



OLD GEORGIANS
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MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Last years'direct mailing enabled us to check on our address list. A large number (c120) of letters were returned as "address unknown" and we have therefore deleted the addresses but not the members from our lists. If you know of any member who does not receive the newsletter, please ask her or him to write to me at the College with an up-to-date address.

We are very grateful to members who provide information for the newsletter. I am sorry not to be able to reply individually but I hope that an expression of thanks here will be acceptable and will encourage as many of you as possible to fill in this year's information sheet. It is the basis of next year's Newsletter.

College Video

Copies of the new College Promotional Video Film which lasts approximately fifteen minutes are available from the College at a cost of £8 including postage.

CHAIRMAN'S LETTER 1990

Milestones along the progress of the Association and of the College continue to have been reached during recent times. The first decade of the College, the creation of the Memorial Gardens and re-dedication of the original Foundation Stones, and the subsequent disposal of Long Rigg are each such instances, and all were marked and fully recorded as they occurred.

Our affairs, however, are also about personnel and I am very pleased to draw your attention to two very notable members who are deserving of our heartiest congratulations and sincere thanks.

Hillary Royden first undertook the secretarial duties of the Association in 1973, and since that time has continued to fulfil the office for several periods until once more handing over to his successor at the last A.G.M.

Rarely are we able to acknowledge the presence in our company of a Centenarian. I refer, of course, to John Clough and know that he will accept that I am not referring to age but to the duration of his presence on the academic staff at K.G.V. The recent autumn term was his 100th term of service and is a truly remarkable achievement which the Association marked with a small present.

I couple our thanks to these particular gentlemen to those which are also afforded to many others whose interest and support is invaluable for us to prosper.

The Annual Dinner, which by tradition will be held on Maundy Thursday, will take place at the Southport and Birkdale Cricket Club and I look forward to meeting you there.

JOHN R. PILLING

PRESIDENT'S LETTER 1990

The Next Installment From The Mad Hatter's Tea Party

1989 saw the College come to grips with the 1988 Education Reform Act. I am now responsible for finances, marketing and personnel in addition to the usual pedagogic requirements at KGV. Ask any Chief Executive in industry what salary he would demand if required to fill all 3 roles!!! Fortunately I was given one of those gems, so rare now they are practically as extinct as the Dodo. I refer to a sabbatical term. For three months, Christ Church, Oxford, welcomed me and for a moment in time I felt part of the British establishment. Free of responsibilities I read at the Bodleian, wandered through the fragrances of the Oxfordshire lanes and raided the antique shops for plunder. If there is any one thing Mr McGregor would do to raise the morale of teachers it would be to provide all of them, as of right, with a sabbatical term once every eight years. Back at the ranch I faced the challenge of high technology in the guise of a Qume Printer (courtesy of Department of Trade & Industry) and the new Bull Computer. Within two years, the mountains of paper we consume in our quest for administrative efficiency will no longer threaten the survival of the tropical rain forest. Everything will be on disc instead.

The College made headlines in the Times Educational Supplement on two occasions. Mr Lynas and Mr Collier wrote a detailed and impressive article on our experiences in introducing a broader curriculum at this stage. Everyone is now agreed that the old A-Levels are far too specialist and elitist to serve a society which requires far more of its young people to progress through to Higher Education. However, the DES's chosen means - the new AS Exams - may not be considered the best possible format. For KGV however, they have let in some very welcome fresh subjects: - Law, Psychology, Sociology, Business & Industrial Studies meet clear needs. Our initiative put us in the vanguard of curriculum development for Sixth Form Colleges.

Mr Mitchell conducted a survey of the part-time earning capacity of our students. To our amazement, a yearly total of £500,000 was earned. It made us rethink our assumptions about the comparative poverty of students and explained the overflowing student car park: It also raises food for thought

on the national controversy over student loans. Discussions with local employers inevitably showed different priorities but most were sympathetic to our concern about over-loaded students. Paid employment is acceptable as long as it is at the expense of social activities and not academic work. Several colleges contacted us to discuss the implications of our research which was published by the Times Educational Supplement.

Finally may I wish you all a marvellous Annual Dinner. For the first time for 7 years I must send my apologies. Friends invited me to join: them for a Mediterranean Easter Cruise, and with Local Financial Management, competitive tendering and open enrolment facing us, the offer was irresistible. I shall think of you all from the top of the Great Pyramid.

P. Erms.

K.G.V. COLLEGE 1981-1991

In eighteen months' time it will be ten years since the first generation of College students left K.G.V. Over the decade almost 3000 students have passed through the College and they now make up a very significant proportion of Old Georgians. The Committee are hoping to organise some kind of reunion for all former members of the College in the summer of 1991. In order to make this happen, we need an organising committee. If you are willing to take part, please get in touch with me at the college. If you live too far away to get to meetings in Southport but have ideas for the kind of event that would bring in the crowds, write and let me know. If there is a positive response we hope to include full details with next year's Newsletter.

ROGER MITCHELL

BRINGING THE GENERATIONS TOGETHER

The Committee have been looking at ways of getting Old Georgians more involved in the life of the College. All sorts of contacts already exist - through the Governing Body, through important and valued contacts in the Local Community and Higher Education - but there is always room for more and an excellent start to a new venture took place on Wednesday 24th January when Paul Bagshaw persuaded four former Chairmen to come in to put present students on the spot with mock interviews. Trevor Seed and Richard Barnett interviewed potential lawyers and civil servants while Ken Rostron and Alan Chandler dealt with a mixed bunch of future medics and surveyors. Everyone concerned seemed to enjoy the experience. One of the victims commented: "I was pleasantly surprised by the depth and length of the interviews. They were performed in a way that gave a realistic insight into the proper interviews to come. The idea of other candidates watching and then offering praise and criticism, worked well. The questions asked taught me that interviews at this level are difficult and I now feel better prepared." It was agreed to expand the scheme and plans are under way for a further session towards the end of the summer term probably on a Wednesday afternoon between 2.30 pm and 4.30 pm. We would like to widen the range of careers covered and Paul Bagshaw would be delighted to hear from any Old Georgians willing to take part either in July or on future occasions. We particularly hope that some of those who left KGV in the 70's and 80's will be willing to help and that we will be able to have both male and female members on the interview teams.

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NEWS OF OLD GEORGIANS

- Bagshaw P.
(Spencers 49-55) has moved from the Deputy Headship of Ruffwood School to set up a video production company making promotional films for schools.
- Baldwin J.G.
(A1/A9 83-85) graduated from St. John's College, Cambridge in 1989 with a 2:1 in Law and is now reading for the Bar at Gray's Inn and the Inns of Court School of Law in London.
- Bell P. R.
(H4 83-85) at Law School in Chester. Co-owner of a video retail business.
- Booth C.G.
(Rogers 46-52) will soon complete 25 years with Scott Paper Co., Philadelphia U.S.A. my last 2 postings have been as President of the business in Taiwan and currently Director-General of Grupo Crisoba, in Mexico.
- My brother Neil is a G.P. in Barrow-in-Furness and my Brother David is a Dentist in Kendal.
- My Father, as you probably know died many years ago, but my Mother, who taught at School during the war (40-44) is fit and well, living in Kendal, aged 84.
- Brownlow D.E.
(Amers H5 77-82) recruitment Consultant with Accountancy Personnel.
- Cox I.D.D.
(Edwards 76-83) qualified from Oxford University Medical School in July 1989 and is now a Junior House Surgeon at Hereford General Hospital. He stroked Wadham College first VIII to their Blades in the Torpids bumps races in February 1989.
- Firth E.M. Miss
(H6 85-87) currently studying for a B.Sc. in Business and Management at Salford University. She is also Publicity and Distribution Officer for Salford Rag and a member of Salford Ladies Trampoline Team.
- Gorse J.A.
(Woodhams 56-62) promoted to Senior Financial Advisor with Abbey Life Assurance Co.
- Gritten Mark major in Royal Engineers. Awarded MBE for services in Northern Ireland.
- Hamilton E.G.(Miss)
(M4 83-85) graduated from Bristol in 1988 with a 2.2 in Geography and is working for B.R. as a trainee computer programmer in Crewe.
- Hatfield R.G.
(Woodhams 58-65) partner in a consulting engineers firm in South Africa mainly concerned personally with road and bridge construction, and freeway service area contracts. Any visitors to S.A. welcome to contact me - ph.no. 0331-63020(h).
- Hershon Dr. C.P.
(Spencer's 48-55) two new books published this year: "When the Rabbi laughs" and "Judaism, a GCSE Resource Book".
- Hughes Sarah
(A1 84-87) just completing 2nd year of B.Ed. Course at Leeds University. Due to return to North Riding College to take final 2 years of course.
- Kelsall Frank
(53-61) is an Inspector of Historic Buildings for English Heritage. Based in London he has responsibilities for the East Midlands and the North West.
- C.G. Knowles
(Evans 50-57) is Director of Public Relations at the University of Bophuthatswana in Southern Africa and Chief Officer and Secretary of the University Foundation. He serves as a member of the National Executive Council of the Public Relations Institute of Southern Africa and is founder Chairman of PRISA in Bophuthatswana. During 1989 he established the Bophuthatswana Centre of the St. John Ambulance Foundation and is Chairman of St. John in that country.
- I.M.Knowlson Business Development Manager of Myriad Computer Services and responsible for setting up the Company's new Northern Division. Getting married in June.
- McLean I.P.
(Hollands 75-81) graduated from Manchester University in 1984 (Physiology) and 1987 (Medicine) with University Full Colours in Orienteering in 1984. After completing posts at Hope Hospital, Salford and the Royal Preston Hospital soon to become a Temporary Lecturer in Anatomy at Glasgow University. Assistant Medical Officer to British Orienteering Squad.

McLean P.A. (Spencers 49-56)	is Consul General at the British Consulate in Boston, Massachusetts.	Thomson R.C. Miss (M2 84-86)	graduated in July 1989 with a B.A.Hons in Physics and Theoretical Physics from Cambridge University. Studying for a Ph.D in the Metallurgy Department at Cambridge sponsored by National Power.
Murgatroyd A. (Evans 46-51)	is a Captain with Singapore Airlines and married Wanda Gwendolyn Mead of Santa Monica, California on 20th April 1988.	Town D.N. (Edwards 52-59)	has been Knowsley Borough Statementing Officer since January 1989.
Murphy L.P. (Miss) (84-86)	completed degree in Geography at Hull University and is now working at the United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority at Harwell Laboratory in Oxfordshire.	Trueman B.W. (Spencer's 41-46)	is a professor and examiner at the London College of Music, and has been appointed organist of St. Giles-in-the-Fields Church, London.
Newton A.C. (Woodhams/E6 75/83)	graduated from Sheffield University in 1988 with a degree in Dental Surgery, now working in General Practice in Doncaster.	Walkingshaw F.M.A. (A5 85-87)	currently in the 2nd year of a four year degree course, reading Law and French at the University of Wales, College of Cardiff and will be spending next year in Nantes.
Newton D.C. (Rogers 60-67)	has been Deputy Headteacher of Whiston Higherside Comprehensive School since January 1989.	Whalley M. (Evans/P2 77-84)	graduated from Sheffield Polytechnic in December 1988 with a degree in Manufacturing Systems Engineering. Now working for M.K. Electric Ltd., in London as a Management Assistant.
Proctor M. (Spencers/E4 74-81)	now studying for a degree in the History of Art at Leicester University. On course to take over the country by 1995 and return it to some degree of sanity.	Wright A.S. (Gears 56-63)	Is living in Caversham, Berkshire, and has lubricants marketing responsibility for Esso Petroleum in the Middle East, Mediterranean and African Regions.
Stitson Chris (73-81)	is taking a temporary and well-earned break from his role as Old Georgians Newsletter Editor to concentrate on his work in Bristol and his new parental responsibilities.	Williams A.R. (P div. 85-87)	studying Production Engineering at Birmingham University. Captain of University Orienteering Club.
Sutcliffe D.R. (Gears 55-62)	was promoted Lieutenant-Colonel and appointed as the Deputy Director of the Royal Oman Police Airwing in October 1988. Married with 2 daughters, permanent home is now in Cascais, Portugal.		
Taylor M.N. (Spencers/P1 75-82)	obtained B.Sc. in Metallurgy from Newcastle University in 1987. Currently managing a bowling centre in Streatham.		
Timmerman J.W. (E5 82-84)	graduated from Reading University in 1988 with First Class Honours Degree in Food Technology. Now working for Tesco Head Office as a food technologist in Hertfordshire.		

OBITUARY

It is with regret that we report the deaths of the following Old Georgians.

Dr A.M. Abrahams.

G.K. Bridge (Greer's 1931-6) died November 1989. He was the first post-war Chairman of the Old Georgians.

Roy Knapman (Greer's 1952-60) died in October 1989 after a heart attack. He was Deputy Head at Litherland High School and a keen local cricketer.

Canon Stanley Leatherbarrow (1921-6) died April 1989.

Donald Patison (Evans 1950-6) died in December 1989 in Johannesburg, South Africa after a six month illness. The Old Georgians were represented at the funeral by C.G. Knowles (1950-7).

K.M. Smith (1931-6).

Members will be sad to hear that Hubert Evans who taught at the school from 1929-67 died on Saturday 27th January 1990 at the age of 87. Both the College and the Association were represented at the funeral.

George Wakefield writes

"Hubert Evans will be remembered among the longest serving teachers at King George V School, and as one of the best-loved. He was appointed in 1929 and remained until his retirement in 1967. Ivor Evans, arriving some years before him, was nicknamed Taffy and indomitable schoolboy originality obliged them to be known to generations of pupils as Big Taffy and Little Taffy, a distinction of seniority rather than stature.

For many years he taught mainly French and Latin, changing later to English as his principal subject. He was responsible, in the days before the school meals service, for the organisation of dinners; He was an able and enthusiastic swimming instructor and under his tuition the school twice won the Darnell Excellence Trophy for life-saving awards, competed for by all schools in the country; he took great pleasure in coaching junior rugby teams and from 1952 he was Greer's Housemaster.

He was a man of great good sense and good humour. Even to the last he had an astonishing memory for names, faces and events because he enjoyed life and made it enjoyable for others."

MICHAEL COULSON

The recent Newsletter brought me the sad report of Michael Coulson's death some time ago about which, to my great regret, I had not previously heard. He and I were professional colleagues, and it can only be because of my retirement more than three years back that I had lost touch and so did not know. Michael was an ornament to the legal profession and widely respected not only in these parts where he mainly practised but much further afield. His friends in Wigan will have missed him greatly, and so do all of us here and hereabouts. We sympathise with his Wife, who herself was a practising Barrister, and with Michael's family in their loss.

To complete the record, Michael, (M.H. Coulson L1.M.), was in Spencer's House from 1932 until 1939. I was in Mason's from 1931 until 1938 and so we "overlapped" in our time at School. More than that, we were in the same Form although he was nearly a year younger than I. This was because he was a bright boy, and I wasn't! And George Wakefield was in the same Form, too.

Our School "generation" was very much the one which left School and went almost straight into the War. The War Memorial carries the names of many who were our contemporaries and friends, several out of that same Form whom we never saw again, and including Eric Ackroyd alongside whom I served in the Royal Air Force for all too short a time in 1941 before he lost his life flying.

We, then, were close enough to the very start of K.G.V. to be part of the still present excitement and feeling of pioneering adventure which was our environment in those early days even though we might not always have realised it at the time. Five of the eight houses, including my own, were led by their original Masters from whom they took their names. We would never have accepted that our School had no more than another fifty years to live any more than we could have believed that we should, all too soon, see the dissolution of the British Empire. They were historic times in so many ways. Those of us who were there will never forget that December day in 1936 when our lessons were interrupted as we were directed to assemble in the Dining Hall to hear the broadcast by our King telling us of his decision to abdicate the Throne: we whose School proudly bore the name of his late Father, one of only three Schools anywhere, I understand, to have that honour, and the only one in Britain, most certainly.

So Michael Coulson's passing is part of the passing of a generation which in loyalty has served our School and our Nation well and with dignity and honour and justifiable pride. To be at K.G.V. then, as always, was a privilege and made us forever part of a great brotherhood so that the loss of one is to the desolation of all of us. He himself, in the School's Golden Jubilee book of 1970 wrote the words which said it all, and it is as a tribute to him and a kind of personal memory that I quote him thus: "I can but repeat the overall impression with which I started, that those were the happy Summer days and that life was, in fact, good and hopeful in the Thirties at K.G.V. However, this may be at variance with some sociologist's or historian's view of the period with hindsight, the testimony of life itself must be that good days they were". Michael was right. He made his vital contribution to those good days and for that we are ever grateful to him for that we shall remember him.

OLD GEORGIANS ANNUAL DINNER

SOUTHPORT AND BIRKDALE CRICKET CLUB

THURSDAY 12TH APRIL 1990

The County Cricket Ground in Trafalgar Road is once again our choice for the Annual Dinner and we are hoping for a hat trick of successes on Thursday 12th April.

Mrs Evans is unable to attend this year's dinner. We are very pleased that Geoffrey Dixon has accepted our invitation to preside.

Our guest speaker will be Ken Edwardson (Leech's 45-53), Consultant Surgeon at Clatterbridge Hospital.

The Menu will be as follows:-

Cream of Tomato Soup

Spinach and Herb Cheese Mousse

Roast Gammon and Cumberland Sauce
with Carrots and Broad Beans
Croquette and New Potatoes

Fresh Fruit Salad with Shortbread

Cheese and Biscuits

Coffee and Mints

Dinner will be at 8.00pm preceded by the AGM at 7.00pm.

Tickets cost £12.00 and are available from :-

Stan Rimmer 76713
Other Committee Members
Roger Mitchell at KGV 30601

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

DATE : Thursday 12th April, 1990.

TIME : 7.00 pm

VENUE : Southport & Birkdale Cricket Club.

Provisional Agenda.

1. Apologies
2. Minutes of Last Annual General Meeting.
3. Matters Arising
4. Chairman's Report
5. Hon. Treasurer's Report
6. Election of Officers for 1990-1991
7. Report on KGV Educational Foundation
8. Any Other Business.

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