1941-48)

Bill was born and educated in Southport. He attended KGV from 1941-48 and was placed in Rogers House. He enjoyed his time there, was successful academically, but also took part in many extra-curricular activities. He went on to Liverpool University and gained a degree in Electrical Engineering.

After a post graduate apprenticeship, he joined the firm of Ward and Goldstone in Manchester, later being elected to the Board of Governors. He travelled widely, both for business and pleasure. He developed an interest in sailing and was a Rear Commodore and Vice-President of the West Lancashire Yacht Club.

In 1991 he moved to Hong Kong, where he lived happily for the rest of his life, with frequent visits to the U.K. to see his family. He became a consultant to the Hong Kong engineering firm of L.T.K., specialising in fibre optic cables, from where he finally retired at the age of 80.

He died in Hong Kong on May 10th 2013 after a short illness.

Received from Barbara Morris (nee Aspin), Bills sister.

(John) Mark (Meredith) Dalby (Edwards, 1948-55).

Mark was born on 3 January 1938 and lived in Southport with his parents and his elder brother Andrew until he joined the R.A.F to do his spell of National Service before going to Oxford to study theology at Exeter College in 1958. After getting his degree, he moved on to Ripon Hall, to complete his studies before being ordained at the age of 25 in the Diocese of Oxford.

After curacies in Hambleden, and Medmenham he was Vicar of St Peter, Birmingham from 1968 to 1975; Selection Secretary for the ACCM from 1975 to 1980; Vicar of St Mark, Worsley from 1980 to 1991; Rural Dean of Eccles from 1987 until his Archdeacon's appointment at Rochdale from 1991 to 2000.

In 2000 Mark Dalby moved to be chaplain to the Beauchamp Community at Newland, near Malvern in Worcestershire, where there was a daily Mass in the beautiful St. Lawrence chapel, itself the former local parish church of Newland, and the opportunity to exercise his pastoral skills again with the resident members of that community, including several retired clergy living in the homes that are part of the Beauchamp Community. When it was time to retire from that ministry in 2007, he was delighted to be offered a house within the community, as it had become a genuine home for him and a place where he had come to live among valued friends.

He loved to travel, and with his interest in family history he managed to find family members not only in the UK but in far off countries such as Australia and Tonga. At the time of his death on February 11, 2013 he was writing a book about his travels over a period of sixty years, which has been completed by friends since his death and published in his memory. He was also helping to complete a history of the Beauchamp Community.

His funeral mass at St Leonard Newland was attended by several Old Georgians, as were his funeral in Southport and memorial mass in Manchester.

Ted Dewhurst, 1929-2013 (Grears, 1941 to 1948)

Ted gained a Scholarship to KGV and enjoyed both his academic and sporting time at the Grammar School. He gained an Honors Degree reading Classics at Liverpool University and went on to teach training after his national service.

His teaching career kept him in the area, with his career spent at Liverpool Institute and then Ashton in Makerfield Grammar School. At Liverpool Institute, he taught several students who went on to fame and fortune, including Paul McCartney and Peter Sissons.

Ted continued his sporting activities, playing football well into his forties with Southport Amateurs and cricket into his fifties at the S&B, with his later years spent playing crown green bowling and walking around the major hills of both the UK and Europe. Ted passed peacefully after a short illness and is survived by his wife, Pat.

Leslie Gordon Jaeger (1925-2013)

Leslie died aged 87 in Halifax, Canada, after a brief illness, bravely borne, in August 2013.

Born in Southport, he attended KGV during difficult times, with the war years, but succeeded in graduating from Caius College, Cambridge. This was without doubt due to a large helping hand from his Head Master, George Millward. On reaching school leaving age, the family finances required Leslie to leave KGV and start work in the Borough Treasurers office. For several months, Mr Millward stopped by their house after every school night, to reason with Leslie's parents, eventually succeeding in his parents allowing him to return to his education.

Leslie served for two years as a lieutenant in the Royal Navy. He then taught at the University of London College in Khartoum, returning to the U.K. to become Director of Studies at Magdalene College, Cambridge and later Regius Professor of Engineering at the University of Edinburgh.

In 1962 he emigrated to Canada to join the faculty of McGill University. Subsequently he became Dean of Engineering at the University of New Brunswick, Vice President (Academic) at Acadia University and Vice President (Research) at the Technical University of Nova Scotia, ending his career as Professor Emeritus, Dalhousie University.

He was the author of 9 books and 180 refereed articles on earthquake engineering, advanced structural analysis and bridge design and remained active in research long after his retirement, primarily through his work with the ISIS Canada Research Centre of Excellence at the University of Manitoba. He was honored by the profession with a number of awards, including the Gzowski and Leipholz medals. Throughout his career Leslie had many graduate students and colleagues from overseas, and during the 1980s these contacts led to his being involved in several interesting projects and lecture tours in India, China and Pakistan. He was recognized for these efforts by being appointed Honorary Professor of Civil Engineering at Tong Ji University, Shanghai and Honorary President of the Usman Institute of Technology, Karachi.

After their retirements from academic life, Leslie and Kathleen chose to remain in Halifax, a decision neither ever regretted. For many years golf and curling were Leslie's favourite diversions, but later, once Kathleen had persuaded him that travel

did not necessarily have to be connected with work, his greatest pleasure came from their frequent European holidays.

At 62 he was confirmed in the Anglican Church and over the years devoted considerable time and effort to parish and diocesan affairs, especially in financial matters. A man who positively enjoyed preparing an income tax return, he had made a study of retirement planning that was most helpful to friends and family members. Leslie was a patient mentor, inspiring teacher, daring researcher, outstanding applied mathematician and able administrator, but above all he was a loyal friend to all sorts and conditions of men and women and a dearly beloved husband, brother, father and grandfather.

He is survived by his wife Kathleen, sister Beatrix, daughters Valerie (Michael) and Hilary (Christopher), grandchildren Marc (Courteney) and Alexandra, niece Merrill and nephews David, Ian and Roger.

He touched the lives of many. He will be sorely missed.

Ed – my thanks to Leslie's daughter, Valerie for preparing this through a personal letter and reference to her father's obituary that was published in the Globe and Mail, the Canadian national newspaper.

Frank Robinson (Edwards 1958-63)

Frank died in January 2013. Frank attended KGV between 1958 and 1963. On leaving, the best his form master, CG Parsons, could muster, was firm criticism of his poor spelling. However, Frank went on to a successful career with the GPO and BT until he retired aged 50. Frank was an active member of the Labour Party and CWU.

Frank is much missed by friends, colleagues and his wife Susan and children Joanne and Peter and his much adored granddaughter Amelia.

Ian Ross 1927-2013

Ian Munro Ross, who died on March 10 2013 aged 85, was an early pioneer of transistors and served for 12 years as president of Bell Laboratories which, from the 1920s to the 1980s, built a reputation as the "Ideas Factory" for the global electronics industry.

Ian was born on August 15 1927 in Southport. He attended KGV and after leaving he went up to Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge, to read Mechanical Engineering. He stayed on to take a PhD in Electrical Engineering.

In 1959 he was named director of Bell Labs' semiconductor laboratory. Three years later he became director of the semiconductor device and electron tube laboratory at Allentown, Pennsylvania. In 1964, he was appointed managing director of Bellcomm, a Bell System subsidiary which provided 400 staff to lend vital systems engineering support for Nasa's Apollo manned space flight programme. He was elected president of Bellcomm in 1968. Ian returned to Bell Laboratories in 1971, as executive director of the network planning division. He became vice president of network planning and customer services in 1973, executive Vice-President in 1976 and president in 1979. He retired in 1992. Ian was a member of the Royal Academy of Engineering, and of the US National Academy of Engineering and National

Academy of Sciences. He was a fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE). His awards included the 1963 IEEE Morris N Liebmann Memorial Award “for contributions to the development of the epitaxial transistor and other semiconductor devices”.

The following has been provided to the Red Rose:

“Ross joined Bell Labs directly after leaving Cambridge in 1952, being hired by William Shockley to work on developing transistors – devices which draw on the properties of semiconducting materials to control the flow of current in electrical devices. Since the end of the war Shockley’s Solid State Physics Group at Murray Hill, New Jersey, had been working on an alternative to the expensive, slow and unreliable glass vacuum tubes and relays which were then central to the development of electronic technology, including the Bell telephone network.

At first Ross found the work frustrating; the transistor was difficult to work with because it was so small, but the scientists soon realised that its smallness meant that it could be used in more complicated devices like microchips. During the 1950s and early 1960s Ross was involved in the development of a wide variety of semiconductor devices. With GC Davey he was instrumental in the early developmental stages of the field-effect transistor – a device which uses one electrical signal to control another. He also helped in the development of the epitaxial transistor, a transistor made by depositing a thin pure layer of semiconductor material on to a crystalline support by a process known as epitaxial deposition. It was Ross’s idea, in 1960, to add a thin epitaxial layer of silicon between the base and collector of a transistor – an approach which raised the transistor’s breakdown voltage while dramatically increasing its switching speed, leading to improved performance. The technology was soon taken up and used in Bell’s electronic telephone switching systems, and was quickly emulated by other electronics companies. Epitaxial silicon also had an important impact on the design of early microchips by allowing electrical isolation of the individual circuit components to be accomplished more easily.

Within a few years, Ross was promoted to head his own group which focused directly on producing microchips, though Bell Laboratories was never a leader in this area. Eventually, he rose through the managerial ranks to become president of Bell Laboratories, from 1979 to 1991, when he had the difficult task of presiding over a major reorganisation following a ruling by the US Justice Department that the monopoly Bell telephone system should be broken up into independent companies. Ian had never intended to stay in America. When he first joined Bell Labs he was planning on returning to England within a year. He never did.”

George Kenneth Stott 1914-2012 (1924-31)

We were informed earlier this year of the passing of Ken Stott, just short of his 98th birthday in 2012. Ken was one of our oldest members and attended both Woodlands and KGV. His son, Michael, has written to us with the following about his father.

Ken Stott died at the age of 97 at his home in Leigh-on-Sea in Essex on the 14 January 2012. He was born in Manchester on 3rd February, 1914 and attended KGV between 1924 & 1931. He features in the opening sequences of the 'KGV Remembered' video/DVD. He married a Southport girl, Sheila Massey, at Emmanuel Church, Southport, in 1939 and soon after moved to Sale in Cheshire when he obtained a position at the Bank of England, which in those days had a branch in Manchester. In 1955 he was transferred to the Glasgow branch but five years later the bank decided that they only required their Threadneedle Street building in London and Ken unexpectedly found himself out of work with a wife and three children to support. Fortunately he quickly found employment with Barclays Bank DCO in Gracechurch Street, London, and he and the family moved south to their new home in Leigh-on-Sea. A few years after joining Barclays, the bank was awarded the franchise to operate on the Cunard liner QE2 and Ken was appointed manager, an appointment he kept until his retirement. He was an accomplished ballroom dancer, a fact which did not go unnoticed by the Cunard entertainment director and as a result when Ken retired he had a seamless transition from QE2 bank manager to on-board dancing host. He continued his dance-hosting role until he was in his early eighties, having enjoyed life on board a number of different cruise liners in order to explore different parts of the world. When the time came for him to finally cease his hosting job he continued his love of the cruising life by joining two or three cruises a year as a passenger until shortly before he died.

Received from Ken's son, Mike

Donald Sutton

Donald Sutton was born in 1935 in Ainsdale and lived in Limont Road. He attended St John's School Ainsdale where he proved to be a very bright pupil. He was expected to sail through the 11 plus and go to KGV along with his friends from St John's, Ken Edwardson, Edwin Clark and Miles Irving. It came as a great shock when he failed the eleven plus and could not join his friends at the grammar school. He duly attended Meols Cop School but within a couple of years it was apparent that he had been mis-classified and he leaped over the dividing rails and joined his former classmates. Thereafter he thrived and easily gained admission to the Liverpool University School of Architecture. There he studied under Ernst Wiesner who encouraged him to develop his talent for sketching and painting in watercolour. During his time at university he spent a period studying in Munich but returned to Liverpool to complete his degree, subsequently staying on to do a postgraduate degree in Civic Design.

His time at Liverpool was not only highly productive academically but also socially. His friendship with Ken Edwardson and Miles Irving, both studying medicine at Liverpool, meant that he mixed with medics and this resulted in him meeting Jane Parks, a feisty young medical student, who became the love of his life for a half century.

His first post as an architect was with William Holford who had been commissioned to design the new Science campus at St Andrews University, and he remained in

Scotland for the rest of his career apart from a brief period working in Newcastle upon Tyne.

He became a senior planner with the Scottish Development Department where his experience in Germany was valuable in forging professional connections between Scotland and the Continent. For all his achievements he was made a Fellow of the RIBA. After retirement he moved to a part time post dealing with planning appeals for the Scottish Office.

His leisure activities largely revolved around his family of Jane and their four sons. He was an officer in the TA and, continuing his Congregational upbringing in Ainsdale, he was a church elder. Riding, skiing, sailing, fishing and playing jazz on the piano completed the picture of this well rounded and high achieving example of a post war Old Georgian.

He died in the supportive presence of his wife and four sons in November 2011. His funeral ceremony was enhanced, at his wish, by the full throated singing of "For all the Saints, which he always remembered as being roared out at end of year ceremonies in the assembly hall at KGV.

Sir Miles Irving

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Hello Jon

I was delighted to learn from my old KGV friend, Derrick Salmon that the Red Rose still exists.

This discovery sent me rummaging to find my own copy on the shelf where I have all of the Red Roses from December 1956 through to December 1961. I was Assistant Editor for the school year 1958-1959; the Editor was Mr. G. F. Drake. In my time at KGV, the Editor was always a member of the teaching staff, and while 'Ducky' Drake was Editor for several years, the Assistant Editor was a member of the Sixth Form, appointed for one year. My predecessor as Assistant Editor was J. K. Stuart (now Sir Keith).

What images of Southport and KGV in the 1950s come tumbling back with those memories. Assemblies with The Boss, G. F. Dixon, on stage in his magisterial gown (and the school song, "Now the song, boys ..."); Upper 6th School English in the Library with Mr. G.P. Wakefield; vigorous and entertaining arguments in the school Debating Society; rugby every Wednesday afternoon; the end-of-year Staff-Student Cricket match in June. What a wonderful school it was, though we didn't realise it at the time; we just took all the quality and facilities for granted. The teaching was formidable. And it was so forward-thinking; all those extra-curricular activities — debating, photography, mountaineering, school plays, even bee-keeping. It was also one of the first schools to have a Careers Master.

Great memories, great years, which had an indelible impact on my life through to

today. After university, and returning to teach English at KGV in 1965, I set out for Canada, intending to begin a teaching voyage around the world, met a woman, married, became a father and now a grandfather, and thus spent most of my time based in Ottawa. I taught English, and rose through the ranks to become a Principal and then a Senior Examiner. After retiring in '97 I was asked by a Rabbi friend to help him run a private Orthodox Jewish high school in Ottawa, where I am still, as far as I know the only Anglican Principal of a Jewish high school in the world.

As far as my contemporaries and I knew, KGV was just a grammar school, typical of its type. In fact, it was an atypically superior school, and I have never really experienced its' like since, though I recreated aspects of it in all of my subsequent appointments and endeavors. KGV reflected the vision and values of G. F. Dixon, a remarkable headmaster who built up a talented and collegial teaching staff, far-sighted academic courses, and an amazing range of character-building extra-curricular opportunities. I remember that among the subjects offered were Russian and Chinese – astonishing now to think that not only were these subjects available in the 1950s, but that the Head could persuade the school board to fund them (no easy task, as I learned in my own career). Several of my contemporaries took these language courses to prepare for future successful careers in the foreign service and international trade. And among KGV's many other benefits, I learned techniques in the wit-sharpening jousts of the school debating society which stood me in very good stead with any future Canadian would-be interlocutors (who had had no such preparation).

Congratulations on resurrecting the Red Rose title and continuing the tradition in your newsletter. I am delighted to be able to contribute these memories and reflections.

Best wishes from Ottawa!

Harold Corrin
Woodham's, 1951-59

Dear Jon,

Thanks for the latest Red Rose which I always enjoy receiving. I thought I had replied that I was happy to read it online but I don't seem to be in the list at the back of the current magazine. I am still happy to go electronic and summarise the information sought on the paper response sheet at the end of this email. I wonder if it would make sense (assuming it is not too difficult) to send an annual email notifying people that the new edition is on the website? It is also not quite so easy to find the OGA bit of the website from the main KGV website. In fact I had to google Old Georgians Association (and then it was pretty easy).

No particular news to report. I am still a Managing Partner of Indigo Capital, a small fund management business with a portfolio of investments in private businesses in

France, Germany and the UK. Germany is my patch so all the efforts of Mr Berry (sadly passed when I was still at university) and Mr Cowburn (does anyone know what became of Mr Cowburn?) were not wasted, nor, for that matter, those of Mr (Stu?) Smith, since I went on to study French and German at Durham and used my languages throughout my career. I also still value the basis Latin gave me for languages and occasionally getting an answer on University Challenge, so thanks also to Jack Clough and Blod Davies. (The latter will long since have forgotten throwing a book at me because I was doodling; I was actually concentrating book was so shocked that I then couldn't tell him what he had just been saying.) Married to Jill with two teenagers, Josh and Holly who, after getting very respectable language GCSE's, shockingly turned to the sciences.

All the best, Martin Stringfellow

Dear Jonathan

After qualifying as a Solicitor in Manchester, I have just clocked up 30 years with Blackhurst Budd Solicitors in Blackpool, during the past 20 years of which I have also been a Notary Public. I am married, have lived in Garstang for the past 30 years, and have two adult sons. I am a Trustee of Sportsreach, and Chair its Football League, appearing regularly for its Classics team. Whereas in my mind I play like Franz Beckenbauer in his pomp, video evidence provides ample illustration of the extent of my delusion.

I remember with amusement the school cross country matches, particularly the away fixtures in the Sixth Form. Having been fired up by Pink Floyd, Led Zep, and Monty Python from a cassette player at the back of the school minibus, to the complete astonishment of each host school, this rag bag team of "athletes" would return to Scarisbrick New Road with yet another victory under its belt. I attach a team photograph from Autumn 1975. Left to Right:- Back Row. H T Marsh. Ian Pogson (Captain and Gumby in Chief). Me. Allister Crompton. Steve Brookfield. Rod Street. Front Row. Nigel Crompton. Bill Bradley. John Mason. Absent (Photographer?) Chris Cameron.

On a personal note, I hope that you will forgive me in not remembering you at KGV. I seem to recall from reading a previous Red Rose, that you attended Churchtown, where I was also a pupil from January 1966 to July 1969. By my calculations, you will have entered the juniors at Churchtown at the same time as I started KGV. I then lived with my parents in Emmanuel Road; they now live in a flat in Cambridge Road.

In all honesty I preferred my time at Churchtown to KGV. Much might have been to do with the attitude of the respective schools to football! I have in my mind that Churchtown will be celebrating its Centenary next year- I started there just after its Silver Jubilee year. Are you aware of any celebrations which it is due to hold?

I admire your devotion to the Old Georgian cause. For various reasons, my KGV year group as a whole seem not to wish to have become involved.

Best wishes

Richard Sloman

Dear Editor

This is a long overdue feedback which I felt I should submit whilst I am still here to do so!! I have been receiving Red Rose since 1952 albeit with a long mysterious gap until 2010.

I was at KGV from 1946 – 1951 in Masons House under the eye of the crusty Mr Lessiter (Lettuce).

I noticed that Jonathan Chapman had passed away and was reminded that he and I along with DPG Ardern, Reg Warwick and Stavert Irving and Philip Slater all served Articles of Clerkship at Lithgow Nelson and Company (Chartered Accountants) on Lord Street. I then had to undergo National Service in the RAF. I had no love for Accountancy and went to work for what was then the British Tabulating Machine Company an offshoot of IBM. This led me eventually into computing and teaching programming arts to bewildered users. I became a Management Consultant with PMM (now KPMG) and ended my working life on the Board of Armitage Shanks.

All my memories of KGV are good ones and I and my family have come across several contemporary OGs in the course of our working lives. I notice that my longstanding school friend Ken Edwardson, who always liked cutting things up, has been a great supporter of the OGA.

My father, who ran Broadhurst's Bookshop, was a friend and fellow musician of Geoffrey Dixon. That did not stop Dixon from giving six of the best for ragging Thos Pye!! I greet you all well those of us from those years who are still standing.

Peter E Bailey

Dear Jonathan

I don't think I ever appreciated living by the coast until I actually left Southport and lived in London. For many years I've wanted to get back to living by the sea, especially since I have 3 young kids. My wife Karen and I had also always wanted to live in the USA, especially somewhere warm. Having both turned 40 we decided life is too short and took the plunge and moved to Sarasota.

Karen is a hairdresser and I'm a management consultant specialising in home shopping and retail. The visa process was pretty easy and only took 6 weeks. We bought a hair salon as a part of the process. We moved at the end of July and took

over the salon early September. It's now the end of November (we are about to enjoy our first Thanksgiving) and we love being back by the beach and enjoying going in the sea as it's in all the time!

The life change hasn't been too major. We miss our friends and family from home, but we're enjoying the new challenges of running a business and working together as a husband and wife team which I can recommend. After Thanksgiving, well it'll be Christmas Day on the beach!!

Rob Galkoff

Dear Jonathan,

Congratulations for maintaining the excellent standard in the 2013 edition. Receipt of future hard copies will be well received. Some proof that it I enjoyed it cover to cover is that the first item of "Correspondence" is attributed John Haynes rather than myself. As well as an appreciation of Bob Abram my intention was to send kind regards and best wishes to Mike Gibbons. Under my captaincy he swam for KGV but the younger Mike was more talented than myself.

If you would kindly print a mention of these intentions in the 2014 issue I would be very grateful. With some 40 peer reviewed technical publications and 3 full-length books, errors in copy have become an occupational hazard. Believe me you do a super job !

Kindest regards and best wishes
Brian Kirkbride (Leeches 1949-54)

Dear Jonathan

My main subjects at KGV were always languages but I did do physics to O - level. One lesson, probably 1969, Mr. P. J. Richardson brought in a book by Nigel Calder called "Violent Universe". BANG! From that lesson on I was hooked passionately on astronomy. Bought the book straight away - 25 shillings!! It's in front of me as I type. Friday nights at the observatory with the Astronomy Soc et al followed. (Maybe I was the only arty member of the astrosoc committee?) Cutting a long story short, having obtained a Modern Languages degree, job, wife, kids etc., in later years I had time to study astronomy more deeply via the excellent distance learning courses at the University of Central Lancashire and, in 2003, I was elected a Fellow of the Royal Astronomical Society. How sad I was to read of the death of PJR a few years ago. I wish I had thought to tell him of his inspiration in this arty/farty pupil. If The Red Rose is still in contact with any of Mr. Richardson's family, I would be obliged if you would pass this huge "thank you, Sir" message on to them. He was certainly a master who made a difference to me.

Geoff Sanderson BA (Hons) FRAS

STUDENT DEVELOPMENT

It is not the easiest of times for students leaving the College and input from Old Georgians, able to draw on their experience, can make a difference. The letter from Holly Mannion, the Careers Co-ordinator at the College, details how Old Georgians can contribute to the established 'Work Experience' programme.

Alternatively, on the morning of Wednesday April 2nd 2014, there will be the opportunity to be available to students to give first hand advice and guidance on the opportunities and requirements of the professions and of business.

Later in April, again on a Wednesday morning, there will be the opportunity to help students to best present themselves by taking part in mock interviews.

If you can help in any of these two ways, please contact Holly Mannion at the College as soon as you can so that arrangements can be made.

Duncan Burton

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Dear Readers,

Today, as a highly successful and modern College, KGV offers its students a fantastic variety of opportunities, through the subjects offered and the excellent support services such as learning support, careers, progress coaching and student services.

The College is constantly striving towards excellence and is currently on its journey to outstanding to ensure that what we can offer current and prospective students is of the best possible standard. However, we are not only concerned with students whilst they are with us – we invest a lot of interest and concern in where and unto what our students wish to aspire. The purpose of the students' time at KGV is for us to significantly enhance the all-round development of each and every student, so that they can become mature, responsible and successful young adults. This means ensuring that students have the abilities, skills, qualities and awareness needed for life in the 'real world'. One of the currently developing opportunities within the College being rolled out through the careers service is the opportunity for relevant work experience. Working in conjunction with Sefton Education Business Partnership, the college is offering a quality work experience programme to year 12 students. The programme involves a 6 week work placement which takes place one day per week on the students' study day, an employability interview, CV feedback from careers professionals at the college, and an employability portfolio at the end which portrays the students journey through the programme and provides them with feedback from the employer and the interviewer, giving the students evidence of their achievement and successful completion of the programme.

We are hoping to grow this work experience programme and have more involvement from local employers and companies that can offer our students a real insight into the job sector they hope to move into. As a group that represents the history and indeed the future of KGV, support from the Old Georgians in any capacity would be

warmly welcomed and embraced. We are aware of the roaring successes that many of you have made for yourselves along many avenues throughout your careers and your lives, and should you wish to play a role in the continuing successes of KGV students, we would be delighted to hear from you. Anybody who is in a position to offer a valuable, accessible work placement to a KGV student should contact Holly Mannion, Careers Coordinator at the College.

Holly Mannion, Careers Co-Ordinator, KGV College.

KGV GOLDMINE

The Past and the Future

When the School Building was demolished and students moved into the new College, many of the historical artefacts and photographic records disappeared. Nancy Dixons oil painting was subsequently rescued from the top of a skip; many more disappeared, as we thought for good. That was well over 35 years ago.

During the summer term I borrowed from Stan Rimmer all the team photographs that had been rescued from the School walls when the 6th Form College was built. Stan kept them safe at home and brought them along to the Annual Dinners for all to peruse. I intended to digitise them in some semblance of order to preserve them for the future, photographs deteriorate. It was a great relief that individuals had saved what was only part of the History that had been recorded over the years. It took me a number of weeks to scan and put on disc and sort into an order, putting the photos into decades.

Just before the end of the last summer term John Brindle spoke to me and said that he had a filing cabinet that looked as if it was filled with old papers, records and some photographs. He was unsure what to do with it all.

Being Chairman of the Board I told John that when sorted they must be retained, in order, in the College for the future, and future reference. The Schools pupils' records going back to 1926 are stored securely in filing cabinets but other artefacts from the school, it became clear, were scattered around the college in no semblance of order. Many of the old Trophies are stored in a cardboard box in a cupboard and Jonathan Elliott has identified these for the record. He has already been prominent in sourcing 9 of the School photographs and subsequently framing and hanging them in the College.

I went down to the music department to collect the contents of the drawers, which over the summer I would sort, and catalogue and file in due course. As I cleared the cabinets with John Brindle and Adele Wills, there were photographs, boxes of papers, a lead lined wooden brick containing Newspapers and some of Rogers House record books a mixture of records going back to 1920.

It was clear that an unknown member of staff had secreted a varying collection of records, and that member of staff must have been connected especially to Rogers House.

We found many of the long full school photos which will fill gaps in the record of those we already have and apart for one missing (I think) we have a full record of students every 3 years or so from 1923 to 1988.

There was a comprehensive record from the Woodlands, full school photographs, a photographic book showing various views, year photographs and Rugby team photos along with those of staff with their original Houses.

The brick contained the newspapers when the foundations were being laid in the first 2 weeks of January 1925. On the front was an advert for Rimmers Bakery in Hampton Road, Stan Rimmers ancestors, saying that they were expert bakers for over 50 years!

All the records from the opening of the school and the Visitors Book that Lord Derby and the Mayor were the first to sign.

There was a box file containing all the paperwork that George Millward had kept, personally from his time at School, which was sent back to us in 1990 when a family member sent them back to School.

It contain the list of applicants for George Millwards job, Geoffrey Dixon beat 184 other applicants!

I have been able to build a comprehensive record of photographs, many of which I thought had been lost but I remember them being displayed on the school walls, I looked at many of them having been sent out of the lesson for misbehaving or cheek.

At the end of the of July, I spoke to Harry Foster, our most famous and accomplished Historian and writer of 14 books on the development of Southport, Birkdale and Ainsdale and the history of Hesketh, Southport and Ainsdale and Hillside Golf Clubs.

I asked if he could give me some background to the development of secondary education, the start at Woodlands and the reason for the move to the present site in Scarisbrick New Road.

Harry, with his usual modesty looked at me and said "I can help you there" my Ph.D. was on the development of Secondary Education in Southport, I know about that.

I then explained that I had a comprehensive photographic record with many papers coming to light.

Again Harry said "I'll write your Book." I was delighted with his offer.

I took Harry to meet Adele in College to discuss the project and there is a very interesting and fascinating story to tell with the centenary of the School and College coming up in 2020. He was shown around the Resource Centre and taken to the complete editions of the Red Rose going back to 1920. Harry was issued with his own badge to give him access to records etc. without a frequent quizzing. Many records have been destroyed but the jig saw can be pieced together with all the other records we have.

In one file I found the Governors reports from Geoffrey Dixon to the Board from 1950 to 1960, apart from those and a brief 1920 to 1970 report done, we have no governors minutes except the last 15 years, my efficient Clerk to the Board, Lady Wendy Moorcroft has kept those filed, but the rest look as if they have been destroyed.

The book will not be a complete photographic record, but Harry suggested that when we have completed the cataloguing and the book that the photographic record should be put "in total" on the College Web site.

This will enable all Old Georgians to download photographs if they wish.

Harry has really got down with writing the story and when necessary he will interview Hilary Anslow and Adele along with my contacting David Arnold for their recollections about the major changes that happened in their time at the College. The years that Geraldine was Principal are known to many ex staff and we will talk to them.

Having been on the Board for 26 years now there are some very interesting stories, when a Boys Grammar school and even more after the School became a College. The move out of Sefton Local Education Authority control, the ultimate loss of £40m rebuild, Sefton's involvement in that loss and the loss of the proposed All Weather Pitch on the playing fields, it can all fill a book and more.

I shall produce a full list of missing team photographs and appeal to Old Georgians for a loan of any to put onto the disc for the web site catalogue. I would ask any Old Georgian who has any artefacts to either give them to the College or allow us to photograph them for the record.

Interestingly I found the key used by Lord Derby to open the school in a junk shop in Liverpool in 1972. I paid £5.00 for it and gave it to the school and it is now in the Principals office. There are a lot of items out there and we would like to see them. When the project is complete they will be displayed and stored at College for Old Georgians to access.

You can contact me via e-mail governor@cybase.co.uk or 01704575102

Harry has a title for the book but that is for the future!

John N Rostron MBE
Chairman Governing Body

KGV STUDENT WINS ACTING AWARD

On December 9th 2013 a film produced jointly by Artworks Pictures and Southport MovieMakers was entered for the North West Film Festival, held at Chads Theatre, Manchester. Of the twelve awards available to the 28 films entries, 'Fork in the Road' won no less than six, one of which was Best Actor, awarded to Robbie Fletcher-Hill. 17-year-old Robbie is a second year student at King George V College, and also a youth member of Southport Dramatic Club.

The film features the Riding Family: 18-year-old Rachael, Michael who is sixteen, ten-year-old Billy, and mother Sally. The story begins with a dramatic scene in which Michael is knocked from his bicycle by a car that has swerved to avoid a speeding stolen van. The boy's injuries are so severe that he is forced to spend the remainder of his life in a wheelchair, resulting in both psychological and physical problems. Despite receiving counselling, he eventually decides to take action against the driver, with devastating consequences.

Robbie's Best Actor Award is very well-deserved, for he undertakes the complex role of a teenager who displays a well-adjusted personality to the world, whilst undergoing haunted anxiety in moments of solitude. Other KGV students who took part in the production were Lewis Simpson, Matthew McBride, Shaun Givens and Mickey Stewart.

The film, which was premiered on 21st November 2013, was written and produced by Paul Bagshaw and directed by Peter Ravenscroft, with additional ideas from David Town. In addition to the Best Actor award for Robbie, the further five commendations received were the Rhyl Cup for Best Club Entry, Best Editing, Best Sound, Best Script & Story, and Best Overall Winner.

Paul Bagshaw (Spencer's 1949-1955)

Class of '67/69 – 2014 Reunion

The Class of 1967 ('o' Levels) is holding a reunion next summer.

It is being arranged by John Fozard and it is being held on Friday June 13th, 2014. Details are on their web site: www.kgvreunion.co.uk, where you can register your interest.

The venue and final details are yet to be confirmed. If you are interested in taking part (partners are invited), then please contact John by email at info@kgvreunion.co.uk

2014 EVENTS

THE OLD GEORGIANS' ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING & DINNER

Thursday 17th April 2014

The Prince of Wales Hotel, Lord Street, Southport (01704 536688)

AGM

Commencing 7pm

- 1 Apologies for Absence
- 2 Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting
- 3 Matters Arising
- 4 Chairman's Report
- 5 Honorary Treasurer's Report
- 6 Educational Foundation Report
- 7 Election of Officers 2014-2015
- 8 With new Chairman presiding: Date of next OG meeting
- 9 Any Other Business

Annual Dinner

Commencing 8pm

4 Courses – Vegetarian option on prior request

Dinner tickets remain at £30 and are available from Jonathan Elliott or Stan Rimmer. Cheques payable to 'Old Georgians Association', in advance please, so that the organiser is not fully occupied pursuing late payers on the evening.

Raffle prizes are welcome.

Cancellations made after **11th April** may not be refundable. Bookings must be confirmed by **11th April** to either Jon Elliott or Stan Rimmer.

!!! NEW to 2014 !!!

OLD GEORGIANS GOLF CHALLENGE – Thursday 17th 2014

The OGA is introducing a new event to the calendar, an *Annual Golf Challenge*. This will be held on the afternoon of the Annual Dinner at a golf course local to Southport and is open to all OGA members. A trophy will be presented to the winner, with prizes awarded to the first four places.

This year's inaugural event will be held at the **Formby Hall Golf Resort & Spa**. Tee off times will commence at noon and continue through to 2pm.

The entry fee is **£40 per player** - £30 for the course fee on their 18 hole course and £10 towards the prize fund. We are requesting the entry fee in advance to ensure that we secure the course for the competition. The closing date to confirm a place will be **Friday March 21st**. We will take later entries if places are still available. Cheques should be made payable to the Old Georgians Association.

Please send you entry fee to Jonathan Elliott as soon as possible. Jonathan is working with Chris Stitson (the real golfer) to organise this and you can also contact Chris for further information if required. Chris' number is 01636 830036 and his email is stitson.chris@btinternet.com. Please send any correspondence by email to both Jonathan and Chris.

Please ensure that you include the following information with the entry fee: Players Name; their handicap; email contact; telephone contact; preferred tee off time; preferred players (to tee off at the same time, max 4 per tee time).

The facilities and catering will be available to you, but there may be an additional charge that you will have to confirm with Formby Hall (01704 875699) quoting our event.

OLD GEORGIANS QUIZ NIGHT – Friday 6th June 2014

Yes. It's back again, but with a new format. What is it? Well, bigger and better than the last 4 years, but just as much fun.

Don't worry about getting your evening meal – the food at the S&B is tasty and plentiful, so the only worrying you need to do is about what to wear for collecting your prize!

This will take place on **Friday 6th June 2014** at the S&B Cricket Club. Doors are open at 7pm with supper being served first, for the quiz to start prompt at 8pm.

Tickets will be available from Jon Elliott & committee members and include a hot supper and a reserved table.

Teams can be UP TO 6 members. Please note teams of 8 and over will be split into at least two teams to be fair. Smaller teams can merge and you can bring more than one team if you wish. Please confirm by Monday 2nd June 2014.

THE GAMES NIGHT – Friday 10th October 2014

The 2014 event will take place at the S&B as usual, 7pm for a 7.30 start. Tickets will be available from Jon Elliott, Stan Rimmer & committee members.

MEMORABILIA

The items below are available at the Annual Dinner or by post from:
Paul Bagshaw, 46 Lyndhurst Road, Southport PR8 4JT. 01704-565075
Ties: Stan Rimmer, 361 Liverpool Rd, Southport PR8 3BT – 01704-576713

Cheques payable to: Old Georgians Association. All items are Post Free.

KGV REMEMBERED DVD – Video programme featuring OG's Reminiscences and photographs from 1920 to 1979 – 81 mins Also available from Broadhurst's Booksellers, Market St, Southport.	£7
GEOFFREY DIXON REMEMBERED DVD – Video of Geoffrey Himself, with tributes from colleagues & former pupils – 87 mins	£7
AERIAL PHOTO of KGV School & College 1980. (A4 Colour)	£5
AERIAL PHOTO of KGV School in 1950s. (A5 B/W)	£5
PHOTOGRAPHS of Southport Pier, the Marine Way Bridge, Lord Street, KGV College in the Snow. (A4 Colour)	£5
75 th ANNIVERSARY RED ROSE BOOK – Stories of KGV (1920-2001) A very small number of this 160-page book now available.	£7
KGV SCHOOL PROSPECTUS 1930. (A5 Facsimile)	£5
OLD GEORGIANS TIE – Black, 2 Red & White Stripes, Red Rose	£9
1930s VINTAGE OLD GEORGIANS TIE – The is Silver, Red & Black and is similar to the Colours Tie.	£18

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