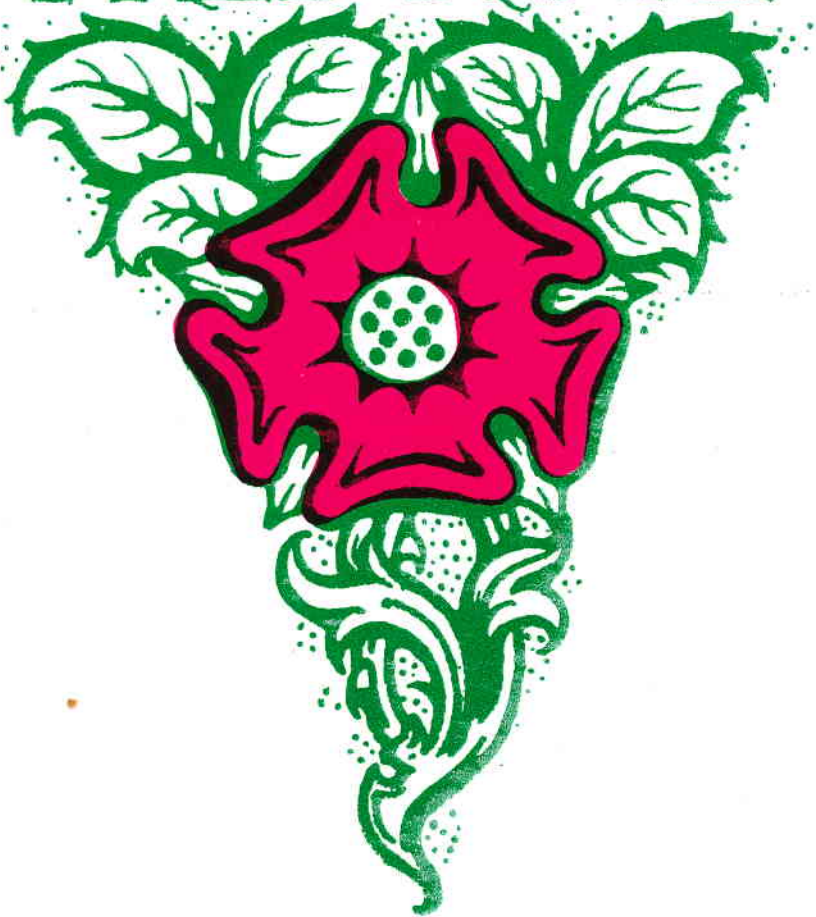


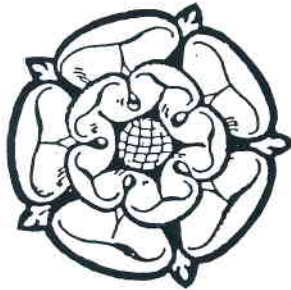
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President's Letter

As we come to the end of 2001 I realise that I will be completing my tenth year as Principal of King George V College. I first took up the post on 1st January 1992. A whole decade! We have seen a lot of changes during that time. We have twice the number of teenage students (now 1200), and at least that number of adults in the evening on shorter courses (there were none in 1992). We have more staff and lovely new buildings.

The opening of the Fearn Building and Geoffrey Dixon Lecture Theatre were highlights this year. We are pleased and proud to honour Ronnie Fearn and Geoffrey Dixon in this way as a mark of gratitude and respect for their outstanding contributions to the town and to King George V School and College.

Very many thanks to you as Old Georgians for your continued outstanding support for the modern expansion and development of the College. Your gift of £2500 to help equip the Geoffrey Dixon Lecture Theatre with air conditioning has helped to make it a truly outstanding facility. We do not have the old school's wonderful oak seating, which Geoffrey Dixon reliably informs us is now in a pub in the Lake District! We do, however, have comfortable chairs and a state of the art technical computer whiteboard facility - no dusty chalk in sight and, thanks to you, the ideal temperature at all times of the year.

In October, our celebration of the 75th anniversary of the dedication and opening of the then new King George V School on the Scarisbrick New Road site in 1926 was held in the Geoffrey Dixon Lecture Theatre, but it was not equipped at that stage. I particularly enjoyed hearing the stories of those early days, with the nicknames, the pranks played by the boys, and the punishments given by the teachers, told by Tommy Booth and Ronnie Lloyd,

Throughout my ten years, the support and guidance of our Chairman of Governors, John Rostron, and Old Georgian members of the Board - Rob Fletcher, Eric Usher, Ronnie Fearn, Chris Baker and Paul Bagshaw - have been invaluable. I owe them a particular debt of gratitude. Paul is leaving the Board at the end of December. I will miss him. He has made an outstanding contribution and goes with my sincere thanks and best wishes for the continued success of his two ever-growing enterprises. Have you bought his new book yet? It is a good read for anyone with Southport and KGV connections.

Hilary Anslow
Principal, KGV College

Chairman's Letter

2001's Annual Dinner was a special occasion. KGV celebrated its 75th Anniversary, Geoffrey Dixon - an impossible act to follow - was in the Chair, and the venue for the function was moved from Southport & Birkdale Cricket Club to the impressive Formby Hall Golf Club. Whilst I am always being told that change is inevitable, it was nice to see that much stays the same. Hilary Anslow reported that the College was continuing to be very successful, the Chairman's speech was excellent, much beer was drunk, and I had the same 'you stole my girlfriend, you swine,' conversation with Johnny Cook.

To celebrate this significant year, we were able to donate £2,500 to the College, contributing to the Geoffrey Dixon Lecture Theatre in the new Fearn Building. I was lucky to be able to present the cheque during the November Music Concert at the College, where an impressive array of talent was on show. Prior to this, I was given a tour of the College by Assistant Principal, Peter Comfort, during which I encountered a few 'Ah, Bond, I remember you,' comments from the old guard, and was enthused by the high standards still being set and achieved.

I guess the highest compliment is wanting to send your own children to the College. Both myself and my father (who, incidentally, was very lucky to win the Darts Tournament this year) went through KGV School and Sixth Form, and I am now keen to encourage my children to apply to one of the best colleges in the country.

Long may the College and the Old Georgians Association prosper.

Steve Bond
Chairman, Old Georgians' Association

Editorial

It has been something of a relief this year not to have to face the production of a magazine comparable in size to last year's issue. However, the 75th Anniversary edition has attracted e-mails and letters in much greater numbers than in previous years, and it has not always been possible to respond to them as promptly as I would have wished. I well understand that someone who sends in a written article for the Red Rose from the other side of the world expects to receive an acknowledgement. However, as long as I remain unretired, this is not always possible within a reasonable time, and I hope that Old Georgians understand.

A further unforeseen outcome of last year's magazine is the belief that the Red Rose is able to answer questions that only an archivist could deal with. One Old Georgian asked to know the KGV House of the RAF Officer who addressed a school assembly in 1942 and was later killed in action. As it turned out, the answer was found, but only by searching for his name through Sports Day reports in the Red Rose issues of the period. Nevertheless, since these enquiries reflect a growing interest in KGV and its history, we can only be pleased at its flourishing.

Particular dedication to the task of uncovering information about former pupils is found in a document produced with considerable effort and dedication by Ian Livesley. It identifies information relating to 78 of the 80 Old Georgians who lost their lives in World War II, described in further detail, including names, later in this magazine.

This year's magazine has fewer 'biographies', but a much larger number of e-mails. This is a reflection of the advance of new technology and the increasing popularity of the website Guest Book. It may now be a good time to ask if some Old Georgians would be quite happy to read the Red Rose on the website, rather than receive it by post. Clearly, if sufficient of you were to agree to this, the Association could make savings on printing and postage costs. If you do not need to receive hard copy next year, please send the new Red Rose Editor, Alan Bond, an e-mail at: alan@abond86.freerve.co.uk

Yes, Alan Bond is taking over the Red Rose magazine after this issue has been produced, and I am most grateful to him. For myself, I shall miss the interest of reading and processing your news and articles, but not the time it takes, because business pressure has made finding magazine editing time exceedingly difficult. Nevertheless, I shall continue to be involved with distributing items of OG memorabilia, and I thank you all for your interest and support over the past five years.

Paul Bagshaw
Red Rose Editor

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75th Anniversary Dinner

Maundy Thursday, 12th April 2001 at Formby Hall Golf Club

The special occasion, the Chairmanship of Geoffrey Dixon, the Presidency of Hilary Anslow, the guest speaker Trevor Williams, the excellent bumper Red Rose and the splendid venue, all stimulated a great deal of interest in the 2001 OG Annual Dinner. About two hundred guests enjoyed the event, almost double the usual attendance. Many former pupils were present for the first time, lots of KGV friendships were rekindled and scores of pledges were made to attend again in 2002. The hugely enjoyable evening raised nearly £2000 for good causes supported by your Association. Very many thanks to all the following guests and, in particular, to the tireless and highly efficient organiser of the event, Stan Rimmer.

DINNER GUESTS

Hilary Anslow, John Anslow, Joe Abram, Bob Abram, Peter Aughton, Richard Aughton, Colin Andrews, Rob Anderson, John Brassey, Geoff Barnes, Rod Bradbury, Richard Barnett, Duncan Bibby, Stephen Bell, Neil Booth, Graham Booth, Alan Bond, Stephen Bond, Adrian Brown, Paul Bagshaw, Peter Beetham, Mike Bibby, Peter & Mrs Brunt, David Brown, Steven Brooks, Alan Bradley, John Ball, Duncan Burton, Martin Chong, Eddie Cowen, Paul Cutner, Ian Champion-Smith, Jonathan Cooke, Michael Chalke, Denis Cox, Ian Cox, Geoff Cummins, John Duffy, Geoffrey Dixon, Nancy Dixon, Reg Dixon, Alan Davies, Alan Dickinson, Ken & Mrs Edwardson, Jon Elliott, Mick Enright, Ronnie Fearn, Rob Fletcher, Vic Fletcher, John Fairclough, Martin Fearn, Darrell Farrant, Mike Forster, Harry Foster, Mark Fletcher, Carl Fletcher, Alan Fleetwood, Ian Gibson, John Gall, Matthew Greenhalgh, Ralph Gregson, Paul Gubbins, Derek Holden, Bill Howard, Gary Hughes, David Howgate, Brian Henshaw, Harry Herbert, Peter Hulme, Philip Holland, John Hoyle, Roger Hargreaves, Des Hughes, Mike Hyde, John Hyde, David Harrison, Philip Halsall, Mike Halsall, Kirstie Howard, Stuart Hoghton, John Hepworth, Dave Heslegrave, Bob Hayden, Andrew Hudson, Ian Hudson, Robert Jackson, Richard Jenkin, Brian Johnson, Allan Jones, Ray Jeffs, Jack Kitchen, Peter Kenyon, Dave Karsa, John Kermode, Alison Kinge, Ian Kettle, Albert King, Colin Knowles, Henry Laycock, Martin Lockyer, Catherine Lapsley, Gordon Lees, Simon Livesley, Bob Lindsay, Mike Lowe, Peter Longhurst, John Maclachlan, Jim Marsh, Andrew Malley, Jake Martindale, Phil McLean, Bob Mentha, Tony Milner, Steve Mallinder, Belinda Miller, Paul Merone, Mike Millward, Paul Millward, John Marshall, Sue Newton, Graham Ostick, Grenville Ostick, Eric Ogden, David Ogden, John Pickard, Don Porter, Denis Pulman, Nick Pulman, John Pilling, Graham Pearce, Geoff Pierce, Cedric Platt, Ken Priestley, Tony Platt, Stan Rimmer, Pat Rimmer, Frank Rimmer, Trevor Rimmer, Arthur Rimmer, Alan Rimmer, Alex Rimmer, Hilary Royden, John Rostron, Jocelyne Rostron, Sarah Rostron, Peter K Rostron, Peter S Rostron, Steve Ridley, Mike Ratcliffe, Barry Ramm, Trevor Seed, Geoff Stocker, John Stocker, Keith Shorrock, Brian Shorrock, Mark Sutcliffe, Derek Steele, Jim Stanley, Roger Shaw, Ian Smith Crallan, Andrew Seddon, Andrew Sweeney, Noel Shearer, John Seddon, Chris Stitson, Steve Tasker, Mike Thompson, Chris Threlfall, Dave Thompson, Graham Thompson, Steve Threlfall, Chris Taylor, Brian Viner, Peter Vickers, Michael Williamson, Mike Wareing, Ian Williams, David Williams, Chris Winnard, Nigel Walsh, Trevor & Mrs Williams, Peter Walker, Stuart Wincer, John Weber, Paul Walton, Robin Williams, Louise Walker, Len Watson, Chris Wood, Geoff Watkinson, David Wareing, John Wainwright, Kevin Watkins.

N8NY calling G4DF

By radioteletype, Arnold Charnley in Michigan (N8NY) is calling Brian Slatter in Warwickshire (G4DF). They pool their KGV memories: ...of the school sinking, so that a cricket ball would roll to the middle of the long corridor...of my father teaching French as he did, and being 'Froggie', so that I had no option but to be 'Tadpole', mercifully shortened to 'Tad'...of G.C.D.Mason with his wonderful diction teaching the beauties and the integrity of Physics...of Higham doing similarly in Chemistry. He made nitro-glycerine from simple ingredients, explained that only the area under the hammer would detonate, and proceeded to demonstrate the truth of his statement...of Aubrey Payne, who allowed his pacifist views to colour his teaching, and whose son - schooled at home - came to KGV unequipped to manage the slings and arrows of outrageous boys...of Mayne who, despite a grim countenance, was a wonderful Scoutmaster...of Ralph Thomson who, despite the loss of an arm during World War I, loved all things German, a position difficult for many of us to understand. Later, I got to know him well, and found him to be a charming and generous man.

...of being a duffer at cricket, handicapped by poor eyesight, but of executing a late cut which went for four runs...of returning to the pavilion prepared to bask in glory, only to overhear 'not bad for Charnley'...of S.K.Runcorn who was given his FRS for his work on the Earth's magnetic field, but who was remembered for his prowess at swimming - he could traverse the length of the long bath with no visible effort whatsoever...of John Culshaw who was so meek as to be considered ineffective, but who joined the renaissance Decca Record Company and who produced the first worthwhile recording of the 'Ring', and who thereby made Wagner accessible to at least one grateful listener - a recording which is still the touchstone by which all others are judged. May KGV live and prosper into the unknown future.

Arnold Charnley (Mason's 1932-39)

Bringing Back Memories

The 2001 Red Rose brought back many memories of interesting times, both in and out of school. I was one of the group who started in September 1939 and, as is well documented, there was a certain happening on the 3rd of that month which not only affected our style of living, but certainly caused us to think about what the future held. Perhaps we were deprived, because all the exciting clubs and societies in the School Prospectus were suspended and we had to find diversions elsewhere. Deprivation was short-lived, and there were other pressing interests, like anti-gas training, mastering the technology of the stirrup-pump, and

learning to get about in the black-out without bumping into too many people or objects. When I think back, most of my memories of KGV are positive. The School functioned on the strength of first-class organisation and careful management, and the ethos was the pursuit of excellence. The Head and masters made every effort to ensure that we achieved our potential under conditions that were as normal as possible.

I left at the end of the 1945 summer term and, during the six years, there were 'highs' and 'lows'. The 'highs' were the continual successes - State Scholarships, Exhibitions and other academic achievements; sports successes and the winning of the Royal Lifesaving Society's Darnell Excellence Trophy. Most of the 'lows' were personal, trivial and forgettable, but there were two exceptions. These were the assemblies when the Head told of Old Boys who had been killed on active service. The Roll of Honour lengthened and, as we grew older, names had a greater impact because they changed from people we had only heard of to those we had known as our seniors. The other 'low' - to some - was the National Registration of all young men on reaching the age of 16. Introduced in 1941, this measure served as a stark reminder that, whatever career you were hoping to follow, it would be interrupted when you were 18 by the 'gap years' of compulsory military service.

In October 1945 I went to Goldsmith's College for teacher training, and then the 'gap years' intervened. Southport was still my home but, like many of my contemporaries, I moved out and moved on. Each time I returned I was conscious of being an observer rather than a participant in the changes that were taking place and, because I stayed in the Army, visits tended to be at irregular intervals. Occasionally there were shocks when I came back - like driving along Scarisbrick New Road in the 1980s and seeing a building site where the school used to be! However, I was not totally in the dark because my late stepmother, whom 39-45-ers will remember as Miss James, (a temporary wartime Science teacher) kept me in full touch with developments.

During my career in Army, in education and subsequent involvement in civilian training, KGV was always at the back of my mind as a model of good educational practice. Apart from the methods and the organisation of the School, there were many pearls of wisdom cast before us - like Bill Marsden's constant reminder to look at any problem or situation in the sequence: 'Cause, Course, Results', and Joe Mayne's apt description of certain mathematical processes as 'Hard? No. Tedious? Very!' Perhaps a future edition of the Red Rose could include a glossary of these and other 'sayings of the great'!

Brian Whittle (Leech's 1939-45)

Plus ça change...?

• Old Georgians must feel indebted to Paul Bagshaw for his splendid 75th Anniversary edition of the Red Rose. Apart from simply charting the historical changes, its contents evoke such happy memories and gratitude for the gifts so freely given. However, contributors from the College appear to suggest that certain giant leaps for mankind first appeared in their time. Specifically, Maurice Amer refers to the appearance of girl students, and Curriculum 2000 is described as the first change in A level education for 50 years. Not so. Such innovations were to be found during my time.

For various reasons, the then Girls High School lacked teachers for A level Mathematics. Consequently, KGV classes taught by the 'Saint' were attended by Mary Sefton who sat, fenced-in by two lines of empty desks. Similarly, at shared events, the lads were isolated like lepers from the fragrant High School girls by the centre aisle of our Main Hall and patrolling prefects. By a strange coincidence, during a vocational job at English Electric in Stafford in 1955, I briefly encountered Mary who was calculating the vibrational modes of turbo-alternator designs. Who's our first 'Old Girl' now?

In the Red Rose 2000, I mentioned the radical Upper Sixth Form courses of Geoffrey Dixon. Their Baccalaureate styles strongly resemble the Curriculum 2000. For instance, science students attended classes in History, Economics, German and an introduction to Philosophy given by the 'Boss' himself. With Ike Higham, he raised my horizon and sparked a lifetime's interest in self-improvement. My best wishes accompany the present generation into their exciting future.

Brian Knowles (Leech's 1949-54)

A View from Underneath

I failed the 11 plus exam in 1949. A year later I was being interviewed, with my mother, by G.F. Dixon MA in his office. He appeared a severe man, but he deemed us acceptable, and I entered Form IIIB the following September. Thanks to my grandfather's income and to his determination, I had been tutored after school by a Mr Evans, whom I later recognised as 'Middle Taff'. I found the lessons difficult, but they helped me through two exams that Spring and into Mr Dixon's study. I imagine that the education I had been receiving at Bickerton House School in Birkdale was scarcely geared to the requirements of the 11 plus.

Being placed in the lowest of the three streams would have seemed appropriate for a marginal entrant like me. I imagine the theory was that, when talent displayed itself (or failed to do so), boys would be

moved rapidly from stream to stream as appropriate. In practice, it seemed that the movement upwards from the B stream was rather rare - at least, I didn't notice it. Movement downwards, which meant across the field to Meols Cop, was occasionally put forward by some teachers as a terrible fate, even a threat, but again it seemed very infrequent. Movement to the top Trans Form would have been particularly difficult, I later learned, because they had started Latin and it would have been a stretch to catch up. Incidentally, since Latin was still a requirement for entry to Oxford and Cambridge in those days, most of us were, in effect, discouraged from that ambition at age eleven. Recall that these were the days when, due largely to the theories of the (later) notorious psychologist Sir Cyril Burt, it was widely believed that one's academic rank could be determined at the age of eleven. My contemporaries across the field at the Secondary Modern School would doubtless have been pleased by this reassurance.

I found IIIB (and IV and Lower V and Upper V) congenial to me and I made some firm friends, Gordon Singleton and Alan Hilson among them. The work was not very difficult for me and I was only occasionally alarmed. The main threat was Rubberneck who took us for both Geometry and Gym, and there was an implicit connection between the two: weakness in Geometry meant the threat of boxing, which appalled me, in the next Gym lesson. Since I was not a mechanical boy, I found Woodwork rather an ordeal, but Mr Long was not a frightening man. Academically I sank immediately to the lower depths, every term ranking in the bottom three in a class of about thirty, until late in the Upper Fifth.

I immensely enjoyed playing football with a school rugby ball every dinner hour on the patch of grass between the senior end of the school and Scarisbrick New Road. To control the oval ball took a great deal of skill, and the unpredictable bounce gave a chance to everyone who played. I joined the School Scout Troop under Mr Long and went with them to the summer camp at the top of the Rheidol Valley, which leads inland from Aberystwyth, but I must have felt not quite comfortable with the troop and soon dropped out. My passionate interests were forming outside the school orbit. These were not untypical for a boy of my class at that period - stamp collecting, train-spotting, snooker and, most of all, the Air Training Corps, to which a number of the B stream belonged. This was 281 Squadron whose headquarters were (and still are) in a converted Sunday School in Aughton Road, Birkdale.

In Upper VB I got lucky. Mr (Bill) Woodcock took us for English Literature, and he saw some merit in a melodramatic essay I wrote based on the recent Lynmouth flood disaster. He had a ready smile and I liked him, so when he encouraged me to work for the O level trials, I tried out the new experience. It worked. So I left my thirty other classmates to the perils of

the labour market and entered the Sixth Form. Singleton joined his father's building firm and Hilson went as an apprentice to Metropolitan Vickers in Trafford Park. What happened to the others I don't know, but would like to. I then had the pleasure of being taught by George Wakefield, a man whose intelligence and integrity shone out. And I was taught Economics in the Upper Sixth by the charmingly enthusiastic Peter Longhurst. I feel gratitude towards them both.

In the Sixth Form I moved, if not full ahead, perhaps half ahead. But it was enough to get me to Liverpool University, then to Cambridge. A Ph.D was the passport to an academic career, not yet ended, of modest distinction. Some would say that academic life provides shelter for the idle. This is true, of course, but not perhaps the whole story.

Tony Lancaster (Grear's 1950-56)

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KGV Video didn't tell the whole story

I have just received the video 'KGV Remembered' as a Christmas present from my mother who still lives in Southport. I found it a fascinating retrospect on the School, but also found certain aspects of it a little disappointing. This is largely because most of the contributors emphasised the sporting side of KGV, and those of us who got our extra-curricular satisfaction from music and drama were somewhat ignored. I attended the school from 1956 to 1963, when I went on a State Scholarship to Cambridge. I have a huge amount to look back on with great pleasure, and would like to mention just a few things.

In the video, school plays were mentioned, but little of the contribution of Mr Brian Johnson who took over their direction from George Wakefield. I took part in Mr Johnson's first production (at least, I think it was), 'Murder in the Cathedral', when I was one of the chorus. I very much remember the wonderful performance of the actor who played Becket, and also Mr Johnson's chain-smoking while he tried to learn the part at the very last minute of an actor who turned up very late for one of the performances. Luckily, he didn't have to go on stage. I played small parts in most of the other productions after that, including 'Twelfth Night' and 'Spring 1600', and then a rather larger part in 'The Strong are Lonely'. The introduction to acting has lived with me throughout my life, and I have since obtained great satisfaction of playing a number of roles for our local Amateur Dramatic Society.

Another teacher who had a great influence was Mr Roy Rimmer. The quality of performance he obtained from his Madrigal Choir was truly outstanding, and I have wonderful memories (and a tape) of his final Carol Service in 1962 at Holy Trinity. We used to sweep the board at the local

music festival, and would give many performances outside the School. We also went once to Manchester to be recorded by the BBC. I don't think our performances were ever broadcast, but the experience was one to remember. Roy gave me a good deal of encouragement in my music and his influence has stayed with me, particularly in my work as director of music at our local parish church.

Alan Lessiter was mentioned briefly by 'Tom' Long, and he was, indeed, a master feared by many of the younger boys. However, when one got into the sixth form and showed some interest in his subject, Maths, things changed rather. I remember when he used to bring the Sunday Times Brain Teaser in on a Monday morning and use it to illustrate some aspect of what we were studying, and he also gave me great personal encouragement. Another master I remember with affection was Mr Hankinson, who really supported my interest in Chemistry in the sixth form. I went on to study the subject at university and obtained a Ph.D in Physical Chemistry before making my subsequent career in computer software.

Finally, of course, Geoffrey Dixon was a formidable influence. My first real encounter with him was as our Physics teacher in the Upper Fifth, and later I was one of a group who went on a climbing holiday in North Wales with him. I never took to rock climbing, but I still enjoy hill and mountain walking, and maybe the pleasure stems from the introduction he gave me to Britain's wilder places. No, KGV wasn't just for sportsmen.

Michael Williamson (Mason's 1956-63)

Remembering Teachers

Watching the 'KGV Remembered' video programme reminded me what a tremendous effect those seven years at the School had on our lives, and how much we owe to the excellent teachers.

It was heart-warming to see 'Tom' Long going so strong in the video, so I was especially saddened to read of his sudden death. I took woodwork for five years, and the skills he taught me have resulted in no end of structures around my home in Fife. Peter Thompson mentioned me in his e-mail to the Red Rose and his comments on our early Rugby together set me thinking. Our first away game was at Bishop's Court, a prep school in Formby, where they had been playing the game since nursery school and had over 100 boys on the touchline chanting 'Come on, BC!'. We went down 11-3. We did improve as we got older and gave Cowley Grammar School a bloody nose once or twice. As tight-head prop, the growth of adolescent stubble was brought to good use in chin fights during scrums. A loose head prop at Wigan Grammar (we were amused at a notice in the school saying 'no smoking in the corridors') called Seamus and I developed a friendly

prop-to-prop rivalry over the years. He turned up for one game with his chin plastered with a foul-smelling cream (I reckoned it was pit-pony liniment) and took great delight in transferring most of it onto me during the game. In the Navy, I played rugby in some exotic Far East places, and also used my expertise as an anchor in tug-of-war competitions.

I felt I must pay tribute to the fine men who taught me at KGV. Even 40 years later, as a retired Naval officer and experienced teacher in my own right, I still greet them with 'Hello, sir'. Dr Haigh, who taught me Physics, was very much the perfectionist. The height of my achievement was to present him with a homework that had taken me most of one Sunday to complete, and to receive the comment 'Fair'. Geoffrey Dixon, who taught practical Physics to me in Up.5 Tr.Sc, was very keen on the class learning about double-pole double-throw switches, and I remember struggling to draw the circuit diagrams. I have not touched them in the intervening time, but I now use them in a Higher Physics experiment at school. He was also an enthusiastic 'cellist, and took great pleasure in demonstrating wave motion to us on the strings of the instrument.

In my last three years I had Mr Lessiter (Neb) for Maths. A triple period first thing on a Friday morning was in the Geography block, heated by overhead gas fires. The room became rather fuggy after an hour, but he would never open a window, believing that suffocation was preferable to hypothermia. In Chemistry I had the benefit of a year of I. C. (Elsie) Hargreaves in the 4th Form. He was a fine teacher, even spending a short time writing left-handed on the board whilst his writing hand was in plaster. Being a big man - in every way - he kept an eye on my increasing stature and liked to say, 'You might be big, Salt, but I'm bigger'. Mr Higham would spend much time talking about his beloved Wigan, and Mr Hankinson would fill the blackboard with organic chemistry equations faster than we could copy them down.

I took post-O level English with Mr (Dougie) Wakefield who once told me to 'Stop committing bloody murder, Salt!', when I was despatching a fly at the back of the classroom. In History, Mr Steane used to put the fear of God in me on the day following homework, but Mr Honey was a complete contrast, having History neatly packed into handy-sized paragraphs. In sport I have to thank Messrs Smith, Abram and Gale. Mr Smith made a very successful transfer from PE to Maths and gave me an excellent foundation in the subject in the 4th Form. These three men put in a lot of their own time, both on the Rugby field and on the athletics track, and for this I shall always be grateful. The School was a fine institution, and G F Dixon and his staff deserve our lifelong gratitude.

Steve Salt (Leech's 1956-63)

Perceptions and Perspectives in the '70s

At KGV I made it my aim to interest and motivate the junior forms I taught, in the hope that this would counteract any incipient indifference or subsequent teenage rebelliousness. At our first meeting, however, the Headmaster sounded seriously sceptical. Indeed, about forms and form masters Geoffrey Dixon was emphatic: 'We have a house system here.' But in the staff room I gathered there were major concerns which rankled. Expansion of the House system to include tutors meant that the established housemasters were now expected to act as form masters as well, and so several of them decided to call for assistance in order to perform these extra duties.

Les Hargreaves, the Deputy Head and a renowned diplomat, rose to the challenge. 'I hope you are settling in, Barry...' he said kindly. 'I wonder if you would like to volunteer to be an assistant form master? We have vacancies for newcomers and you would be getting to know more of the pupils...if you would like to assist Mr Smith with Lower 5 B...' He paused ominously and I gasped. It was generally known that a rare consensus of staff believed only Harry Smith was capable of sorting out the mega-problem posed by *the* L5B (Year 10) - the catalogue of their misdeeds was without precedent and, alarmingly, the pattern of their behaviour seemed set to continue.

Harry Smith's own assessment of L5B took me somewhat by surprise. 'Not a bad lot, really...you'll see.' Then, with Harry looking very businesslike, we decided to divide the chores down the middle. The writing of end of term reports struck me as archaic because we would have to copy out the comments of every subject report, and then onto a broadsheet too. Harry slowly shook his head and eloquently expressed his dislike of the whole procedure. 'Do feel free to watch how I take registration,' he suggested. 'My methods may seem old-fashioned to you. I say what's what in words they can all understand.'

When L5B trooped in for registration, Harry had a serious countenance, but said nothing as they all started to sort out their various books and belongings. Like any other group of teenagers, they included a motley range of sizes and demeanour - from head held high, bold and macho, to the most dejected, hang-dog expression. Suddenly, Harry's stentorian command made me jump. 'DESK! LIDS! DOWN!' he thundered, hammering out the meaning word by word in the manner of his former military training.

Barry Hodgkins (KGV Master 1966-74)

KGV Roll of Honour

• Ian Livesley has conducted an exhaustive investigation into the stories behind the eighty former members of KGV who died in World War II. Amazingly, he has uncovered information on all but two on the list, and his findings are found in the Old Georgians section of the KGV website. Details included in the study are Age, Names of Parents, Rank and Service Information, Date of Death and Location of Grave. Those included are: Robert Hugh Abram, Harold Eric Ackroyd, Leslie Harold Ashton, Herbert Leslie Baldwin, Norman Casson Banister, Thomas Bateman, Harry Binns, Edward Hunter Bond, Henry Buckley, Robert Henry Carr, Edward Roy Clough, Lawrence Steele Collins, Dennis Austin Denton, John Holt Dickinson, William Dobson, Joseph Hart Downs, Clive Entwistle, Charles Eric Evans, John Richard Fenton, Kenneth Jack Foster DFC & Bar, William Gordon, Arthur Green, Donald Addie Halsall, Dennis Hargreaves, Frank Harrison, Frederick Baillie Hartley, Eric William Heaton, Thomas Henry, Maurice Heyes, James Alfred Benis High, George Neil Higham, Francis Peter Hill, Leslie Jenkinson, Frank Sumner Jennings, Phillip Lancaster, Joseph Jackson Lapes, Albert Edward Law, Frederick Liptrot, Reginald Eric Lord, George Arthur Maiden, Alister David Malcolm, John Derek Marshall, Robert Marshall, Kenneth Reavley Mason, Eric Kendrick Melody, Arthur Denis Munslow, Lawrence Edward Osborne, Kenneth Craven Oswald, Follett Mattinson Pennell, Victor Thomas Pennington, Kenneth Potts DFC, Howard William Ramsey, Allen Fairhurst Riddlesworth DFC, Kenneth Craiglaw Rigby, George Rimmer, John Francis Roberts, Ivor Harold Mitchell Roe, John Arthur Rogers, Ronald Edward Rolison, Gordon Russel, William Henry Seale, Thomas Seddon, Harry Seed, Alexander Jeremiah Shirm, John Hall Simpson, John Pickstone Singleton, Royston Sperling, Geoffrey Steeples, Eric John Street, Harold Sweet, Richard Taylor, Douglas Pollock Tough, Alan Vickers, Gerald Whelan, Harry Whitehead, Richard Alan Whittaker, John James Wright, John Ripley Wright. There was no further information found about Albert Thomas Ross Hogg and Eric Price.

Book Shelf

Some time ago, Brian Knowles (Leech's 1949-54) suggested that we might keep a central collection of books published by Old Georgians over the years. One of the difficulties, of course, is finding a suitable venue, because the College is not exactly well-off for unused space. However, whilst we search for a solution, it makes sense to ask all those who have published books to send us appropriate details so that a register can be compiled, both for the 2003 Red Rose and for the website. Please provide

information about the Title, Author, Publisher, Date of Publication, ISBN Number and Cost. In the meantime, we present short extracts from three recently published books by Old Georgians.

Extract from 'The History of Crossens'

THE VULCAN MOTOR COMPANY

'If the Vulcan Company had succeeded, people wouldn't have spoken about Crossens, near Southport. They would have said Southport, near Crossens.'

Two brothers from Leigh - Thomas and Joseph Hampson - started the Vulcan Motor Co. in Southport in 1898. They had built an experimental car at Bolton Technical College in the previous year. (This was only three years after the Santler Brothers had built the earliest English petrol-driven car.) The firm grew rapidly and, despite a move from Yellow House Lane to what is now Vulcan Street, the venture had outgrown its premises and a new dedicated factory was built on a green-field site in Crossens. Opened in 1907, it was Southport's only major factory. The airy workshops were fitted with modern electrically operated machinery, for which the Company generated its own power.

Vulcan models were tested on Parbold Hill. In 1910 the famous radiator mascot of a blacksmith at his forge was introduced to the marque (Vulcan was the Roman God of fire). The Company adopted the marketing slogan - 'Ask the man who owns one'. A two cylinder Vulcan ten horse-power model was said to have been the 'sensation of the world-famous Crystal Palace Show.' A 1910 Vulcan car is now included in the Liverpool Museum collection. It is possibly unique in that it is the only known surviving example of a Doctor's Phaeton model, another model took its name from Birkdale - the Birkdale Landaulet.

Despite its engineering success, the Company experienced some commercially hard times. Nevertheless, the workforce was quickly built up to some 700 workers. An early Vulcan worker wrote that: 'the fact that one worked there gave one a certain cachet in the community.' Another recalled that: 'The whole of New Lane was occupied by Vulcan workers, many of whom came to the village from other Lancashire towns.' One such experienced engineer later judged the Vulcan to be 'a splendid factory, then years ahead of its time.'

Many of the Company's workers travelled to Crossens on the train. One recalled that he caught the crowded 5.40 am train from Chapel Street, further workers joined at the intermediate stations, and the porters had to 'push their human cargo tighter by closing the doors.' Workers failing to get to the factory before the start of the six o'clock shift were 'locked out' until breakfast time at 8.30.

World War One saw a rapidly expanding order book as the factory moved into the production of lorries, limbers, ambulances and aeroplane parts. The aeroplanes were assembled and then flown off from the Hesketh Road Aerodrome. Shortly after the end of the war, Thomas Hampson, who had been the Mayor of Southport in 1917, suddenly retired from the firm. The reason soon became evident - he was charged with embezzling Company funds. Found guilty, a twelve month jail sentence followed.

The Company was facing difficult times and it attempted to build on its wartime success by moving into the mass-production of lorries. Sales of lorry chassis were sluggish and 2000 workers were dismissed. The directors blamed government failure to prevent the import of lorries from the United States. They said that they would reorganise the factory for the production of a Vulcan Standard Pleasure Car. One of the problems that persisted at Vulcan was the number and variety of models which the Company produced. By 1925 William Morris, using mass production techniques, had produced and sold 54,000 'Bullnose' Morris models, making his company the country's largest car producer.

Vulcan cars were hardly revolutionary in design; they were 'fairly ordinary, but well executed and competitively priced.' Old Vulcan workers later told tales of industrial espionage at Crossens. It seems that when visiting directors of car firms from the Midlands were being entertained for lunch at the Prince of Wales Hotel, the cars they arrived in were furtively stripped down, examined and reassembled in time for them to drive back.

From 1922, the Company worked with Lea-Francis of Coventry, hoping that this arrangement would guarantee a successful future. The result was that both firms ended up with a car on which only the wheels and the badge were substantially different. By 1924, Vulcan's turnover had increased and the workforce expanded to 1225. As profit increased, the *Southport Visiter* described the transformation as the 'most remarkable in the history of the motor industry in this country.' Despite this, the Company's financial problems continued and, three years later, the Tilling Stevens' Group acquired the manufacturing rights to build Vulcan cars in Maidstone. Rootes then acquired Tilling Stevens, and the Vulcan motor marque disappeared.

Harry Foster (Gear's 1942-49) For publication 2002

Birkdale & Ainsdale Historical Society

Southport Bookshops and Libraries

Extracts from 'How Southport got its Churches'

It used to be said that Southport was famous for a number of items,

all beginning with the letter S - S for Sand (certainly not Sea), Shrimps, Shops and Schools. The list also included S for Spires, a reminder that Southport has had more than its fair share of churches. The town contains *'more churches and chapels than licensed houses - the only place so circumstanced in England'*, said the 1913 Mayor, Mr Broderick. This impression of spires and towers can still be gained when looking forward from the pier. Although some of the spires are for secular buildings as well as churches, it can still be said of Southport what Thomas Gray wrote of the 'distant Prospect of Eton College': *'Ye distant spires, ye antique towers, that crown the wat'ry glade'*. As we investigate the full story of how Southport came to have so many churches, symbolised by these remaining spires and towers, we will be reminded of the remoteness of the area before 1800, and the very quick development of the town after that date; the inadequacy, at times, of the established church; the enormous generosity of some well-to-do Christian business men; that sad disunity of Christians.

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There will, undoubtedly, be some who will say, 'All the interesting facts and stories about our church have been missed out!' Others will add, 'Why have we only got one page when others have more written about them?' As with so many aspects of fairly recent history, the tragedy is that, if no-one makes the effort to record what older members of the community can tell us, their gems of wisdom will be lost forever. There has been the same problem as that experienced by the writer of Ecclesiastes: *'Of making many books there is no end, and much study wearies the body'* (Ecclesiastes 12.12). The hope is that what little has been said will spark off some pleasant memories for those of us who have grown up within the church life of Southport. Is it too much to hope that some of us might take to heart the words of Samuel Taylor Coleridge: *'If men could learn from history, what lessons it might teach us. But passion and party blind our eyes, and the light which experience gives is a lantern on the stern, which shines only on the waves behind us!'*

John Cotterall (Grear's 1939-41)
Christian Book Shop, Wesley Street

Extract from 'The Diary of a Southport Boy'

King George V School was renowned for its musical performances, and so I joined the choir soon after starting. Although the content of the music lessons was not too exciting - 'Drink To Me Only', in particular - some of the works we sang for the annual music concert were varied and stimulating. Although I had sung at Mass, Compline and Benediction whilst at Alderwasley Hall Prep School, the mode had been plainsong or unison singing, with the occasional descant, and so this was my first

introduction to part singing in general, and four-part singing in particular. Our music teacher was Ken Eglin, a man of wit and personality, who enthused us to perform to the limits of our capabilities. We liked him because, although our routine music was rather conventional, he would sometimes play jazz for us. Our commitment to the choir practices was, therefore, driven largely by our respect for him and, as someone who was later to enter the profession, I am aware that teaching ability generally outshines lesson content as a means of inspiring children of all ages.

We rehearsed and rehearsed for month after month. Some practices were for younger boys, the trebles and altos, whilst others were for the full choir with the tenors and basses joining us. The orchestra, in which I was to make a brief but unrepeated appearance, practised separately. The final rehearsal in front of the School was a stomach-churning experience - the mixture of anxiety and enjoyment that makes performing so wonderful and affecting. The night itself, in March 1950, was on an even higher plane. Large vases of flowers lined the front of the stage and the first two rows of the audience were occupied by prestigious dignitaries in their full regalia. We were all packed together on a large tiered platform with the unbroken voices at the front and older boys at the back, all in all about sixty of us. I stood next to Blundell, who sang just like a starving seagull, and tried hard not to listen to him. The curtains opened to reveal row after row of kindly adult faces who had all paid one shilling (5p) for the privilege of listening to us. Mr Eglin, in dinner jacket and black bow-tie, presided over the performance, whilst the orchestra was augmented by two members of staff, Mr Flemming on flute and Mr Booth on timpani. In years to come, four or five musicians from Southport High School for Girls would join our orchestra, and we liked this because it gave us something interesting to look at when we weren't singing.

My parents were in the audience and I was later told that my mother cried when we sang 'Linden Lea' by Vaughan Williams. The orchestra of twenty-six players bravely tackled a number of pieces, including works by Schubert, Purcell and Haydn, but the most inspiring passages for me were when choir and orchestra combined to produce strong renditions of 'The Hundredth Psalm', 'Jerusalem' and 'Zion's Children'. These are the great performance moments - the tingling scalp, the moist eyes. And then...it is over. I came into school the following morning with a sensation close to that of bereavement. For months we had worked on our choir pieces, improving pitch and developing phrasing, but today there was nothing. We had been compulsorily retired. All that rehearsing and, in particular, the camaraderie that accompanied it had reached its climax in under two hours and was now in the past. Nevertheless, its faint after-image was reflected in the shy smiles we choir members gave each other,

irrespective of age, as we passed in the corridors. We retained the exultation of a shared experience and we felt what is nowadays referred to as 'corporate pride'.

Our two greatest achievements over the years were the renderings of Handel's 'Zadok the Priest' and the Polovtsian Dances from 'Prince Igor' by Borodin, although I should mention that we sang it rather than danced it. The tenor part was excruciatingly high, and it would certainly have been easier for me to reach the notes before, rather than after, my voice had broken. Fortunately, this piece was the finale of the concert that year, which was just as well because I do not think we had the ability to continue afterwards. Whenever I hear the piece today I am transported back to a time when there was very little in life that surpassed the sheer joy of making music together.

Paul Bagshaw (Spencer's 1949-55) Artworks 2001
Southport Bookshops and Libraries

Extract from 'Fate has smiled kindly'

My interest in chemistry was stimulated at school in my early teens. Up to that time, the applications of chemistry to biology had not been brought to my attention for, during the 1930s, there was not much emphasis on biology as a discipline for secondary education in Britain. At my school in Southport, biology was not taught at the higher level, and the preparation for science and medical courses at university was invariably through the Higher Certificates in mathematics, physics and chemistry.

Although neither of my parents had academic backgrounds, I was strongly encouraged by my mother to aim at attending university. At that time, a university education was not considered as an essential background to all careers, as is the case today. Certainly, it was the route to the established professions, such as teaching, medicine, dentistry and science generally. On the other hand, if you were aiming for a career in business, it was considered that you were probably wise to start straight from school.

There were financial problems if I was to carry on with my education. My father, a commercial traveller for a mail order firm, suffered from a heart condition resulting from rheumatic fever contracted during service in the trenches in France during World War I, and died at an early age when I was 13. Unlike the current (pre-loans) situation in Britain, grants based on a means test were not then available to all students who had been admitted to university. Nevertheless, a small scholarship, supplemented by my mother at considerable personal financial sacrifice, enabled me to enter the University of Liverpool in the autumn of 1936. Liverpool was about 20 miles away, and I travelled daily

to the university from home, as did most of my contemporaries.

It so happened that Liverpool was one of the three British universities, at that time, providing undergraduate courses in biochemistry or physiological chemistry. As a first year student allocated alphabetically to space in the practical laboratory of the chemistry department, I found myself sharing a bench with Rodney Porter. From this contact started a close friendship which lasted until his death in 1985. Later to become a Nobel Laureate for his work on the structure of immunoglobins, Rod was within a few weeks of retiring from the Whitley Professorship of Biochemistry at the University of Oxford when he was tragically killed in a road accident.

Rod and I transferred from chemistry to the biochemistry department in 1938, to join the final year class of six students. We both graduated with first class honours degrees in the summer of 1939, full of hopes and ambitions, but events were moving rapidly in Europe and, by midsummer, war seemed inevitable.

Professor Samuel V Perry FRS (Gear's 1929-36)

Department of Physiology, Birmingham University

Sam was the first Old Georgian to play Rugby for England

Fifty Years Ago

Mr A J Norris (Maths) and Mr E O Shaw (English/Biology) joined the staff of KGV. They were affectionately known as 'Nocker' and 'Moses'.

On 4th October 1951 the water main from the road to the School developed a leak and the supply was cut off. The Fire Brigade filled up the storage tanks on the roof and supplied water needed for the kitchen boilers.

Mike Harris (S) and Frank Baddeley (R) swam for N W Counties in the English Schools National Championships held in Blackpool.

The School Play in December 1951 was 'The Magistrate' by Pinero. Amongst the leading actors were G A Noar, D R Isenberg, R M Burstall, G Smith, C Dyer and D H Hamilton.

The Red Rose of December 1951 contained a letter from Bryan Peet (who sadly died in 2001) describing his Army posting to Egypt.

On 26th March 1952 the School Rugby VII, captained by David Preston, reached the final of the Schools seven-a-side competition, losing narrowly to Barrow Grammar School 5-3.

On 1st April, the Annual Choral and Orchestral Concert was held in the School Hall. An orchestra of 36 players and a choir of one hundred produced one of the finest performances ever. The evening started with 'Let us now praise famous men' by Vaughan Williams and ended with 'The

Heavens are Telling' from Haydn's Creation.

A party of eight undertook the April Mountaineering Expedition, which took them up Cold Pike, Bowfell, Side Pike, Swirl How, Dow Crag, Coniston Old Man, Pavey Ark, Harrison Stickle and Scafell Pike.

J B Whittaker broke the school record for Group II High Jump by almost 2" at the Annual Sports Day, won by Grear's house.

Mr W L Mayne retired at the end of the Summer Term 1952, having started his career at The Woodlands in 1922. He was Grear's Housemaster for twenty-nine years, Senior Mathematics Master for eleven years, and a driving force behind the School Scout Troop for twenty years, before handing over the reins to Hubert Long. KGV will seem strange without his strict bearing, his precision and his slow moving Armstrong-Siddeley car.

NEWS DESK

KGV Website

Old Georgians should visit the KGV website if they have not done so already, partly to discover what is going on today at the College, and also to view the Old Georgians section. The Anniversary Red Rose is now on the website and can be downloaded in six sections. The address is www.kgv.ac.uk. OGs are encouraged to post entries on the Guest Book, located in the Old Georgians section of the KGV website. Those who wish to leave an e-mail or website address are asked to include this in the text, because some addresses have disappeared when left separately.

Support for College Students

The Association continues to provide financial support to KGV College in order to help with the difficulties of vulnerable students - those facing problems such as homelessness and family breakdown.

The Chairman's Weekend 2001

Fifteen members met at the Sun Hotel, Coniston, for a cloudy but dry (in only one sense) Chairman's Weekend. Unfortunately, the foot and mouth outbreak curtailed our plans, and the attempt to get into the Guinness Book of Records by making the slowest ever recorded ascent of Coniston Old Man was replaced by a sedate walk along the quiet lane which borders the east side of Coniston Water. This concluded with a snack lunch at the cafe attached to Brantwood. Here we were entertained by Sir Miles who consumed one of the largest meringues any of us had ever seen. His patients would have been startled at the sight! The next morning we took a boat trip across the lake, again finishing at Brantwood

for an 'educational' (shades of the past). After travelling back across the lake, the party broke up and returned home to catch up on their sleep.

The account above describes the outdoor activities of the decrepit half of the party - Miles Irving, Peter Brunt, Ken Edwardson, Alan Bond, Paul Bagshaw, Stan Rimmer, Adrian Brown and the Chairman, Geoffrey Dixon. The whole party met for dinner on Saturday night, a high class meal made all the more enjoyable, and undoubtedly noisier, because we had the dining room to ourselves. It was a most happy occasion. No record has been made of the activities of the younger half of the party. They were not to be seen except at dinner, and would probably prefer their activities to be kept veiled. When seen, these were (probably) Martin Fearn, Chris Threlfall, Paul Merone, John Mercer, Russell Watkinson, Alan Davies and Dave Trotman. Their Chairman can only hope that the rest of them enjoyed the occasion as much as he did.

GFD

Maundy Thursday Golf Tournament

At 1 pm on the day of the 75th Anniversary Dinner, an OG Golf Tournament, organised by former Chairman Chris Threlfall, was held at Formby Hall Golf Club. The winner was John Hepworth with 31 points, and the runners-up were Rob Anderson and Jeff Cummins with 29 points.

OG Video Programmes

By the end of November 2001, 260 copies of the video programme 'KGV Remembered' had been sold, and the response to it has been most encouraging. Two copies are now available for borrowing from Southport Library, and the programme may be bought @ £15 from the Red Rose or from Broadhurst's Book Shop in Market Street, Southport. The KGV College video programme, under the title 'KGV Today', is also available from Broadhurst's Book Shop @ £8. A new video programme featuring the Anniversary Dinner and the 2001 Chairman's Weekend in Coniston will be available by Easter @ £10. Cheques should be made payable to the 'Old Georgians' Association'. Details of this and other items of interest are listed in the Memorabilia section later in this magazine.

The Fearn Building and the Geoffrey Dixon Lecture Theatre

When the new North Building was opened at the College in 2001, it was decided to name it after Old Georgian, Local Councillor and twice Southport's Member of Parliament, Ronnie Fearn. The best-equipped section of the building is the Lecture Theatre, which will be used for outside conferences as well as in-College activities, and there was strong support for naming it after former Headmaster and enthusiastic Old Georgian, Geoffrey Dixon, for the enormous contribution he has made to

KGV. The building was officially opened by Lord Fearn on 15th May, 2001.

Old Georgians Barbecue 2001

Every OG Barbecue has been successful, but this year's event, held on 12th July, 2001, was one of the very best. Once again, we are indebted to John and Christine Rostron for hosting the evening and, in particular, to Christine for managing the preparation of delicious food. The activities included swimming, raffle and Alan Bond's quiz. The event, attended by over fifty people, raised £268 for the Association's funds.

KGV Reunion at the Scarisbrick Hotel

112 former students of KGV College from 1981-3 met at the Scarisbrick Hotel on Saturday, October 20th. Articles had been featured in 'The Visiter' prior to the event, and the response was most encouraging. Laura Taylor organised the event along with some of her friends who found the website www.friendsreunited.co.uk very useful for tracing people. The person who travelled furthest to be there on the night was Richard Elliott who came from France, although others did come from all over Britain. David Arnold, former Headmaster and Principal of KGV, travelled from Kent. Laura was pleased that everyone seemed to enjoy themselves and expressed the wish to keep in touch.

Snooker Tournament

The Old Georgians' Snooker Evening and Hot Pot Supper, organised by Stan Rimmer, was held on Friday October 26th at Southport & Birkdale Cricket Club, Trafalgar Road. Chairman Stephen Bond hosted a most enjoyable social evening of snooker and darts. A small profit of £13.40 was made and the results were:

Snooker Doubles Champions

Tony Milner and Mike Halton

Runners-up: Stephen Bond and Mark Fletcher

Snooker Singles Champion

Tony Milner

Runner-up: Jonathan Elliott

Darts Champion

Alan Bond

Runner-up: Stephen Bond

75th Anniversary of the Official Opening of KGV

On 16th October, 30 Old Georgians gathered at the College to mark the 75th Anniversary of the opening of King George V School in 1926 by Lord Derby. Amongst the speakers were former pupil, Ronnie Lloyd, former Headmaster, Geoffrey Dixon, College Principal, Hilary Anslow and

Chairman of Governors, John Rostron. The quote of the day came from another former pupil, Tommy Booth who, when asked what it was like to be at school at 'The Woodlands', KGV's predecessor, replied, "I don't remember. I spent most of my time standing in the corner, facing the wall!"

November Music Concert

Once again, the music students of KGV delighted an audience of over sixty people at the November Concert. There was a great variety of musical styles delivered by the twenty-five performers, many of who sang as well as played, and some of whom played several instruments throughout the evening. Along with the students, Keith Matthews, Director of Music, deserves congratulations on the very high standards set. By tradition, the Old Georgians served wine after the performance.

Donation to the College

During the interval in the November Music Concert, Stephen Bond, Chairman of the Old Georgians, presented a cheque from the Association for £2,500 towards the cost of providing air conditioning in the Geoffrey Dixon Lecture Theatre, where this performance was held.

Grateful Thanks

As ever, we are most grateful to Sheila Curran, our clerical administrator, for dealing efficiently with all OG material that is sent to the College. We also thank Peter Comfort, the College Representative on the OG Committee for his detailed reports on College matters, Paula Eley and her colleagues for the printing of the 2002 Red Rose, Mike Hyde for proof-reading, and governor Peter Harper for managing the OG website.

New Georgians

New members of the Association are: Ernest Pickthall, Andrew Seddon, Jonathan Stocker, Lester John Biffin, Alan Davies, Brian Taylor, Ian Livesley, Kenneth Jowett, Norman Cousins, Christopher Woodham, Candice Clemens (Rosen), Caroline Highton, David Spalding, Nicola Kenyon, Simon Spalding, Ben Johnson, Carolyn Moir, Bob Baker, Laura Taylor, Darren Fisher, Fred Wilson, Gary Ogden, John Ball, Jonathan Williams, Michel Glautier, Steven Brooks, Stanley Kushner, John Cook, Dennis Bonney, John G Cook, Caroline White, Donald Holt, John Cotterall.

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Primary School, he was recruited by the Edge Hill Teacher Training College and spent the remainder of his professional life in teacher education. He became Head of Department responsible for the training of primary school teachers, gained a Master's Degree and a Ph.D from the University of Liverpool and, whilst at Edge Hill, contributed articles to learned journals and wrote sections for inclusion in several academic books. Following his retirement, Harry was able to follow his hobby of local history studies, lecturing on the history of Southport - a pastime of over thirty years - and publishing seven successful books, five for the Birkdale and Ainsdale Historical Research Society and one each for Hesketh Golf Club and Southport Rotary Club. Harry's sporting achievements include gaining Athletics and Rugby colours at KGV, playing for the successful championship-winning Lancashire Rugby XV of the 1950s, being an England Rugby trialist and reserve, and captaining Hesketh Golf Club.

Philip Holland (Leech's 1953-61)

Now retired after a career which began with teaching English at KGV, moving through the School Inspectorate in Salford before moving on to Birmingham as Assistant Chief Inspector of Schools. The next move was to a multi-national company based in Canada as a management trainer. In retirement, Philip is teaching three half-days a week at King Edward's School in Birmingham. He lives with Jeanie in a rural Worcestershire village and returns to Southport from time to time to see old friends.

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Stephen Manning (Leech's 1966-73)

In 1976, Stephen graduated from University College, Swansea in English Literature and worked for the Health & Safety Executive until 1979. In 1998, he graduated in Applied Psychology from Liverpool John Moores University, where he is currently studying for a Postgraduate Diploma in Counselling. He would like to hear from old acquaintances.

Kenneth Milne (Rogers' 1952-59)

Ken retired as Headteacher of Norwood County Primary School at the end of the Summer Term, 2001. Like most retired OGs, he may be found up a ladder painting the ceiling.

Tom Newton (MS 1998-2000)

Tom is in his first year of Veterinary Science at Bristol University.

Kenneth M Smith (Edwards 1931-36)

Having failed the local entrance examination in successive years, Kenneth

somehow arrived at KGV School and, after one term, was awarded a free scholarship. An enjoyable academic life was augmented by First XI, Second XV, inter-school sports and breaking the School high jump record. An apprenticeship at the Southport Power Station ceased when he joined the RAF as an electrician in 1940. In 1942 he received a commission in electrical engineering and, three years later, he went to Hamburg to set up demobilisation courses for Army and RAF personnel. In 1947 he started teaching at Salford (now university) and moved to Huddersfield (Univ) in 1956. In 1980 he retired from the post of Principal Lecturer and Fellow of the I.E.E.. He had been an external examiner and joint author of three textbooks. He remains a keen golfer.

Brian Taylor (Gear's 1949-55)

After leaving KGV, Brian worked in Southport and in London as a Dispensing Optician, before joining the RAF for five years very enjoyable service. He then moved to Littlewoods Pools, eventually becoming Marketing Director, and took early retirement in 1955. He would be delighted to hear from contemporaries at KGV or St Philip's.

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Alec and Joe Unsworth (Gear's 1934-39)

After war service as aircrew in Bomber Command (in which he was awarded the DFC), Alec spent his remaining professional life in Forestry, culminating in employment with the Peak National Park, from which he took early retirement in 1985. He lived near Bakewell, but unfortunately died following an operation in Chesterfield in 1998. Twin brother Joe served in the royal Navy (D.E.M.S. Branch) during the war and, following cessation of hostilities, returned to the Town Clerk's department in Southport Town Hall, where he stayed until the early 1960s, when he moved to Sutton Coldfield as Chief Clerk of the Borough. He retired in 1982 and moved to join his family in Norfolk where, sadly, he died in 1999.

Philip Unsworth (Gear's 1938-42)

Philip, younger brother of twins Alec and Joe, joined the Engineering Branch of the Royal Navy on leaving KGV, and served for over fourteen years. Following employment in various shore-based engineering projects, he retired from British Aerospace in 1992 and still lives in Southport.

Robert and David Unsworth (1986-88)

Robert and David, twin sons of Philip, joined KGV College in 1986 and, two years later, went up to Oxford and Cambridge respectively - Robert to read History and David to read Geography. Robert is currently an Assistant Producer with BBC Television in London, and is also Editor of 'The Good

Pub Guide' and 'The Good Britain Guide'. David is a Senior Programmer at the John Lewis Partnership HQ in London.

Colin Williams (Evans' 1963-69)

After leaving KGV and reading Law at university, Colin practised as a solicitor in Wigan. He then trained for Ordination in the Church of England and was ordained in 1981. Since then he has served in parishes in Liverpool, Blackburn and Poulton-le-Fylde. His present post is that of Archdeacon of Lancaster, which gives him oversight of the work of 115 Anglican parishes in the north of Lancashire between the Ribble Valley and the Cumbrian border. He is also the Church of England's Officer for Rural Affairs in the whole of Lancashire. Colin lives in St. Michael's on Wyre, near Lancaster, and is able to visit Southport from time to time, although not, sadly, on Maundy Thursday for the Annual Dinner. He would be pleased to hear from KGV contemporaries.

Alan Wright (Grear's 1956-63)

Alan heads the UK Lubricant sales operation for Esso Petroleum, now part of the ExxonMobil Group. He is married with two grown-up children and lives in Caversham, Berkshire. He is an umpire on the International Badminton Circuit and will be officiating at the Commonwealth Games. Interest in the sport was first developed in the old KGV Gym, complete with its low beams and other hanging obstacles!

William Youlton (Amer's 1975-82)

Graduated in Geology in 1986 and worked in the construction industry throughout the UK until 1995, and then emigrated to Belgium. Now works for TNT near Antwerp. Married with two children. Still in contact with two school friends, but would like to hear from others.

Marriage

We are pleased to announce the marriage of a former Chairman of the Old Georgians' Association in 1994-5, Ray Jeffs MBE (Edwards' 1936-42) and Betty Grace, former teacher at St Anthony's School, Liverpool, at The Town Hall, Southport, on Saturday 8th December, 2001.

Obituaries

George David Barton (Spencer's 1939-44)

It is with regret that we have heard from his sister that George died on 13th December 2001. Although wheelchair-bound after his stroke, he

attended a number of Association events in recent years, and he remarked that involvement with the Old Georgians was one his greatest interests.

Michael Stewart Davidson (Woodham's 1945-53)

Mike died from cancer on October 12th 2001. His contributions to the life of KGV included leading the School Orchestra and, as the youngest of three sporting brothers, he played for the First XV Rugby team and captained the First XI Cricket team. He also kept wicket for Southport & Birkdale First XI Cricket team, and later for Stevenage with a few minor counties games. After National Service, during which he studied Russian, he gained a degree in History from Selwyn College, Cambridge, where he was also First XI Cricket captain. He then embarked upon a distinguished teaching career at Alleynes School, Stevenage, retiring in 1990.

Bryan Everett (Mason's 1928-35)

Bryan's son, David, informed us that his father had died on 20th April 2001 at the age of 83. He was formerly Southport's Motor Taxation Officer.

Jack Glassberg (Rogers' 1944-52)

We heard the sad news of Jack's death in the summer. A letter he wrote to the Red Rose in February 2001 appears in this edition.

Cyril Aubry Johnson (Spencer's 1924-31)

Cyril's son, Peter, informed us that his father died peacefully at the age of 87 on 31st January, 2001. Cyril was a pupil at Southport Boys' Secondary School at The Woodlands before moving to the new King George V School at its opening in 1926. After the war he became a Director of Pagan Smith Advertising in Liverpool and retired in 1987 at the age of 74. He was a member of Wallasey Golf Club in the town where he had lived since 1950. Cyril is fondly remembered by Pauline, his wife of fifty years, and by children, Susan and Peter.

Gordon Livesley (Evans' 1949-56)

We were very sorry to learn of the death of Gordon at the end of February 2001 after a long illness, bravely borne. He was a great supporter of the Old Georgians, and also of the School and the College. He was Chairman of the Association in 1980-81 - later Vice-President - and was a regular attender at meetings and, in particular, at the Dinners, where he used his power of persuasion to sell raffle tickets, giving no-one the chance to refuse. After leaving KGV, Gordon went to Southport Art School, where he studied alongside other Old Georgians - Stan Roberts, Paul Bagshaw and Donald Holt - and much of his working life was spent in freelance graphic

design. His design with particular connection to the Association is that of the current Old Georgians' Tie.

A man with a great community spirit, Gordon started as a member of the Boys Brigade at 1st Southport, St Philip's, where he became Staff Sergeant. He then moved to the 7th Southport as Bandmaster and, finally, to St John's, Birkdale, where he became Captain - the youngest ever in the country. He was later appointed Battalion Vice-President. Gordon was a staunch Freemason for 25 years, taking the Chair on two occasions, and was a founder member of the Sure and Stedfast Lodge in Liverpool, for which he designed the logo and the banner. He took an active part in Oxfam in Southport, and was Chairman for some twenty-five years.

Gordon was politically active throughout his life, starting with the Conservatives and moving to the Liberal Democrats. He supported Ronnie Fearn in his campaign to gain election as Southport's MP. Gordon donated his collection of Art books to the Library of King George V College shortly before his death. His widow, Jean, to whom he was devoted, cared for him throughout his illness with great love and dedication. He also leaves two children, Simon and Sally.

John Rostron

Dr Bryan Peet

Bryan died on 11th June 2001 after a short illness. From 1970 to 1983 he was Headmaster of York House School in Canada. Bryan was also a well-known antiquarian bookseller based in Kendal. There is a reference to him in the 'Fifty Years Ago' section of this issue.

Richard Sherrington (Silverton) Evans'1956-62

Richard died in a car accident on 30th October 2001. On leaving Oxford in 1966, he became partner in a firm of solicitors in North London until his death. He was a lover of classical ballet, and it was on his initiative that the important Dame Margot Fonteyn archive collection was saved for the nation in 2000. He was a member of the London Jewish male voice choir and, over a long period, helped various Russian ballet stars to emigrate.

Alec and Joe Unsworth (Grear's 1934-39)

Alec died in 1998 and twin brother Joe in 1999. Details of their war service and careers are in the Old Georgians' News section.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

I don't know if you are aware of the other Old Georgians. They are a hockey team who play in Division 2 of the Men's South 1st XI Premier League, and membership is mainly old boys of St George's College,

Weybridge. An up and coming team in the hockey world and good chaps as well! Perhaps OGs Southport should challenge them to a match!

Brian Whittle (Leech's 1939-45) Bridgnorth. 12.01.01.

I wish to put it down in writing. You have done a really great job with the Red Rose. The production is top class, the arrangement of material interestingly varied, and the whole work makes it an absorbing book for all who have ever been connected with KGV. I have spent a long time with it trying to remember faces in the pictures and being reminded by the articles of names and characters I had almost forgotten. The work of an editor or arranger of other people's work is often ignored or dismissed as something of little worth. This is not the case, and your careful arrangement of the articles shows a skill and sensitivity of no small expertise. On behalf of the whole body of Old Georgians, thank you.

Geoffrey Dixon (KGV Headmaster 1949-76) Southport. 23.01.01.

Great to see you, Paul, at the Girls' (49-54) Reunion at the Scarisbrick. My wife, Barbara, enjoyed it enormously. What a wallow in nostalgia the 75th is!! I can't believe how many of my contemporaries have a 'piece'. Yes, I can...they're all retired, or nearly so. Dave Miley, whom I must have known at four years old, did 40 years teaching at KGV - Wow! David Howgate and I, by total coincidence, were called up on the same day - 8.3.56 - to the RAF. I regret that I shall be in Florida with the grandchildren on the day of the Dinner. Maybe next year.

Brian Rimmer (Evans' 1949-54) Leeds 01.02.01.

I had a most interesting browse through the Red Rose and was astonished to see how many times George Wakefield was mentioned. Your particular contribution, of course, I will always treasure. I read it over the phone to our son, John, and he too was delighted. George would have pooh-poohed it, but I know he would have been secretly delighted!

June Wakefield (George's widow) 02.02.01.

As a priest, I am never free on Maundy Thursday, but that is the only reason why I never appear at Annual Dinners. I still value my KGV contacts and, in the past year, I have seen John Hoyle, Philip McLean, and Trevor Williams, as well as Wendy Davies (widow of P G Davies), and I also see Darrell Farrant and Colin Knowles from time to time. I feel very guilty at not having submitted any of my own memories for the Anniversary edition, and I would love to have seen more mention of W T (Fat Bill) Marsden, who had an enormous influence on me personally and, I'm sure, on many others too. He had a splendid mind, had a book,

'Problems of European History', published by Blackwells at an early age. He was an inveterate pipe smoker, a great friend of R T Kirkby, and a staunch conservative and a staunch Christian, too. I found him an absolute inspiration as a teacher of both History and RE, and he also sought hard to broaden our minds. Hubert Long, my former Scoutmaster, got plenty of mentions, and I was so sorry to learn of his death. I spotted brief mentions, too, of Frank Drake - how cruel we were to him in his deafness - and George (Ras) Berry, both of whom had a fair influence on me. I also remember Alan? Garnett, who succeeded Harry Liptrot as deputy scoutmaster and then a Mr Johns(t)on. Among the list of new members was a Tony Booth. The one I recall came to KGV c.1952 from somewhere else in the country, and I remember him through scouting connections - he was a member of St Cuthbert's Troop. Please carry on the good work, both for those who are still local, and for those of us who are more distant, but still have a wealth of (mostly) happy memories.

The Venerable Mark Dalby (Edwards' 1950-56) Malvern. 03.02.01.

Dedication, persistence and an awful lot of hard work must have been the ingredients in the Anniversary Red Rose mixture. The names and stories alone set the long corridors of memory clanking and echoing to the music of different times. I must, however, take up the contribution from Geoffrey Dixon. He said that 'in a short 29 years the School has produced three English Internationals, etc'. S V (Sam) Perry got his cap in a 'Victory International' about 1946 and, of course, Gordon Rimmer played twelve times for England from 1948 to 1953 (I think). Rimmer's 'Baptism of Fire' was against Wales in 1948 when he played against the very formidable Haydn Tanner at scrum half. The School XV's of 1948-9 were probably amongst the most outstanding sides in Lancashire. I can still recall some of the names: Slack (who later played for Lancashire), Harry Foster (who was also an outstanding Lancashire player), the two Davidsons (JMC and RN), Youds, Turton, Eddleston, Crompton, Collins, 'Sinner' Jones and some others. What wonderful times and memories, all ignited and burning furiously by your very fine magazine.

Jack Glassberg (Rogers' 1944-52) Southport. 04.02.01.

Jack died in 2001 and is mentioned in the Obituaries section.

Congratulations on the 75th Anniversary edition of the Red Rose. It brought back many memories of the old school and of Southport. It even inspired me to phone my old pal, John Flitcroft, in the middle of the morning without waiting for the cheap evening tariff. It inspired us to arrange another meeting - the last was 8 or 9 years ago. My other particular school pal was Dennis Bonney. He became a lawyer and, in due

course, moved to the USA, where for many years he has lived in San Francisco. Eighteen months ago my wife and I took a holiday with 'Great Train Journeys', and Dennis and his wife flew to Los Angeles to meet us on the Queen Mary.

John M R Evans (Rogers' 1942-49) - Son of 'Middle Taff' 05.02.01.

Thank you very much for sending the 75th Anniversary Red Rose, which arrived on a blistering February (Summer) afternoon. As the sun was shimmering on the water, I retired to the shade of a jacaranda tree in the garden and read it from cover to cover! Articles about the late '40s and early '50s brought a few lumps to the throat. Reading the old familiar names from so long ago was a rare treat and brought back many happy memories of KGV. If there were any unhappy ones they have definitely dropped off the edge of my shrinking memory. For myself, my wife and I retired to New Zealand six years ago after a 40-year career in Aviation, starting with the RAF and continuing through BOAC, British Airways and, finally, Singapore Airlines, and I have exchanged a 400-seater jumbo jet for a 4-seater Cessna 172, my occasional passengers being members of our local Volunteer Coastguard Air Patrol. Regards to classmates - Miles Irving, Conrad Slater, Derek Holden are you out there?

Alan Murgatroyd (Evans' 1946-51) - meadmurg@actrix.co.nz 07.02.01.

Many thanks for the Anniversary copy of the Red Rose, which is most appreciated - it revived many pleasant memories. Excellent news that you are able to make an NTSC copy of the KGV video playable here in Canada, and I would like to order one. I will be visiting the UK and Southport this April, and hope to make the Dinner. I would like to call in at the College to browse through copies of the Red Rose from 1944 to 1955. Thanks again to you and all the others for your work and efforts to keep us in touch with the past and present.

Philip Broadbent - brody217@hotmail.com 13.02.01.

I lived around the corner from 'Little Taff', in Dunbar Road, played tennis at the Carlton Tennis club and was in the Scouts at St John's, Ainsdale. This year's Red Rose was a remarkable, but undoubtedly very time-consuming, effort. It is fun to read about one's school days as one advances in years. I had hoped to make it to the Dinner this year, but I have to go to the US at the same time. I have made a point of meeting Ronnie Fearn when in the UK, and I occasionally run into Old Georgians, both in Canada and elsewhere.

Douglas Ross (Leech's 1945-49) - raidr@pathcom.com 13.02.01.

The Red Rose 2001 is a gem of a publication and I'm so enjoying feasting on everything twixt the covers. There are always minus items in any chronicle spanning several generations and, on that score, I am most sorry to note that George Barton has lost normal mobility. We were classmates at one stage - on opposite sides of the classroom, of course - but I doubt he would remember me. Kindest regards and best wishes.

(George died on 13th December 2001 - see Obituaries section)

Ian A Young (Rogers' 1940-44)

15.02.01.

I am pretty sure I joined the Old Georgians when I left school in 1955 as I used to have an *old silver, red and black diagonal tie, which became progressively soup, gravy and beer-stained as years went by. I can remember going to events at the Palace Hotel and Belle Vue Hotel in the late '50s, but I seem to have dropped through the net after this.

John Martindale, Waterloo, Liverpool.

15.02.01.

*You are back on the database, John. *see Memorabilia section*

I think the advent of the Guest Book on the KGV website is a real plus and should lead to an increase in membership. Personally, I have re-found several of my contemporaries by picking up the addresses listed. Last evening on the 5-hour train journey between Strasbourg and Lille, I read the Anniversary Red Rose from cover to cover (back to front, actually) and enjoyed it immensely. The variety of elements compiled and the 'scrapbook' aspect of the presentation rendered it much more entertaining than a strict chronicle of the times might have been.

The impact of any school upon and within its environment is not always fully appreciated at the precise moment of sizeable events, yet this proved to the contrary when reading about the war years and L.C.Hargreaves' Air Training Corps, which almost underwent metamorphosis into H.H.Long and the Scout Troop following the cessation of hostilities. Sometimes, the ability to give our best to a community at large coincides with the profound needs of others, and such proved the case with the construction of the adventure playground at Larkfield special school. The enterprise was well served by a sponsored marathon walk. Equally modern, and from perhaps a visionary aspect, was the purchase of 'Long Rigg'. I went on three occasions, twice during the official schoolboy trips (the first with Stan Rimmer and T.B.L.Davies) and then with a group of five other boys during the 1972 summer holidays, when David Radcliffe and his family very generously gave of their personal time to superintend us. To put groups of boys in such a fraternal context for 3 to 4 days, and within an agreeable natural environment, was a masterstroke, which afforded alternative

opportunities of expression to those who found the existing educational regime otherwise overwhelming. This year's Red Rose is a credit to its compilers. Congratulations....and thanks.

Steve Brooks - Steven.Brooks@pasteur-lille.fr

19.02.01.

I am in the process of setting up a website with downloads available of past issues of the Red Rose. I would welcome any comments. The address of the site is: <http://freespace.virgin.net/michael.rimmer/>

Mike Rimmer - michael.rimmer@virgin.net

24.02.01.

May I say how much I enjoyed reading (and re-reading) the 'Stories of KGV' section in this year's Red Rose? It brought back so many memories of so many people I knew during my time at KGV. I am sure putting it altogether must have taken months (if not years!), but be assured that the end result was well worth your time and effort and has earned you the thanks of all Old Georgians.

John Clough (KGV Master 1956-1991)

27.02.01.

The Anniversary Magazine is excellent and a good read, but I fear that I have a bone to pick. Unless there is another older Tony Platt lurking in the darker recesses of Westminster Abbey (and its recesses do not come much darker than the Lapidarium), the item in 'Old Georgians' News' on p 136 contains two grave errors. *This* Tony Platt was at KGV from 1951 until 1959 and was in Leech's (Gear's? Heaven forfend). Also, I am a Steward of Westminster Abbey though, admittedly, Seward does have a nice mediaeval ring to it. I was also particularly interested to note that Mike Gibbons (p 131) was apparently at school when Edward the Confessor was building the Abbey - it would be interesting to meet him, but I doubt that the poor old thing could make it to the Dinner.

In company with my fellow Steward, David Brown (Mason's 1952-60) and Alan Bradley (Woodham's 1953-61), I will be attending the Dinner this year, the first time I have been able to do so. David and I are actually staying at Formby Hall so that we can indulge to the full in the hospitality offered. I am looking forward to renewing old acquaintances.

Tony Platt, Keeper of the Lapidarium, Westminster Abbey
(Leech's 1951-59)

07.03.01.

Editor's reply

Dear Tony,

Thank you for your letter. I am pleased to hear that you enjoyed the Red Rose. However, whilst not wishing to disappoint you, I must point out that the errors you claim to have discovered are not, in fact, errors at all, as the information below will show:

1 By spotting the wrong dates, you are the first Tony Platt to supply the correct answer (1951-9) to the 'Tony Platt Dates Competition'. A large number of Tony Platts responded, but none with your level of accuracy.

2 I decided to place you in Grear's to spare you embarrassment. Most of those who were in Leech's are terrified that their secret be revealed. As you may understand, I did not know whether you were ready to be 'outed'.

3 By suspecting that 'Seward' is mediaeval, you make an intelligent, albeit inaccurate, guess. The word derives from Indo-Germanic dialect, found most recently in a fax from the Norse God, Throg, to his cousin in Wyoming in 842 AD. Your Westminster colleague, Canon Law, has written several papers on these communications, although they will not be published until fifty years after his forthcoming violent death.

4 It may surprise you to learn that Mike Gibbons did start his KGV career in 1050, which proves what can be achieved by a combination of formaldehyde and modern battery technology. Clearly, you did not spot the bolt through his neck whilst changing for games. Like the Queen Mother, he is wonderful for his age.

I look forward to seeing you at the Dinner. Meanwhile, I send best wishes to all who work in the Lapidarium. I imagine that caring for orphaned rabbits in this way is a most rewarding occupation.

Paul Bagshaw (Red Rose Editor)

Thank you very much for sending so promptly the superb and most interesting video, and congratulations on putting it together so expertly. The reminiscences bring back remarkable memories, especially Alan Bond's injury, which Ken Edwardson and I 'assisted' with. Congratulations, also, on the Red Rose. I enjoyed the Chairman's Weekend at 'The Sun', which turned out better than we could have hoped. GFD is fantastic! I am looking forward to meeting Phil McLean, Trevor Williams and others at the Annual Dinner in April.

Peter Brunt

28.03.01

My earliest recollection of KGV was the Eclipse and a plaque put up on the cycle shed, which was then between the First XV Rugger pitch and the School building. I enjoyed my time at KGV, although I was never a scholar - games and sports being my best achievements. I was a member of the Scout Troop under Joe Mayne, along with a great friend, John Gordon Hopkinson, with whom I still communicate. I recall an Egyptian lad - Fitani - who brought a pistol and blanks into the classroom. I also have fond memories of Miss Craig. During the War I was in Palestine with the Household Cavalry, as well as in Italy France and Germany. Looking through the Roll of Honour, I well remember Ted Clough, Monty Pennel, K C Rigby,

George Rimmer and Jerry Shirm.
Ernest Pickthall (Evans' 1928-36)

04.04.01

Congratulations on the Anniversary Dinner. It was a splendid occasion and great to see so many turning up to see GFD, who was on great form, along with Nancy Dixon, Bob Abram and Peter Longhurst.

David Brown (Mason's 1952-60)

16.04.01

Congratulations on an excellent Annual Dinner this year. I thoroughly enjoyed it and saw some old faces I had not seen previously. Can we have the same venue next year? It was a big improvement on S & B Cricket Club.
Mike Thompson - mcthompson24@hotmail.com

23.04.01

On 12th April 2001, along with several friends from Birkdale Probus Club, I attended my first Old Georgians' Annual Dinner since leaving school sixty years ago. Is this a record? Unbelievably, there were one or two chaps present who were at KGV in my time, and several more Old Georgians I have come to know since through other activities. Sadly, every staff member of my time has now passed over, but I have very happy memories of the school I feel privileged to have attended. I am now addicted to the Internet and would always be pleased to receive e-mails from anyone having had contact with KGV.

Andrew Seddon (Leech's 1934-39) - SASCMS184@aol.com

12.05.01

Thanks to a happy meeting with John Pilling (OG Secretary), I have greatly enjoyed reading the Anniversary Red Rose. 'Twas my first acquaintance with Old Georgians in 66 years, when in 1935 I ended four jubilant years in the very first experimental 'Transitus' form. The memory dims, but are 'Tinny' Austin, Jake Brookfield and Josh Brimelow around?

Harry Howard - Minehead

06.06.01

In the recent Birthday Honours, Peter Brunt was made a Companion of the Victorian Order, conferred by the Queen for personal services.

Dr Steve Brooks (Grear's 1969-74) attended the Dinner. He is a Scientific and Financial Manager of Insitut Pasteur de Lille.

Geoffrey Dixon - Geoffreydixon3@btinternet.com

24.06.01

This year, three of the 37 people admitted to partnership at Ernst & Young LLP are KGV alumni. It was only over coffee that the connections were made. As well as myself (1987-89), there was Mike Leary and Liz Holden - KGV 1983-85. Mike and I studied Chemistry with Mr Miley, but in different years. I am an International Tax Partner in Birmingham, Mike is a Corporate Tax Partner in Manchester, and Liz an Audit Partner in Leeds.

David Nickson - dnickson@UK.EY.COM

04.07.01.

Having just received a copy of the video 'KGV Remembered', I am filled with nostalgia and a need to thank you and others who were involved in producing it. I migrated to Australia in 1968 and returned, for the first time, in 1988 to find that my school had not only disappeared, but had undergone a major character change! As an ex First XI and First XV boy, I understood at once that the demise of England's sporting fortunes began with the end of the Grammar school system as we knew it. For those of us who were uninterested in classroom matters, the sports fields of KGV provided sufficient lessons to last a lifetime, not least of which being the ability to accept defeat with good grace. However, surrounded as I am by braggarts and having had my hopes dashed by the Brutish (Sorry, British) Lions, I am now at the end of my tether. To hell with fair play. Tell our cricketers to get out there and sledge, lift the seam, bowl underarm grubbers - anything to stem the crowing colonial cacophony which I have endured for thirty years. And, please God, don't let them qualify for the Football World Cup!

Returning to the video, it includes a photograph of Leyland Road Juniors cup-winning team of which I was a member. Is it possible to provide me with a copy? I would be extremely grateful, since I have no other record of that happy time in my life. You will be interested to hear that I have been corresponding with Tony Waiters who asked me to write a couple of articles for his soccer website (www.worldofsoccer.com). I have been coaching the same at club and representative level for over thirty years, and I am currently Director of coaching at a Queensland junior soccer club. Despite any antipathy to the classroom, writing has always been a pleasurable pursuit, and I owe a great deal to Hubert Evans for his encouragement. I carved out a public service career on that talent alone, and was able to retire at 55. I will always be grateful to the school for foundations which were not evident to me until I reached maturity a few weeks ago.

Keith Hardisty (Mason's 1947-53) - tove@bigpond.com

19.07.01.

I just wanted to say hello from America. Somehow I ended up here in the late '80s. I was just reading about the Golden Jubilee Red Rose - one of which I have in original form and guard dearly. I have to admit that the elders were correct in their repeated sayings of 'you'll miss these times, one day'. I hated school, but it was a lot better than the outside world.

Steve Tomlinson - english1@philadelphia.net

05.10.01.

It was most kind of you to telephone me on Saturday and then to send the copy of the Anniversary Red Rose, which I have found most interesting,

although I still have a few unanswered questions. It was a big surprise to me that the old KGV School building lasted as long as it did. I had naively assumed that demolition had taken place in the 1930s! What you have sent convinces me that I should have gained had we been able to stay on at the School in the 4th, 5th and 6th years. Nevertheless, after the initial let-down on seeing Sutton County School, we managed to pick ourselves up and, for myself, I enjoyed a very full part in its activities. The sad news was that I failed to obtain a Major Scholarship to University, but thankfully I took up studies at Battersea Polytechnic and gained a good degree in Electrical Engineering. Once again, thank you for getting in touch and sending this fascinating book.

Kenneth Jowett - Ken.Jowett@btinternet.com

12.11.01.

I have been trying to trace photographs of pupils at KGV School. In particular, I am interested in the photographs taken in 1943 and 1946 of the whole school. I should like to hear from anyone who has copies and is willing to sell them.

Abby - abbysol@hotmail.com

03.12.01.

Despite inclement weather on 12th August, we held a splendid reunion buffet in Alsager for a dozen OGs and their wives. We all took our O levels in 1964, and most later became prefects. Keith Moss became Head Boy in 1965-6 and Ian (Syd) Smith was 'Rubberneck's' son. The line-up is: John Stocker (Leicester), Graham Thompson (Alsager), Ian Tinsley (Southport), Dave Saunders (High Wycombe), Ian Smith (Northwich), Geoff Done (Ware), Keith Moss (Wombourne), Adrian Bird (Findern), Brian Howard (Southport), Albert King (Ilkley), Norman Jackson (Portsmouth) and Ray Clarke (Harrow). Perhaps a pound or two heavier than in our heyday, but mostly recognisable. Since then we have contacted several more of the same year and hope to meet again.

Graham Thompson - Graham@caldyroad.freemove.co.uk

07.12.01.

EXTRACTS FROM THE WEBSITE GUEST BOOK

I went to KGV from 1987-89 and had a blast. My form tutor was the best. He was a Geography teacher, but I can't remember his name. I went to Loughborough University, but hated it. I now live here in L.A. and work as a graphic designer. Enjoy school while it lasts!

Suzanne Buck-Cramer, Venice, California.

03.11.2000.

Attended KGV 1990-92. Now living in Leicester. I am gorgeous and sexy, so all you birds, you must remember me.

Chris Cockwill, Southport. 07.11.2000.

Any news on the exciting B stream from 1973-78? Stumpy, Mallard, Bickerstaffe!!!, Twigge, Munoz, Cargill!! Anyone remember comics from Rimmer & House?

Visit them on www.fortunecity.com/roswell/angelic/179/index.html
Mugsie Rimmer, Southport. 08.11.2000.

Muggsy - you re one very sad individual for still having the Bick comics, never mind publishing them. BUT it was brilliant to be reminded of the Blinventions and Signis - I commend all B streamers to read 'Mottley Noggin and his band of merry ****\$\$!'s' BTW - Andrew Cargill is still in Southport - working for Kiddies shopfitters. Not sure about the others.

Noel Shearer, Crosby. 11.11.2000.

I hope Mr Evans is well. I failed A level Geology, but I did learn some things about evolution and the physical environment that were helpful. As for the other teachers, well..I still think that I was right and they were wrong about a lot of things, but it won't do any good for me to keep blaming others for my misfortunes. My regards to Mrs Lewinska at Learning Support and Mrs Ashcroft - I hope they are well. Right now, Edge Hill's serving me well with a Sociology degree, so take care of yourselves, and I'll look to the future.

Alex Holt, Ormskirk. 13.11.2000.

KGV pupil from 1944-46. Was a member of the Sea Cadets until 1949. My matriculation helped a great deal in following years.

Bryan Wakefield, Norwich. 12.12.2000.

Anybody around from 1977-84 era? I couldn't find any entries from people I recognised. And yes, I changed my name in '87. Now living/working in Oz.

Paul Ashley (Prof. Hiscock), Sydney, Australia. 19.12.2000

Mason's 1956-63. I've just watched the 'KGV Remembered' video and really enjoyed it. Anyone out there from my era? Anyone remember the Madrigal Choir trip to Germany in 1964?

Michael Williamson, Cambridge. 25.12.2000.

Mason's 1957-64. Graduated Mech.Eng. UMIST in 1967. I have worked in the motor industry and am now fleet Operations Manager of LDV (formerly

Leyland Daf Vans) in Birmingham. I live in Worcester and have just seen the video (courtesy of Paul Bagshaw). I'll try to get to the Reunion in April 2001. Anyone out there remember 'Neb' Lessiter or 'Percy' Longhurst?
John Ball, Worcester. 02.01.2001.

Sixth Form 1962-64. Graduated B.Eng.Mech.Eng. at Liverpool University. Work for DAF Trucks at Thame, Oxon as Customer Relations & Operation Support Manager within After Sales arena.

John Crook, Northampton. 03.01.2001.

Dave (Ted) Heath - '75 to '81. Now living in Paris, but still back in Southport quite regularly. Would be happy to hear from contemporaries.

Dave Heath, Paris. 03.01.2001.

David Stanley, London. KGV '77-84 - Now living in London. 03.01.2001.

I'm pretty sure I went to KGV for some of the time 1961-65. (Edwards - Nocker Norris) Why is there a hole for this era? Whatever happened to Hank, Little Taff, Windy Gale, Noddy, Molitov, etc. - they were just the teachers. Anyone hear of John Fozard? Anyone hear of me?

Paul Bilton, Switzerland. 06.01.2001.

Glad to hear there are still some OGs who are not afraid to admit it.

Pete Ray, Southport. 07.01.2001.

Encouraging my brother to follow in my footsteps and enjoy a great college.

Simon Halpin, Formby. 09.01.2001.

Rogers' 1966-72. I've lost touch with all but two of my contemporaries, but often wonder what happened to them.

Peter Mercer, Manchester. 09.01.2001.

KGV 1976-83. Now hugely important media type - follow link and click through to Liverpool Echo for a good laugh at me grinning like a buffoon.

Barrie Mills, Southport. 12.01.2001.

KGV '85 to '87. Currently enjoying life in Dubai. Wonder where the likes of Tinkler, Nellie Ainsworth, Rob, Mandy and the rest of the Follies vets got to. Or was it the Kingsway? That's fifteen years ago...

Dave White, no fixed abode. 13.01.2001.

School and College '77 to '84. John Forshaw, where are you? Trying to get in touch with old mates.

Mike Pass, London. 13.01.2001.

Visit the new eGroup for alumni of King George V College at:

<http://www.egroups.com/group/kinggeorgevcollege>

Laurence Edwards, Edinburgh. 14.01.2001.

I was there 1986 to 1988, sleeping through Maths, Physics and Music. After going on to do a couple of Music degrees, I'm now a web developer in Birmingham, currently working for a company putting together a seriously large camping, caravanning and leisure website. If you were there during that time, I was one of the hippies who used to sit on the corner wall by the music room at dinner time, not because it was boring, but because I had chronic fatigue syndrome at the time!

Simon Gray, Birmingham. 14.01.2001.

Well into a gap year, although really looking forward to Uni. Still haven't coughed up the £5* to join the Old Georgians. Recently discovered a grey hair at the grand old age of 19. Must be the stresses of Early Modern History. **(It is £4 if you join within a year of leaving KGV. Ed)*

Helen Wynne, Bootle. 16.01.2001.

Leech's 1963-69. If anyone remembers me (as 'Scotty') please get in touch. There are two Southport sites that have chat rooms and bulletin boards frequented by Old Georgians, ranging from the 1940s to the 1990s. They are: [HTTP://anexa.com/southport2/index.LHTML](http://anexa.com/southport2/index.LHTML) (KGV memories, photos) [HTTP://books.dreambook.com/southportchat/southport.HTML](http://books.dreambook.com/southportchat/southport.HTML) (Chat)

Phil Scott, Southport. 17.01.2001.

Edwards' 1968-74. One quarter of a century ago. Any old friends out there please make contact. Would love to have a get-together and chat about 'Monks' falling off the common room roof. Ha Ha

Terry Fleetwood, Southport. 01.02.2001.

Grear's 1970-76. Great memories of KGV. ('Must try harder' being the one that sticks!!) I'm the poacher turned gamekeeper - currently a Senior Lecturer in Information Science at The London Institute. Can't win 'em all.

Bill Bradley, London. 02.02.2001.

Woodham's House 1950-57. How about Richard Chapman, Martin Bedford, Alan Jones, Johnny Wareing and anyone in the Scout Troop?

Harry Chadderton, Chorley. 02.02.2001.

Spencer's 1961-68. Congratulations on Red Rose 2001. I love the tale of Heinee Reinee (p 23) : my father, Ronald Gubbins (Spencer's 1930-36), had mentioned this character to me, but I never really understood the significance of the story. Thanks, and keep up the good work.

Paul Gubbins, Congleton, Cheshire. 02.02.2001.

Honeybone's 1969-74. Just seen Bill Bradley's message. I, too, am at The London Institute as a Senior Lecturer in Management. Post-Grad DMS ('91), MA (Strategic Financial Management, '97). In touch with Chris Mills.

Philip Murley, London. 03.02.2001.

Leech's 1953-61. I've been skimming through the Anniversary Red Rose - what a good idea because it stirs many memories for me as an Old Georgian and former member of staff. My career started as a teacher at KGV and ended as a management trainer with a multi-national company. Now retired, I am teaching again part-time at King Edwards in Birmingham. Ironic really, because for a spell in the '80s I was Assistant Chief Adviser for Birmingham LEA. I noticed Paul Gubbins in the Guest Book. Do you remember 'The Government Inspector' Paul?

Philip Holland, Alvechurch, Worcs. 03.02.2001.

I was at KGV from '79 to '81, Mr Miley's class. I would be interested to hear from anyone of that era. e-mail: hayley.edwards@patent.gov.uk

Hayley Edwards, Cardiff. 05.02.2001.

Many thanks to all those involved in putting together the Anniversary Red Rose. A superb job. I read that the 1970 Red Rose books are as rare as hen's teeth. I have a copy that I 'found' in a store-room by the stage in 1976. There were boxes and boxes of them gathering dust. Thought they wouldn't miss one! I should have nicked some more to sell on.

Simon Biddolph, Oxford. 05.02.2001.

V.impressed with the latest Red Rose. Most interesting reading. Does anyone remember me?

Roderick Greenfield. 06.02.2001.

Attended KGV 1941-46.

James Burns, Liverpool. 08.02.2001.

Anyone remember playing Led Zep in the Pavilion common room or making coffee last 2hrs at the 'Wagon'?

Tim Smith, Somerset. 08.02.2001.

Mason's 1963-4 and 1966-7. 2B and 4A/5A. U15 XV 1966-7. I have lost contact with all my contemporaries, but would like to hear what happened to everyone, some of whom I went to school with from the age of seven.

Peter Bullivent, Macclesfield. 11.02.2001.

Not yet considered as one of the 'old boys' by any stretch of the imagination. (KGV '95-'97) Currently final year Computing, specialising in intelligent network design algorithms (yes Mr Wohlers I did eventually learn how to do the maths thang). Any contemporaries - get in touch!

Ian Corrie, Southport. 11.02.2001.

Having made contact with a few colleagues recently, I'd love to hear from anyone. (If anyone remembers my dad, brothers Paul or Jonathan, or me!) Remember the Scout Troop in Roger Rothwell days? The rambling club?

David N Everett (Mason's 1964-72), Rhos-on-Sea, Colwyn Bay. 12.02.2001.

Spencer's '61-68. Anyone out there?

Alan Cunliffe, Southport. 13.02.2001.

I don't know whether any of my 'old' KGV mates are likely to read this, but I'd be interested to hear from any who do. neil.sumner@physics.org

Neil Sumner. 14.02.2001.

Holland's 1970-76. Anyone out there who remembers smoking behind the Geography block? No Ds or Newts please!!!

Ian Halsall, Somerset. 14.02.2001.

I have today uploaded a scan of the Red Rose, July 1963 issue...to the files section here...<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/kinggeorgevcollege> I may well be persuaded to do the rest.

Mike Rimmer. 15.02.2001.

Evans' 1970-77. It is only now that I realise what an excellent education I had at KGV. My daughter is currently sitting exams for secondary school in London and we are forced to consider the private sector due to the non-availability of good state education of the sort that KGV provided as a matter of course. Great memories of KGV and, in particular, Chris Collier (Head of History). I see from the Red Rose that he is still at the College. I wonder if he remembers the 'Mastermind' competitions he and I organised during 1976 and 1977. If he, or one of his current students, sees this, please make contact: <http://www.gillhams.com>

Russell Caller, North West London. 16.02.2001.

Leech's 1962-69. Colours blazer starting to look worse for wear.

Norman Cumbley, Long Beach, California. 27.03.2001.

Leech's 1975-82. SAP Technical Consultant - Siemens UK.

Matthew Andrews, High Wycombe. 02.04.2001.

Mason's 1968-75. Married, two boys, nice house, nice job. Picked up a few contacts from the Red Rose 2000.

Frank Rimmer, Cheltenham. 02.04.2001.

Honeybone's 1977-81. KGV College 1981-83. I am interested in hearing from other Old Georgians from my period.

Jonathan Farrow, Surrey. 04.04.2001.

Where were you - members of 2A 1952? You missed a great 75th Old Georgians Dinner, masterminded by Stan Rimmer and Paul Bagshaw. Geoffrey Dixon was in splendid form, as was Mrs Dixon, Bob Abram and Peter Longhurst. I have a list of C J Woodcock's form, should any member from 1952 wish to consult it.

David Brown. 14.04.2001.

Hi to anyone interested from the 1955-62 era. Nice to find the website with photos and drawings of the earlier building. Some years ago I took my kids up to Southport and, driving along Scarisbrick New Road, was about to point out with pride the imposing frontage - except it had gone!

Hillel ('Hill' these days) Harris, Blackheath, London. 14.04.2001.

I would be delighted to get in touch with some of my old friends.

Mark L Salkie, Canada. 24.04.2001.

Working in Liverpool, still a Red, in Education, still married with 2 kids.

Colin Hilton, Sychdyn, Flintshire. 27.04.2001.

Mugs - saw Greenhalgh, Heppie, Brian Viner, Dave Threlfall, Martin Fearn and all that lot at the (sad) Old Georgians Dinner the other week. House wasn't there though...(nor should have been, I think).

Noel Shearer, Crosby. 28.04.2001.

Grear's 1960-66. I would be pleased to hear from anyone at this time. Still playing vets rugby at Winnington Park! Still have three triplet daughters aged 12 and a wife. Remember my dad - Harry Smith - bet you do.
Ian Smith, Little Leigh, Northwich. 01.05.2001.

Had Jesus been a Brit, KGV would have been his school.
Clive Williams. 02.05.2001.

I have mixed feelings about KGV in the late 1950s. On the one hand, I received a great education, especially for a working-class kid from High Park. On the other hand there was Lettuce, who would strike almost without warning, and an atmosphere of a quasi-public school - sports, houses, gowns, etc. I thought that the school had two cultures - one for posh kids; another for the naughty boys from the poor areas of the town, but there were also some great teachers. H.Longhurst, if you read this, you were sympathetic, compassionate and gave me a basis in Economics that still comes out in my teaching and writing (I am now a college professor in the US). I thought the place was strictly run, and cannot make up my mind whether this was necessary, to keep an unruly bunch under control, or just the 'normal' way of operating schools at the time. Caning, 'bacon-slicing', smacking young kids across the face for almost nothing, Saturday mornings for being late three times per term. But then there were lunches - steamed potatoes, meat, gravy, cake and pudding - for two and sixpence per week, the best food I ate at the time. We had a skiffle band that played on the stage on our last day at school - the first time such activities were allowed - and I still remember the roar from the crowd when we finished. Mixed memories indeed.

J R Peet, USA. 06.05.2001.

Craig Williamson - remember me? French lessons? 1997-99. If you read this, I'd love to hear from you.
Ilsa Parry, Bootle. 13.05.2001.

Wandered in here by chance. Wierd feeling seeing those old names again after twenty-odd years.
Stefan Thor Walker, Iceland. 19.05.2001.

Ian Smith - do I remember your dad? Rubberneck? Not 'arf! I can still repeat Pythagoras Theorem. Still haven't actually found a use for it, but it got us all through Maths O level. Have they made him Head yet?
Paul Bilton, Edwards 1961-65, Switzerland. 24.05.2001.

Hi to anyone from the time I was at KGV. I enjoyed looking through the site, although there is a dearth of material about the 50-60 era.
Bill Farquhar, Warrington. 25.05.2001.

KGV '83-85. 2 of the best years of my life. Trying to get in touch with old friends - Justin, Danny, Jez, etc.
Simon Richards, Southport. 26.05.2001.

Mason's 1932-39. Lucky to have enjoyed such an education and will always remember KGV with affection.
Arnold Charnley, Michigan, USA. 12.06.2001.

Spencer's 1961-66. I noticed the name 'Smith', Northwich. Are you the son of Rubberneck who was the only guy who could get my brain in gear? In one lesson I saw him with steam emitting from his nostrils, about to dive out of the window in frustration trying to teach me Maths! If he is still about, I send my sympathies and a distinguished medal for bravery in service!
John Fozard. 16.06.2001.

Great to be able to communicate in this way. I left KGV in 1967 and have not attended an Old Georgians' event since the '60s. I have renewed some acquaintances recently as a result of the Red Rose magazine, and welcome further contact from those who remember me.
David Lewis, London. 16.06.2001.

Edwards' 1955-60. I recollect Rubberneck before his Maths teaching days and the slipper in the Gym. Funny how things link - there was Middle Taff who kept a slipper in his briefcase, and I think it was Hank Higham in the Chem Lab with the favourite bunsen burner tube for punishment use.
Les Blundell, Warfield, Berks. 19.06.2001.

Surprised at how many memories were awakened by reading the Red Rose magazine after all these years. Very few contacts now from those years - 1955 to 62 - but happy to hear from any other old codgers from my era.
Carl Molodynski, Blackpool. 26.06.2001.

Attended KGV from 1963-70, then Gonville and Caius, Cambridge.
Peter Inman, Vancouver, Canada. 05.07.2001.

Did anyone hand in the school tie I lost? My mum never forgave me.
Keith Moss (Evans' 59-66), Wombourne, South Staffs. 18.07.2001.

Just read the 2001 75th Edition Red Rose. Good to see G F Dixon is alive and kicking. Will e-mail him when I get the courage! Left KGV in 1961. Played a short stint with Tony Travis in his 'Rebel Rousers'. Anyone heard of Pete Hulme, David Greenberg who would be in their late 50s by now?
Roy Smith, Vancouver, Canada. 18.07.2001.

Leech's 1975-79 and then the brave new world of the 6th form college - seems a long time ago. But I see my old 'mate' Dave Miley continues to torture the unfortunates in Chemistry! News from anyone who remembers the crazy days of History with Chris Collier would be welcome!
Chris Topping, Liverpool. 22.07.2001.

Mason's 1947-53. Where's the rewind and replay button?
Keith Hardisty, Brisbane, Australia. 22.07.2001.

Where are all the girls? I was in the second female intake 1980-82. Remember me?
Ramanee Peiris, Dundee. 26.07.2001.

I was in Evans' from '60-'65. If anyone remembers me, please get in touch. I didn't leave KGV with great academic success, but have over the years proved all my old teachers wrong. What a blissful feeling.
Bob Sankey, Carmel, N.Wales. 29.07.2001.

A quick 'Hello' to any of my contemporaries. I came to KGV in 1946 (Trans X) and departed for the Civil Service in 1952. To Banking in 1960 and retired from that in 1996. Glad to hear from post-war period friends.
Eric Ogden, Cheadle Hulme, Cheshire. 16.08.2001.

KGV 1995-97. Anyone who remembers me, please get in touch.
Dave Clayton, London. 06.09.2001.

A reunion has been arranged for sixth form college students who attended KGV from 1981-83 at the Scarisbrick Hotel on Saturday, October 20th 2001.
Caroline Armstrong, Southport. 07.09.2001.

KGV '73-'79. Leafing through the 75th Anniversary Red Rose brought back some memories. Jamie Suddaby and Philip Tiplady - where are you now?
Peter Stott, Reading. 10.09.2001.

I was at KGV from 1996 to 1998, if anyone wants to get in touch. KGV was a lot better than secondary school and I had a good time.
Helen Flatley, London. 23.09.2001.

Woodham's 1964-71.
Neil Fraser, Ontario, Canada. 30.09.2001.

Anybody out there at KGV 1987-89? Would like to catch up on old times.
Tracy Ball (née Gregson), Wirral. 28.10.2001.

Shame about the old messages. Be good to hear from any of my peers. Suggest you check out the KGV entries at www.friendsreunited.co.uk
Craig Kersey, Ripon. 28.10.2001.

Mason's 1944-52. Sadly, always miss the reunions. Although a life member of the Old Georgians, nobody ever sends information since Tommy Dutton (Uncle) died.
Peter Waddington, Downton, Wilts. 02.12.2001.
Don't worry, Peter. You are now back on the database.

Mason's 1965-72. Great to keep up to date with past colleagues. All the best for 2002.
David Everett, Rhos-on-Sea. 24.12.2001.

Rogers' 1959-66. Discovered the website from the video cover.
Gerald Robinson-Todd, Westhoughton, Bolton. 30.12.2001.

Memorabilia

The items below are available at the Annual Dinner or by post from:
Red Rose Memorabilia, 46 Lyndhurst Road, Southport, Merseyside PR8 4JT.

Tel: 01704 565075 Fax: 01704 550710

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A4 Colour print (29.7cm x 21cm) £5 post free

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Georgians interspersed with contemporary photographs, covering
the period 1920-79 (81 minutes). £15 post free

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aspects of the College in Year 2000 (20 minutes). £8 post free

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of charge to members of the Association or @ £7.50 post free to others.

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1930s-vintage Old Georgians' Tie (silver, red, black) £18 post free
A new facsimile item initiated by Colin Knowles and Peter Vickers.

*Also available from Broadhurst's, Market St, Southport.

Calendar of Events 2002

MARCH 9th & 10th 2002 - OG CHAIRMAN'S WEEKEND

This year's weekend will be at Glenridding, Ullswater. Further details from
Chairman, Stephen Bond, 2 Peterstone Close, Callands, Warrington WA5
5ED. Tel: 01925 632016 Mobile: 07887 673925.

MARCH 28th 2002 - OG ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

The tournament will be held once again at Formby Hall Golf Club. Further
information from Chris Threlfall - Tel: 01204 852064

MARCH 28th 2002 - OG ANNUAL DINNER & AGM

The venue is Formby Hall Golf Club, Southport Old Road, Formby. The
AGM starts at 7 pm, followed by a 3-course Dinner at 8 pm. Tickets are avail-
able @ £18 from Stan Rimmer, 361 Liverpool Road, Birkdale, Southport PR8
3BT. Tel: 01704 576713. You are advised to book early.

APRIL 16th 2002 - COLLEGE MUSIC PRODUCTION

7.30 pm at KGV. Music performed by College students. Pay £3 at the door
or book through Peter Comfort at KGV College - Tel: 01704 530601.

JULY 12th 2002 - OG BARBECUE AND QUIZ

Barbecue, Quiz, Swimming, Bar from 7 pm hosted by The Rostrons, 33 Ryder
Crescent, Birkdale, Southport. Tickets @ £7 from John Pilling, 372 Gravel
Lane, Banks, Southport PR9 9DB - Tel: 01704 226961. As the 12th is Bastille
Day, everyone is encouraged to adopt a French theme.

SEPTEMBER 27th 2002 ANNUAL SNOOKER AND HOTPOT EVENING

The venue is Southport & Birkdale Cricket Club, Trafalgar Road. Details
from Stan Rimmer, 361 Liverpool Road, Birkdale, Southport PR8 3BT. Tel:
01704 576713.

NOVEMBER 13th 2001 - COLLEGE MUSIC CONCERT

Times and details are as for previous Music concerts. Wine served by OGs.

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OR WITH THE OG COMMITTEE**