

THE RED ROSE.



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Presidents' Letter

Dear Old Georgians,

It has been another excellent year for the College. Advanced level results nationally for the new Curriculum 2000 yet again showed King George V College to be up there with the best. 380 students went to university in October and 12 of these went to Oxford or Cambridge.

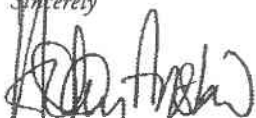
The saddest event since I last wrote to you is without doubt the death of Hilary Royden. His constant support, his warmth and care, his commitment to his role as a Trustee on the Education Foundation and simply himself as a person are all greatly missed. I know all those of you who knew Hilary will share these thoughts with me.

Very many thanks for the continued outstanding unstinting support for the College from the Old Georgians. Your generous contributions to College departments and your support for concerts and college events under Des Hughes' leadership is greatly valued.

Finally let me record again how fortunate we are at King George V College to have such an outstanding Board of Governors. Our Chairman, Old Georgian, John Rostron, provides outstanding leadership and the Old Georgian membership including Rob Fletcher, Eric Usher, Chris Baker and Ronnie Fearn continue to provide a strong steer and unwavering sense of purpose and direction in a national context which is ever changing.

Very best wishes to all of you for a good year in 2003. We are being 'inspected' wish us well!

Sincerely


Hilary Anslow OBE

Chairman's Letter

... and so it was that as I left the bosom of the old School, I was invited by our new Queen to spend a couple of years in her Royal Air Force. Much water has passed under my particular bridge since that day in 1956 — too many "Pooh-sticks" to reminisce about, except for one, the loss of the old building in 1982. Since my emigration to Hertfordshire in the mid 60's, I had been used to driving past KGV on entering Southport to visit my parents. It was a comfortable feeling to have the happy memories come flooding back. When I first spotted the open space, I took a closer look. The outline of the foundations still visible where it had stood for over fifty years, providing the basis of a good future for thousands of boys. I have missed it ever since.

It was, therefore, something of a compensation to be asked to be Chairman for this year. This has given me a good excuse to contact many of you for the first time in over forty years, to renew old friendships and wallow in a bit of old-fashioned nostalgia. At the same time I have been involved in the events which enable the Association to raise funds needed to continue its work.

Chairing my first committee meeting in May, I was warmly welcomed, help and advice forthcoming from all the members — thanks for that. My first pleasurable assignment was to make a presentation to Sheila Curran who was retiring after seventeen years service in the College office on September 13th.



Paul Bagshaw Stan Rimmer Mike Hyde Alan Bond
Hilary Anslow Sheila Curran Des Hughes Peter Comfort

In September I was able to report that the barbecue in July was a great success thanks to our hosts John and Christine Rostron.

At the Music concert in November I was pleased to present grants to six Departments. On the same occasion I presented a cheque to the College to extend the tree planting programme by the purchase of forty four of various species which are now in place. The concert was a delight and those who participated must be congratulated on the very high standard they achieved.

A more informal occasion was the Snooker, Darts and Hotpot Supper held in October at S & B Cricket Club. The evening was enjoyed by all, especially the trophy winners who showed all the signs of a mis-spent youth!

You are reminded that the 2003 Dinner and AGM is at Formby Hall Golf Club on April 17th when Darrell (DJ) Farrant (1948-1955) will be our guest speaker. I hope that all of you reading this, especially those from the 1948-55 era, will make a special effort to attend, along with all the regulars who never miss. Tickets can be obtained as usual from Stan Rimmer on 01704 576369 and it would help Stan to enjoy the evening himself if cheques were sent in advance, payable to the Old Georgians Association.

In closing, I must report an unofficial event which took place on November 14th when a small party of OG's invited ex Headmaster Geoffrey Dixon and his wife Nancy to a luncheon held in their honour at Formby Hall Golf Club. This was to mark them both reaching their ninetieth year during my year in office. Geoffrey came to KGV, as I did, in 1949. They are an amazing couple who this year also celebrate their 68th year of marriage. In response to out toast to "90 not out", Geoffrey expressed the view that in all his years in teaching, the boys at KGV were the best he had come across. I am pleased to tell you that one such boy, Hilary Royden, despite serious illness, was able to be with us on this occasion. It was the last time we would see him and it was a tearful farewell to a quiet man, dignified and loyal.... exactly the sort of boy Geoffrey had referred to only thirty minutes earlier. A full tribute to Hilary appears in the obituaries.

Finally, if you were at School with me and can find time for a chat, do please give me a call on 01438 832535

Des Hughes

(Roger's 1949-1956)

Editorial

I would like to take advantage of my first editorial to do three things.

Firstly, on behalf of us all, I want to thank Paul Bagshaw for having been an absolutely spiffing (very O.G speak) editor for the last six years and for helping me in my first year. He continues to do all those little unseen jobs like printing tickets, joining forms, (printing them not sticking them together), stocking up and selling the prints and photos. The enormous task he gave himself of producing and selling the "KGV Remembered" video is almost over now as sales dwindle, but without the money it raised, his second enormous task, the production of the 75th Anniversary, 160-page Red Rose book, would have been a serious financial struggle. The book and the video now form an important piece of Local History and Southport is all the richer for them.

Secondly, I want to thank all the other helpers during these last few years; those who contributed to the book and video; those who organised other fund raising, Stan Rimmer for the incredible 2001 Dinner, the Rostrons for their annual Barbecue night and all those generous members who gave donations to the Association.

Thirdly, a word of thanks to our committee members who have done their bit quietly and efficiently. John Pilling has wielded the Secretary's pen for many a long year, Duncan Burton saves us a large bill by auditing our books (although this has taken some of the fun out of the AGM!). Our Chairman, Des Hughes has followed the examples of Chris Threlfall (Bolton) and Steve Bond (Warrington) and well demonstrated the possibility of living as far from Southport as Wheathampstead but by planning his family visits in time with Association functions, has attended all seven of them, (I mention this in the hope that other O.G's in far flung lands will offer to follow in his tyre tracks).

And whilst I'm on that theme, it has been great to see two young female members join the committee. Laura Taylor (1979-81) and Michelle Howard (1991-3) are on committee to present the views of their contemporaries and they also attended the Reunion night at college in December in order to recruit students who had left College in 2002.

Finally, in view of the serious amounts of money handled by the Association these last two years, I have included a detailed (but wonderfully readable) article on the Association's finances with an explanation of where the money goes. As normality returns, I won't repeat this in future. Any questions can be sent to my address in the Cayman Islands.

Alan Bond, (Edward's 1947-54)

Editor (and Treasurer)

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VICE CHAIRMAN	Stephen Bond
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1930 A V Cunliffe	1931 W M Towers	1932 A V Cunliffe
1933 R E Sanderson	1935 A D Sawyer	1936 P Slater
1947 G K Bridge	1948 D F Sutton	1949 P Slater
1951 T E Booth	1952 G P Wakefield	1953 L Duckworth
1954 J W Lord	1955 J Edwards	1956 S C Wilford
1957 K Rostron	1958 J R Edwards	1959 R A Lloyd
1960 H E Nettleton	1961 G Barnes	1962 G Walton
1963 H H Long	1964 H H Long	1965 M B Enright
1966 H Evans	1967 A V Langfeld	1968 A Fairclough
1969 H J M Royden	1970 D Brown	1971 R Abram
1972 S B Rimmer	1973 A J Chandler	1974 J R N Petty
1975 S B Fletcher	1976 J N Rostron	1977 C W Jerram
1978 E G Cowen	1979 T H Dutton	1980 G Livesley
1981 M M Lockyer	1982 R Fletcher	1983 J C West
1984 J J Marriner	1985 G T Seed	1986 M J Waring
1987 R A Barnett	1988 B M Rimmer	1989 J R Pilling
1990 P D Bagshaw	1991 R C Fearn	1992 E A Ogden
1993 J R Elliott	1994 R O Jeffs	1995 M J Fearn
1996 A Bond	1997 A Bond	1998 C Threlfall
1999 M R E Hyde	2000 G F Dixon	2001 S L Bond

New Georgians

Judging from the numbers of members who have joined in the last 12 months, the Association is alive and well. We hope that those who are able to will make regular contact and let us know what they want to put into and obtain from the Association. Here are the 74 new names.

Mark Allatt	John Gatiss	Andrew Barland
Frank Ball	Matthew Gill	Neil Philpot
Derek Blume	Paul Gregory	Matthew Pimm
Chris H Bolton	Chris J Bolton	John J Bolton
Paul J Bolton	Vittorio Guidi	R. Rigby
Ellie Bond	Sean Heslin	Dennis Robinson
Robert Broughton	Sarah Hillman	Douglas Ross
Emma Burns	Derek Hitchcock	Mark Rowland
Don Carran	Michael Hornby	Alison Rowlands
Dorn Carran	R. Hunt	Rosanna Scurr
Paul Cass	Denis Ogden	Nigel Waring
Stephen Chisolm	Paul Jones	Andrew Shaw
Gareth Chubb	Richard Kinney	Laura Southgate
Jeremy Clark	Trevor Livesey	David Spencer
Matthew Curtis	C. Mailey	Matthew Sperrin
James Curtis	Peter Marsh	Elizabeth Sutton
Paul Danecki	J. Marsh	Alan Thompson
Andrew Dickinson	Andrew Mawdsley	Debbie Thwaites
Edward Ellis	Melissa Milner	Mike Vernon
Ron Ellis	Claire Evans	Dennis Moore
Maurice Farrar	Matthew Fuller	Jen Waite
Emma Fisher	Fiona Morris	T. Watkinson
Robert Frain	Keith Moss	Natalie Wells
Chris France	Zoe Niu	Trevor Williams
	Craig Parkinson	Rachel Winter

News of Old Georgians

Keith Moss (Evans' 1959-66)

An email arrived with the editor from Keith who, thanks to his address being incorrect on our database, was lost, but is found and he kindly sent me this potted history. (Take note everyone, it could have been either of us at fault but no Red Rose means you need to contact us.)

Keith graduated in Mechanical Engineering at Manchester University and for a number of years worked in Production Management in heavy engineering. He accepted a position in the computer industry as a Manufacturing Systems Consultant and subsequently helped found a Computer Reseller business becoming M.D. The business eventually sold out to a larger group with whom he still works in a business development role. Married with two children, he lives in Wombourne, South Staffs and, out of business hours, he sings in a Male Voice Choir, of which he is the Hon. Secretary

John Eldon Cotterall (Gear's 1939-41)

After leaving, John worked for Wigan Savings Bank until 1956. He served as a Naval Officer during the latter part of the war. He was Manager of the Ainsdale branch from 1949 to 1956 and gained his Associateship of the Institute of Banking and an External B.Com degree at London University in 1954. He taught at Southport Technical College from 1956 to 1959 and then took an administrative post in education covering Bolton, Salford, Chorley and Preston. Finally, he retired as District Education Officer, Preston in 1989 and lives in Churchtown. He is busy giving talks and writing about Local History and has two sons, a daughter and 8 grandchildren. He is active in church work and babysitting!

George H Griffith (Woodham's 1939-43)

During his four years at KGV George was useless at Sports, English Literature, Geography and History, was only fair at French, Maths and Chemistry but quite good at Metalwork, Art and English Language! So after leaving KGV he served an apprenticeship with the Railway at Meols Cop Car Repair shop. This led to a career in Railway electrical and mechanical engineering lasting for forty very interesting years at various locations throughout England. He became a Chartered Engineer and was closely involved with a number of major railway electrification projects including the West Coast Main Line. He took early retirement in 1983 and is currently trying to complete work on a huge backlog of DIY jobs on his property in Dent, Cumbria where he lives.

Mike Vernon (Grear's 1972-79)

After qualifying at Birmingham University, Mike started work in the conveyor industry where he has worked ever since. He is currently Sales Director for a company based in Sweden. Mike married in 1990 and has two daughters born in 1994 and 2000. They live near Leicester and Mike would welcome any contact from old friends.

Nigel K Waring (Woodham's 1951-55)

Sometime after leaving KGV I became a Building Society Manager in Winchester. With memories of the 1963-4 winter and for various other reasons, I decided to emigrate to New Zealand taking up the position of Assistant General Manager in the Savings Bank division of a financial institution. After a few more years, I decided to move to an even warmer climate and became the Administration Manager of a mining town located within the Tropic of Capricorn where 35C was regarded as a cool day. Several years later the town was in danger of closing so I moved to Sydney and, following some part time tertiary education, was able to obtain the position of Financial Accountant in the head office of a bank

This was not exactly the most interesting work and one day when the Chief Accountant said to me "isn't accounting exciting", I decided that yet another career move was in order. Fortunately, my sub-major had been in computer sciences so it was just a matter of moving to another division of the same organisation. I have now been retired for a few years and wonder how I ever managed to fit a job into my life. For a bit of fun I now work one or two days a week in walk-on parts for TV soaps and for movies. As I write, I'm looking forward to putting on a dinner suit and sitting opposite Melanie Griffiths for a couple of days while a banquet scene is filmed at the local Fox studios.

Geoff Pennington (1976-1984)

Geoff spanned the change period spending 1976 to 1981 at the Grammar School and 1981 to 1984 at the College. He gained a B.Sc. in Computation at UMIST and used it to get a job in telecoms software development in Coventry. This eventually took him to Munich and finally to Nottingham. He is married with twin 3-year old daughters and is working for a small company developing financial software.

Stuart Fletcher (Mason's 1957-1964)

Stuart has been awarded the O.B.E. in the Queen's new year's honours list. He was head boy at School in 1964, went to Oriel College Oxford and studied Gfeats. He then joined the NHS as a management trainee and has risen to become the acting director for the Mid and South West Wales Regions of the NHS. He also reports directly to the Welsh Assembly on all NHS matters throughout Wales. Stuart captained Southport RUFC in the late 70's. He lives with his wife Dilys in Haverfordwest. They have three children, Ed who works as a solicitor for Stuart's brother Rob in Southport, a son Geoff and a daughter Ruth.

Gordon A. Croome (Leech's 1968-1973)

Gordon has recently completed his involvement in the largest IT integration project ever undertaken in the financial services industry resulting from the Royal Bank of Scotland takeover of the Natwest Bank. As Design Manager, further projects beckon in 2003, but relaxing with his wife Joan and children Donna (17), and Carl (15) is the current priority. He is still a keen sports enthusiast in his now, native, Scotland. Gordon would welcome contact from old KGV friends..

Christopher H. Bolton (Evan's 1958-1964)

Changed tack from accountancy to computing in 1970. He became principal project manager with Sefton M.B.C. In the mid eighties, took early retirement in August 1998, then became a self employed consultant until November 2000 Married with two grown-up sons (see Paul J. and Dr Christopher J.). He lives in Southport and is helping organize a reunion for his contemporaries.

Dr John J. Bolton (Evan's 1963-1970)

Completed his degree and Ph. D. at Liverpool University. After working on projects in Newfoundland and Heligoland, became a lecturer in Botany at the University of Capetown in 1983. He is currently Associate Professor and has published a work "Seaweeds of the South African West Coast" in 1997. He is married and has two sons.

Paul J. Bolton (1989-1991)

Studied Environmental sciences at Salford University before becoming an Environmental Health Officer with Flintshire County Council, currently specializing in pollution and acoustics. He is the son of Chris Bolton (above). Married with a son and a daughter.

Dr Christopher J. Bolton (1991-1993)

Studied medicine at Birmingham University. After hospital posts at Walsall, Preston and Southport he became a partner in a General Practice in Formby in 2002. He also is the son of Chris Bolton (above).

Frank Ball (Mason's 1947-54)

Frank gained a B.Sc (Hons) in Civil Engineering at Manchester University in 1957. He then served in the Royal Engineers from 1959 to 1961 stationed at Osnabruck with the B.A.O.R. He then worked in the Civil Engineering Department of British Railways on bridge structures and trackwork. In later years he was appointed as Area Permanent Way Engineer in the Manchester and Liverpool areas. Since 1993 he has retired but still acts as a consultant for permanent way engineers and lives in Warrington.

Ron Ellis (Mason's 1952-59)

In 1964 Ron was studying Librarianship at Liverpool College of Commerce and managing Merseybeat groups when Stan Rimmer asked him to organise the entertainment for the School Dance. This led to a career as a DJ and to the job of Promotions Manager for Warner Bros Records and he went on to set up his own company organising tours for pop stars. Ron went into the property business in Southport. He joined CCH Editions Ltd becoming their Northern Area Manager until he retired in 1966. He started writing crime novels and his sixth book featuring Liverpool private eye Johnny Ace was published in 2002. He lectures on the History of Popular Music at Liverpool University and as a freelance journalist he is Southport FC's correspondent for the Champion and the Non League Paper. Ron lives in Formby with his wife Sue and they have two daughters.

Dennis A. Pulman (Spencer's 1934-1939)

Dennis served as a Pilot in World War 2 and then had a career in design engineering. He still lives in Southport with his wife Dorothy spending a happy and active retirement. He has just celebrated a special birthday and has enjoyed having his two sons here with their families.

Nicholas D. Pulman (Spencer's 1966-73)

Having graduated at St Catherine's College Cambridge and spent a year at Durham University, he was appointed to the Geography Department of Aldenham School, Elstree. He became Senior House Master but has now moved out of the School to live in Hertfordshire. He still retains the post of Senior Master. He visited Southport at New Year with his wife Charlotte and children Becky and Ben to celebrate his Father's birthday.

C. Timothy Pulman (Spencer's 1970-76)

Tim now lives in Adelaide, South Australia with his wife Elaine and his three daughters. He is the Fleet Maintenance Manager for the National Rail Corporation of Australia. He has visited Southport this New Year with two of his daughters, Holly and Aimee to join in the family celebrations. His e-mail address is pulmant@nrc.com.au

OBITUARIES

Ronald Aldwyn Lloyd (Rogers' 1924-1929)

Ronald died from cancer on May 21st 2002 aged 89. He was born on 28th Jan 1913 and attended the Woodlands School and took part in the "Great March" to the newly built King George V Grammar School for its opening by the Earl of Crawford and Balcarres. In October 2001 he joined the celebrations for the 75th Anniversary of the School's opening and amused those attending with his recollections of those early days.

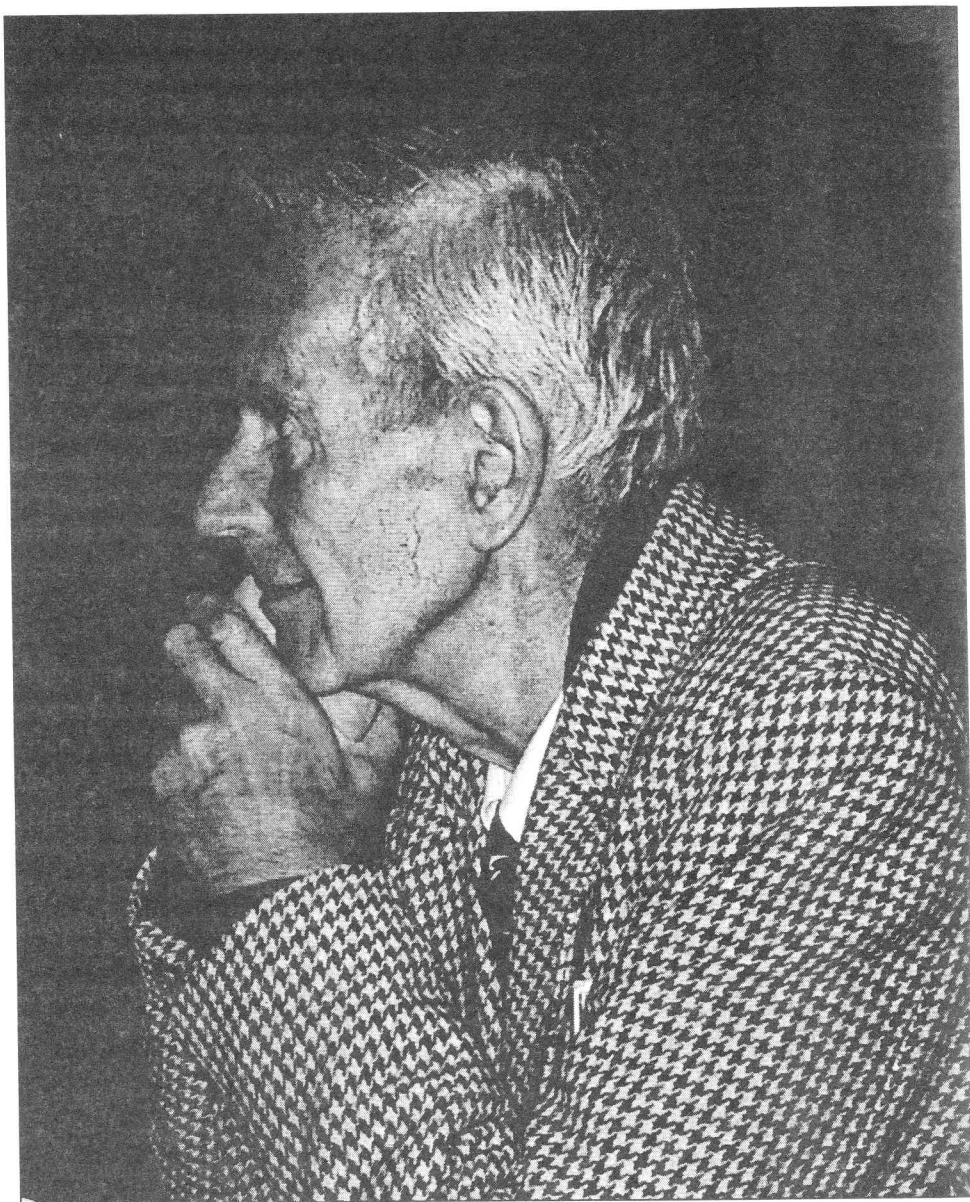
At the age of 16 he entered articles with Brown Turner Compton Carr. He was admitted as a Solicitor of the Supreme Court at the age of 22 and, having held a practising certificate for 50 years, was recognised by the Local and National Law Societies. In his younger days he was a keen sportsman being captain of Southport RUFC in 1939 and a trustee of the club for 33 years.

At the outbreak of World War Two he volunteered for service and joined the Intelligence Corps and attained the rank of Company Sgt. Major. In 1946 he joined Mawdsley and Hadfield becoming a senior partner in 1966 and in 1967 he was appointed H.M. Coroner for the Hundred of West Derby which became the District of Sefton, Knowsley and St Helens, serving until 1984. He was a past President of Southport and Ormskirk Law Society, past Chairman of Southport Round Table, past President of Southport Chamber of Trade and a member of Southport Rotary Club. He had been a member of Hesketh and of S & A Golf Clubs and won several trophies. He enjoyed playing Bridge at Southport Bridge Club. His wife Mabel died in 1997 just three months before their Diamond Wedding anniversary. Latterly he suffered increasing back pain which he bore with cheerful fortitude. John and Helen could not have wished for a kinder or better father and friend.

Denis Cox

(Gear's 1932-1941)

Denis died in August 2002 aged 79 after a brave fight against cancer. He was prominent in school activities being a Prefect, a member of the 1st XV Rugby team and a Flight Sergeant in the School ATC. On winning a State Scholarship to Liverpool University to study physics, he volunteered to undertake a Radar course and joined the Royal Navy in 1942. As a Radar Officer on aircraft carriers he saw active service in both the Atlantic and Pacific campaigns. His civilian career was largely undertaken with Unilever companies and included several years in Nigeria. He continued his contact with the Services by joining the TA Parachute Regiment. He retained a lifelong loyalty to his old School and it was a source of great pride to have his three children follow him to KGV School and the Sixth Form College.



Hilary Royden 1932-2002

Hilary J. M. Royden (Woodham's 1945-1949)

Hilary died on the 25th November 2002, aged 70 after a long illness. He joined the Old Boys' Association on leaving school and, at the age of 18, was appointed assistant secretary at the AGM in October 1950. He was asked to liaise with Harry Liptrot, the editor of the Red Rose, (The School magazine at that time) in an attempt to gather more news of former pupils. It was hoped that this would stimulate more interest in the Association. One of the first items obtained by Hilary was written by the late Gordon Rimmer, describing his experiences as a British Lion in Australia.

Hilary obtained a Law Degree at Liverpool University, served his articles with Brighouses in Southport and qualified in 1954. From March 1955 National Service interrupted his links with the Association. On completion, he joined Alker and Ball in Wigan and some years later he set up his own practice in Wigan. His interest in the Association was renewed at the AGM in 1957 and in 1960 he once again became an Officer, being appointed Honorary Auditor. In subsequent years he served as Secretary and became Toastmaster for the Annual Dinner in 1962.

The culmination of his year as Chairman of the Association was the Grammar School's Golden Jubilee Celebration Dinner at the Prince of Wales Hotel in 1970, attended by 350 guests. Hilary's co-speakers were Lord James of Rusholme, Vice Chancellor of York University, Geoffrey Dixon and Kenneth Robinson, Southport's Chief Education Officer.

The money obtained from the sale of the Long Rigg hostel was invested through the KGV Educational Foundation Trust and Hilary served as a Trustee and represented the Association for many years up to his death.

His leisure time was devoted to transport preservation societies – trains, buses and trams. He was very much involved with Steamport Southport and the North West Museum of Transport in St Helens, in various roles – hands-on practical work and, very importantly, as legal advisor. He owned four vintage, double-decker buses himself and delighted in taking those that were roadworthy for a drive. His knowledge of buses was encyclopaedic and he was a well known point of reference nationally on matters of livery and styles of buses.

On Thursday, 14th November, he bravely attended a luncheon, organized by Association Chairman Des Hughes, to celebrate the 90th birthday year of both Geoffrey and Nancy Dixon.

The old Georgians have lost a dear friend and a dedicated servant.

Allan Langfeld (Mason's 1937-1939)

Allan died suddenly but peacefully on 30th November 2002, aged 80 years. As Alderman Langfeld he was elected Chairman of the Old Boys' Association in April 1967, succeeding the late Hubert Evans. During his year as Chairman the school acquired its hostel, Long Rigg, near Sedbergh. Allan was Mayor of Southport, 1971-1972.

Jack Marriner (Spencer's 1931-39)

Jack died from cancer on 14th November aged 82. On leaving School in 1939 he began work at Hillside railway station as a booking clerk for the LMS. When war broke out he entered the RAF and trained as a pilot. Due to an injury he was sent to Canada and re-trained as a navigator. In 1945 he returned to civilian life and qualified as a Surveyor for the Railways. He worked in Liverpool and then in Manchester until his retirement in 1983. He became a member of the Old Georgians committee in 1981 and served as Chairman in 1984. He celebrated his Diamond wedding anniversary to Edna in 2002, just a few months before they both passed away. His daughter Linda and her family remember Jack recalling his schooldays with fondness and how he often told them stories of classmates and teachers.

Gordon Rimmer (Roger's 1935-1942)

(This tribute was kindly given by Bob Abram)

Gordon and I played in the 1941-2 First XV along with Ken Hepburn and Keith Smethurst. We considered ourselves a very good side having thrashed Cowley Grammar 33-0. He played in the First XI and was a leading member of a very successful swimming team. We played, along with several other Old Georgians, for Ike Higham's Wigan Old Boys and it was there he was spotted by the Lancashire selectors. He soon won his place in Waterloo's first team at scrum half and from there to the full England side. The final accolade came when he went on tour of Australia and New Zealand with the British Lions in 1950. In the late 1940's he went into partnership with Keith Smethurst, opening a sports goods shop in the Burton Arcade. His golfing ability enabled him to achieve a very low handicap and he became a leading member at Hillside Golf Club. He then began to work professionally for the P.G.A. organising tournaments both in this country and in Europe.

I believe his major contribution to the game was his pioneering work in the development of Junior Golf. There are many young men in golf today who owe a great deal to Gordon for the help and encouragement he gave. It was typical of him that only a few days before his death, he partnered his Grand-

Where Are They Now ?

Every year more than 1200 copies of the 'Red Rose' are distributed and inevitably some are returned by the Royal Mail marked 'Gone Away' or something similar. The Association relies on help from its members to re-establish contact. Listed below are the names, last known town or country address and the final school year of 24 Old Georgians. They have been transferred to a separate file and the delivery of the Red Rose has been suspended. **Can anyone provide details of their current whereabouts ?**

Any information please to:-

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Alan Bond tel: 01704 579373. email to alan@abond86.freemove.co.uk

L G Adamson, Ayr, 1949	Bob Baker, London, 1950's
K V Bladon, Hereford, 1951	E Bond, Swinton, 1962
D J Cameron, Ontario, 1960	S Cox, Birkdale 1995
A Dix, Hong Kong, 1965	N M F Heaton, Guildford, 1962
R Heyes, Rainford, 1995	R D Johnstone, Kidderminster, 1966
D E L Little, Durban, 1944	D N Max, Harrow, 1955
B Mayor, Dorset, 1948	P Molyneux, Barnt Green, 1965
G Morrell, Hillside, 1992	L Morrell, Hillside, 1987
R F Mould, Croydon, 1958	J P Mugglestone, California, 1956
I D Parker, Basingstoke, 1967	A R Rigby, Kidderminster, 1966
K H Sachs, Lapworth, 1967	A Samodurov, Moscow
T C Wilson, Churchtown, 1982	J W Wood, Buxton, 1950.

Producing and posting the Red Rose is the major annual cost to the Association but nothing pleases us more than to see the mailing list growing as long as we can minimise the number of returned copies. Please remember to let us know details whenever addresses change.

Reunion of Past Presidents

Des Hughes is trying to bring about a reunion of Past Chairmen. He would like to get in touch with the following Past Officers.

R E Sanderson	1926, 1927 & 1933
P. Slater	1936 & 1949
D.F. Sutton	1948
T. Booth	1951
S.C. Wilford	1956

If anyone can help, please contact Des or any O.G. Officer.

NEWS DESK

Snooker and Darts Tournament

The Old Georgians' Snooker and Darts evening was held on Friday October 18th at Southport and Birkdale Cricket Club, Trafalgar Rd. There were 20 contestants all of whom took part in the Snooker singles, Snooker doubles and Darts singles knockout competitions. This means everyone is actively involved throughout the evening. The break for the Hot Pot supper adds to a most enjoyable social occasion, well organised by Stan Rimmer.

Des Hughes presented the Snooker trophies and Eric Ogden, having generously made a donation to the cost of the evening, presented the darts trophies. The winners were:-

SNOOKER DOUBLES

Champs - Martin Fearn / Alan Bond

SNOOKER SINGLES

Champion :- Tony Milner
Runner Up:- Andrew Malley

DARTS

Champion:- Alan Bond
Runner Up:- Martin Fearn

Thanks to the good attendance and Eric's donation a profit of £54.20 was made on the evening.

Barbecue 2002

The fifth barbecue was held in John and Christine Rostron's home and garden on Friday 12th July. John takes some beating as the grill cook and the range of salads and desserts provided by Christine are a sight to behold. What with the give-away price of the drinks and tickets at £7 per head, it's a wonder the attendance was only 36. The betting games and the raffle, the quiz and the chance for a dip in the pool, all make for a super evening which raised £319 for the Association funds. John and Christine can cater for more of us, so please come next year, with friends or on your own, all are welcome.

Donations to the Association

The Association is most grateful to those who gave financial help to meet the cost of producing and distributing the Red Rose. The following members (in alphabetical order*) gave a total of £261. My apologies to anyone I've missed or whose donation arrived after going to press.

Derek Adams, Mike Alexander, John Baguley, , Paul Bilton, Robin Bowen-Williams, John Bryce, R. Burgess, John Cotterall, Norman Cousins, Chris Dyer, Mark Elsen, John Gatiss, John Goldberg, Mike Handley, Rev. Bill Holden, Harry Howard, David Howgate, Sir Miles Irving, C. Mailey, , Keith Moss, James Nelson, Ray Owen, Tony Platt, D. Ross, , Conrad Slater, Derek Smith, James Stanley, Dr. Victoria Turner, M. Vernon, Peter Waddington M.B.E., Caroline White, Brian Whittle.

(* Editors' note: Being new to the job, I don't want to be guilty of vagueness so I would like to make it clear that the donations were given in random order and I subsequently arranged the surnames in alphabetical order. It would be very difficult to administer a system in which gifts had to be sent in surname order and I don't want to deter anyone from making donations).

A Reunion for the 1958 Intake Year (1963/4/5/6 leavers)

Plans are well advanced for a Reunion to take place on Saturday 20th September 2003 at the Mount Pleasant Hotel, Manchester Road, Southport. A buffet supper in a private room has been arranged and the cost will be modest, at around £12 including the first drink. Already dozens of former pupils, some from overseas, have registered their interest. Attendance will be by prepaid ticket.

Since his retirement from business in 2000, David Charters has spent many hours tracing and contacting his contemporaries, dispersed all over the world and the UK. The advent of the internet website www.friendsunited.co.uk has made the task possible; only a few years ago it could not have happened. Nevertheless, there are still some 30 pupils from the list who cannot be found. If you are 55 or 56 you are urged to contact David who now lives near Cambridge, tel:01487 841887 or e-mail him at charters3@aol.com. Locally, David is being helped by Chris (C.H.) Bolton who can be found in the Southport telephone book.

There will be old photographs on display at the get-together. See how many you remember.

Dinner Guests 2002

Hilary Anslow, John Anslow, Joe Abram, Bob Abram, John Aughton, Caroline Armstrong, Peter Aughton, Richard Aughton, Derek Adams, Nigel Anderson, Piers Arnold, Alan Bond, Rod Bradbury, David Brown, Duncan Burton, Duncan Bibby, Stephen Bond, Kevin Ball, Adrian Brown, Neil Booth, David Booth, John Baguley, John Bryce, John Ball, Paul Bagshaw, Lindsay Bridge, David Barton, Robin Bowen-Williams, Eddie Cowan, Dennis Cox, Graham Cox, Richard Clark, John Clark, John Cotterall, Peter Dickinson, Mark Day, Geoffrey Dixon, Nancy Dixon, Mike Davies, Alan Dickenson,

Jonathan Elliott, Geoff Ellis, Mark Elsen, David Eyes, Martin Fearn, Ronnie Fearn, Colin Fitchett, Phil Frampton, Rob Fletcher, Mark Fletcher, Michael Glatier, Vittorio Guidi, David Griffiths, John Gaitiss, Mike Hyde, John Hyde, David Heath, John Hoyle, David Howgate, Des Hughes, Bob Hayden, Stuart Houghton, Mike Halsall, Barry Hurst, Andrew Hudson, Ian Hudson, Gary Hughes, Alan Harkness, Miles Irving, Richard Jenkin, Allan Jones, Ray Jeffs, John Kermod, Dave Keeley, Brian Knowles, Colin Knowles, Gordon Lees, Martin Lockyer, Catherine Lapsley, Sarah Lapsley, Jim Marsh, John Maclachlan, John Mercer, Paul Merone, James Moore, Bob Mentha, Belinda Miller, Andrew Malley,

Robert Neilson, Sue Newton, Eric Ogden, Ray Owen, Cedric Platt, John Pilling, Geoff Pearce, Ken Priestley, Dave Percival, Don Porter, John Rostron, Tony Rostron, Jocelyn Rostron, Sarah Rostron, Hilary Royden, Candice Rosen, Mark Richards, Brian Rimmer, Arthur Rimmer, Frank Rimmer, Mike Ratcliffe, Dennis Robinson, Stan Rimmer, Fred Robinson, Trevor Seed, Peter Stephenson, Ian Smith, Jaclyn Southern, Carolyn Spink, Geoff Stocker, Brian Shorrocks, Andrew Seddon, Chris Stitson, Brian Seed, Conrad Slater, Jon Stocker, Andrew Sweeney, Roger Shaw, John Seddon, Derek Smith, Steve Tasker, Dave Thompson, Chris Threlfall, Dave Trotman, Laura Taylor, Mike Thompson, Steve Threlfall, Robin Thornton-Jones, Phil Unsworth, Raoul Varna, Peter Vickers, Brian Viner, Chris Winnard, John Weber, Mike Wareing, John Wood, Peter Waddington, John Wainwright, Nigel Walsh.

The Chairman's Weekend 2002

Steve Bond Chairman 2001-2

On March 9th the day dawned brightly in Southport. Spirits were high as usual as we approached the Lake District for our one night stay in Glenridding. The 'young' party, Vittorio Guidi, Andy Malley and myself had left earlier than the older members, intent on climbing Hellvelyn. By the time we reached the Inn on The Lake it was snowing heavily. Undeterred, (since one of us was a Royal Marine), we started the climb. By the time we reached 'Hole-in-The-Wall' in a 'White-out' a democratic vote was taken, along with a few photos (to prove we were no chickens) and 'Retreat' was sounded.

By the time we got back to the Hotel, the 'older' members party had arrived with quite a tale to tell. Having started later, the snow was thicker and having, as any wise old men would, started up the Kirkstone pass, they got stuck half way up and had to slide all the way down again. They then took the road past Thirlmere towards Keswick and thence the Penrith road, turning south on the minor road to Dockray. There they were sent back by the Boys in Blue to the A66, went east toward Penrith and then south along Ullswater arriving at the Hotel by midday. After Lunch, the sun broke through, we climbed the Knotts (Geoffrey Dixon and Eric Ogden included!) and took in the splendid views over the Lake.

Dinner was greatly enjoyed by old and young. Drawing back the curtains on Sunday morning was unbelievable – snow had turned to rain as only it can in the Lakes. Nobody ventured into the slush that morning and much coffee was drunk around real fires. Saying our farewells after lunch, we picked our way slowly back to the M6 and guess what, by Carnforth, the sun was out and the roads were dry!



Paul Bagshaw
Eric Ogden

Stan Rimmer



Vittorio Guidi
Andrew Malley

College Life 2002

January

- Girls hockey team through to finals in National Sixth Form College's Girls Hockey in Bedford. Lost in the semi-final having played extremely well.
- 2nd year AVCE Business Studies students visited Cadbury's in Birmingham
- Art students travelled to London for a 2 day visit to art galleries and museums
- Careers Convention organised by College for 1st year students-60 organisations represented.
- 2 Consultation evenings well attended.
- Excellence Challenge master classes in maths, geography and classics.

February

- Debating team in the Oxford Union Debating Competition at Bradford Grammar School
- English students visited battlefields in France and Belgium , had appalling weather to add realism!
- Annual ski trip to Austria went well

March

- Classics students visited the Egyptian exhibition in Blackpool
- French and German exchange students arrived

April

- Mixed hockey team reached national finals in Bedford. Won their semifinal but lost in the final-an excellent performance boosting morale all round.

May – July

- Biology and geology students made field trips.
- 5 Biology students entered the Institute of Biology Quiz at Edge Hill.

3 KGV C.I.M.A. teams were ranked in the top 10 out of 300 teams and 2 teams travelled to the Financial Times building in London for the finals. Both teams won Runner-up prizes.

- Politics students visited the Houses of Parliament.
- Mark Baldwin and Rebecca Jones elected as the new College Co-chairpersons of College Council.

August

The Principal, Hilary Anslow, made the following comments as soon as the A Level results were received :-

“King George V College is celebrating an outstanding year for A Level, AS and AVCE results. Students and staff are to be congratulated on their performance. Pass rates and top grades were again well ahead of national figures. The proportion of A levels passed jumped nearly three percent. The College has been buzzing all day with excited and happy students receiving their results. Fifteen subjects at A Level had 100% pass rate. Overall the pass rate for A Level was over 95%. AVCE and AS results were also strong. Sixteen students achieved grade A in all 4 or 5 subjects they took. Several students also achieved Merit or Distinction grades in the new Advanced Extension Award, taken nationally by the top 5% in the ability range. The College has been informed by the AQA Exam Board that in four different subjects KGV students were among the top 5 candidates in the country.”

- Building works and refurbishment are taking place in different college areas, including a total re-equipping of all the science laboratories. An extension to the West Building has been started to improve facilities for Music and Media Studies.
- Major concerns nationally about the examination board's performance re marking and grading – at KGV there were 321 requests for re-marks of AS and A2 modules, 205 had mark changes and this resulted in 46 grade changes.

- New staffing. Since the summer the following appointments have been made:

Alec Cryer

Assistant Principal (a new post to take responsibility for curriculum and staff development)-he starts in January 2003

Tina Mellor

Receptionist/Clerical Officer

Glenda Badley

Admissions Officer (replacing Sheila Curran)

Diane Beirne
Amanda Watson
Margaret Powley
Suzanne Knowles
Kathryn Halfpenny
Colin Milne

Exams/ Learning support admin asst.
Admin Asst (Excellence Challenge)
Deputy Finance Officer
Art Teacher (part time)
Learning Resource centre asst.
Art Technician

- Magdalene College, Cambridge held workshops at College for high school students from the local area. The purpose was to enthuse about university life and they found the day very successful. We also used it to good effect in making contacts and curriculum links with the College. We are sure they will return in summer to do a Masterclass for our students in Classics and Archaeology.

October

- Politics students travelled to Blackpool to spend a day at the Labour Party Conference.
- French students travelled to Liverpool to see the film "Occupied France on Film".
- Chemistry students went to Liverpool University for a Spectroscopy tour and lectures.
- Theatre studies and Classics students watched a production of Electra at the Rose Theatre at Edge Hill.
- First year Media students visited the Museum of Photography, Film and TV in Bradford and attended workshops, visited the IMAX centre to see exhibitions relevant to the Media syllabus.
- English students travelled to Newcastle to see a Royal Shakespeare Company production of Anthony and Cleopatra.
- Geologists braved the elements and travelled to Arran to complete coursework.

November

- Alan Clowes and 10 Geography students made the long trip to the Atlas mountains near Marrakech for a field trip of a lifetime!
- Law students visited the Southport Law Courts to see law in action.
- 14 French Students, along with Maggie Hilton, travelled to Chelles, Paris for the first part of the annual exchange visit. Students were wonderful representatives for College and had a marvellous time.
- Art students visited art shows in Liverpool.
- 16 English students visited the New Vic Theatre to watch a production of 'The Duchess of Malfi'

- Emma Gaunt selected for the Merseyside hockey team.
- Andy Halpin selected as Goalkeeper for the England hockey youth squad.
- Giles Hampson selected for the North of England hockey squad.
- *Open Evenings* – Two very successful evenings have been held at which the Departments worked hard to present themselves to best effect. The students were friendly, articulate and thoughtful. Several parents commented on the good impression they had given. There were over 860 potential students and their families over the two evenings.

Meeting at Downing Street – Along with three other college principals, Mrs Anslow was invited to a meeting at Downing Street with the Education Advisor to the Prime Minister, Patrick Diamond and Minister Ivan Lewis. The dialogue was direct and the views of the College were expressed during a wide ranging discussion of education issues. Both Patrick Diamond and Ivan Lewis were well briefed and in touch.

The Money In The Business

I believe the best way to inform all you well-educated readers out there is to simply show a set of accounts. The years 2000 and 2001 have been audited by Duncan Burton so any 'black holes' can only be present in the 2002 figures.

	2000	2001	2002
	£	£	£
INCOME			
Life Membership Subs.	413	221	272
Donations to Assoc.	785	843	382
Profit on sales of prints, ties.	58	41	(101)*
Profit on sales of videos	514	466	165
Profit on Barbecue	371	256	320
Profit on Snooker Evening	21	13	54
Profit on Annual Dinner	986	1842	1236
Sales of Red Rose	-	320	15
	3148	4002	2343
EXPENDITURE			
KGV Projects	430	2600	705
Production/postage Red Rose	721	3303	614
Printing, Stationery, Postage	129	132	176
Gratuities to Helpers	26	19	94
College Music Evening	28	-	32
Donations from Assoc.	75	-	25
	1409	6054	2646
Surplus/Deficit on year	1739	(2052)	(303)
BALANCE SHEET			
Assets			
Cash at Bank, 31st Dec	4043	1834	1230
Stock of Ties	30	287	488
Sundry Debtors	100	-	100
	4173	2121	1818

In 2001 we had to reorder the Standard Ties in a minimum order of £437 and in 2002 we ordered a minimum quantity of the 'Colours' tie for £453.

OUR EXPENDITURE

We distribute about 1100 Red Rose magazines each year (and rising steadily). The size of the 2001 issue pushed the cost up to £3303. This was after the committee had delivered the Southport area copies by hand, something we continued last year and intend to keep up.

Whenever funds have grown we have chosen a more expensive project, in consultation with College, to be purchased by us. These have included :-

1997	Furniture for handicapped students in the Millennium Centre	£6000
2001	Air conditioning equipment in GF Dixon Lecture Theatre	£2500
2002	44 Trees planted in College grounds	£1020

We also try to make smaller donations annually, presented at the College Music Concert, to various Departmental heads. These enable the purchase of equipment currently beyond the budget of the department which go a long way to relieving a specific problem area. This year we gave :-

DEPT	ITEM	COST
Geology	Top Pan Balance	£125
Classics	6 Archaeological Trowels	£90
Music	Printer	£100
Art & Design	Graphics Tablet	£100
Chemistry	Computer Monitor	£100
P.E.	Heart Rate Monitor	£170

Another little known function that goes quietly on is the maintenance by College of a Hardship Fund. When this has been drawn heavily upon, we donate a sum of £100 to £150 to College to help tide it over. Hardships do exist for quite a few students and their needs are immediate, the letter below explains the situation:

Dear Alan,

This is a short note to thank all Old Georgians for the generous cheque (£150) which arrived on Friday. The money will be vital to help students in emergencies. Your members may be interested to know that since September we have made small grants and loans to a number of students - interview expenses for a homeless student, a food grant to a student setting up a bedsitter and have also made loans to students to cover bus fares and telephone calls to the Benefit Agency. These are generally small sums but they are really vital at the time and much appreciated by the recipients. Sometimes it is the difference between a homeless student eating or not when waiting for an Income Support claim to be processed. Thank you again and may we wish you all a very Happy Christmas

Yours Sincerely, Pauline Collier, Assistant Principal

9 Dec 2002

It is sad but true that occasions arise where a student's life becomes very difficult through problems at home or in trying to support themselves while they are at College. That which the Association does to help the Hardship Fund and the other projects is made all the more rewarding as a result of the genuine gratitude of the Staff concerned.

OUR INCOME

The majority of the income comes from the annual Dinner and the increased attendance since we had to move to Formby Hall Golf Club has improved our margin (and the work for Stan!). The raffle run on the night creates the majority of the profit. For example, in 2002, £725 of the profit of £1236 came from the raffle whilst the other £511 came from the sale of 150 tickets. The cost of joining the Association for life has stayed at £4 / £5 for many years. The fact that the Reprographics department at KGV produced the Red Rose at a price of 33 pence each in 2002 has helped us to maintain the low subscription cost. Our financial year is the Calendar year and we expect to see in 2003 our income from the sale of memorabilia and from donations reduce considerably, so we do not expect to be able to provide one of the more expensive projects this year. One guideline we use is that we should keep enough in the bank to be able to produce the Red Rose for two years. (If we have no income for any longer then the Association has got a serious problem!)

Yes, the Association is quite an active organisation. Just this once, I thought it would be of interest to present this information in the Red Rose. It is, of course, always provided at the A.G.M. which is held immediately before the Dinner and which has lately attracted quite an audience. So think up your questions and come on 17th April. I must point out that with my increasing age I've developed an intermittent hearing problem which alternates with bouts of bad temper. But please come, it's such fun!

Alan Bond (Treasurer)

BOOK SHELF

There was a suggestion a year or two ago, that any book written by an Old Georgian should have at least a mention and preferably a precis of their content, in the Red Rose. This would then form a register which would one day lead to a collection being held in the Library at College when space became available. Can we ask all those who have had books published to send details of the Title, Publisher, date of publication, the ISBN, the cost and, of course, the Author. This year we have the following books to bring to your attention, in date order of publication.

The first two were written by **Colin Knowles (1950-57)**, resulting from his involvement in the Electrical power industry and the Fast Reactor Project in the EEC.

Simulation and Control of Electrical Power Stations

ISBN 0 86380 105 6. Published in 1990.

Direct Digital Control Systems

ISBN 0 86380 167 6 Published in 1994

Both books published by Research Studies Press and John Wiley and are priced around £60.

Charters on Charting

Charting, or Technical Analysis, is an invaluable guide to making better Stockmarket decisions. It is used by an increasing number of investment professionals and Britain's 1.5 million active private investors. David Charters is an acknowledged authority on the subject and wrote his book in order to encourage more private investors to cut down on their error rate when making investment decisions.

David was for 15 years the Chief Executive of Europe's longest established stock market research house, Investment Research of Cambridge Ltd and until his retirement in 2000. His election as a rarely appointed Fellow of the Society of Technical Analysts in 2001 recognised his contribution to the field.

It was first published in hardback by B T Batsford when it cost £12.99. The ISBN is 0 7134 8389 X. It was serialised in the Personal Finance section of the Financial Times and became a business bestseller, with two editions and three reprints. David is currently updating it for a new publisher and it should be available in 2003.

David P Charters (Edwards' 1958-65)

Teaching Pupils with Severe and Complex Learning Difficulties :

Back to First Principles

The Author informs us that the book was issued in 2001 to what seemed an ungrateful world. Published by Jessica Kingsley , London.

ISBN 1 85302 951 3 Price £14.95 in paperback. It was, regardless of the authors' opinion, short listed for the 2001 Special Educational Needs (Academic) Book Award and achieved the status "Highly Recommended"

Christopher Dyer (Mason's 1949-53)

Extract from 'Endeavour'

James Cook's voyage, 1769-1772 is one of the epics of British History and is thrillingly told here. The author has researched his subject thoroughly and has a direct and vivid style of writing. The book gives the feeling that this is almost a contemporary account of events which could have taken place only a few weeks ago. There is a clear, scientific description of the transit of Venus and the reason why it was so important, and with the day to day events on board and the encounters with the natives when ashore.

The author tells a dramatic story of the adventures around the Australian Barrier Reef, showing Cook to be a great leader and seaman. No fictional story could surpass the account of Endeavour striking a reef, compelling him to jettison all his guns in order to refloat the ship at high tide. It took three months to repair the damage. Amazingly, these guns were salvaged in 1969.

On board was Joseph Banks, a noted botanist, later to be President of the Royal Society. He discovered and named hundreds of plants and his artist, Sydney Parkinson, painted excellent pictures of them, many of which are reproduced in the hardback version. Cook cared for his men, frequently stopping for fresh provisions thus avoiding scurvy.

It was therefore all the more unfortunate that nearly all the crew caught malaria or dysentery, or both, after a stop at the notorious port of Batavia on the way home. Through no fault of Cook's, almost half his crew had died by the time the ship reached the Cape of Good Hope. A tragic end to a great voyage.

This is an absorbing and noteworthy book

Peter Aughton (1951-58)

First published by Windrush Press in 1999. Price £20
Hardback version published in 2002. ISBN 0 304 36236 0

The Diary of a Southport Man

As the new Editor , it's a pleasure to mention Part 2 of the Autobiography of my predecessor, Paul Bagshaw. The book covers the start of his teaching career in Orrell, near Wigan, and spans the years from 1960 to 1971.

Paul Bagshaw (Spencer's 1949-1955)

Published by Artworks

Price £7.50

No Bacon and Eggs Tonight

Jack Brook's Lancaster bomber was on fire having been hit during a daylight raid on occupied France and he knew his only chance of survival was to bale out through the bomb doors. It was June 24th 1944 and Jack, a veteran of 37 raids over enemy lines with 50 squadron and then 615, the Dambusters squadron, had never made a parachute jump, even in his training. "I rolled out head first into space, the noise of the onrushing air was deafening. I started to count but pulled the ripcord in desperation before I reached ten !". Only three of the seven man crew survived. "I landed in a field close to a road full of German troops. No sooner had I disentangled myself than I was surrounded and searched at rifle point." Jack was held in an interrogation centre for three weeks, where he was kept in solitary confinement during intense periods of questioning.

He was then sent to Luckenwalde Stalag IIIA in a terrible state. After 12 months he was marched with other prisoners for 21 days covering 240 kilometres to a camp where they remained until liberated in 1945.

Jack writes- "We went into the war with our eyes half open. After being in it, you realize there's nothing glamorous about death and destruction when it's all around you..... We should never forget those who died , I know I never will". The book is illustrated with drawings made by his friend Bill Turner during their time in the POW camp together with some of Jack's photographs. Jack explained the title - "When we went out on a raid, we had eggs and bacon as a treat on our return. If men didn't come back there were spare eggs and bacon. I don't know who got mine when I didn't return but they were welcome to it!"

Jack Brook (Grear's 1934-1939)

Published by Creativelines, Southport price £7.99

ISBN 0-9542841-0-0

Valete

Latin is not too popular in these days of electronic communication, although Rowling can take a little credit for advising us - 'Nunquam drago dormiens tittilandus'. So I thought I would use the same title for this riveting article that was used for those leaving 'The School'.

'Lettuce' taught me to enjoy maths, so when a question pops into my head like 'Is there a correlation between those using Friends Reunited and the year in which we left?', Alan Lessiter's flowing, chalk covered gown appears in my mind's eye.

Thinking like a Coronation Street writer, I decided to give you the analysis of the Old Georgians database and leave Friends Reunited till next year (providing Kim-il Sun lets us have one) so you will all be waiting for your copies of Red Rose 2004 to drop through the door. One thing the analysis did show was that there is no record of the year they left in the case of 10 % of members. So when you are all preparing stuff to send to me for next year, let me know your vital statistic (males and females).

Decade of Leaving	Number Of Members
1920's	3
1930's	16
1940's	60
1950's	136
1960's	97
1970's	124
1980's	175
1990's	280
2000's	96
Not Known	108

1095

It appears that the average number joining per year in the 2000's (32) and in the 1990's (28), has increased markedly compared to previous decades. This could be due to the equal representation of male and female students and the low price (unrelated in themselves of course!).

More likely, word has spread about the quality of the previous Editor, a theory which will be tested in the coming years.

The Editor

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

• Old Georgians Nomadic Bridge Society

It is several years since we heard from them. Here is an update on their activities.

The Society has enjoyed varying degrees of success both in Great Britain and Europe although the recent weekend in Cheltenham went unrewarded despite meeting Dick Pierrepont (Leech's 1940-47) who now lives near Ludlow. Brian Seed (Woodham's 1939-46) is the current Chairman of the Southport Bridge Club where his knowledge of the Bath Coup and Roman Key cards serves him well. The outstanding venture of the year took place in the autumn. John Hyde (Roger's 1947-54) cemented the Bridge 'entente cordiale' when a 28 strong team from Savoie travelled to Surrey and played the Reigate Irregulars, a motley crew, in a match eventually decided by one IMP. Entertainment over the long weekend was provided by a visit to Brighton (the Lanes, Pavilion etc) and a sightseeing coach trip in central London well organised and conducted by Life Chairman Gordon Lees (Grear's 1945-52) ably assisted by John Weber (Roger's 1944-51) Gordon unfolded a historical pageant during the coach trip which happened to include the sites commemorating victories in the Napoleonic Wars, something appreciated more by the English than the French in the party!

Some language problems occurred as a result of the private hospitality given. Apparently porridge is not the first choice for breakfast for our Gallic friends. Another host and hostess (having no French), mimed to their guests that they might like to get washed and changed before going out for a meal. An hour passed before it was realised that their guests thought they had been packed off to bed and were actually in bed reading!

The trip was a great success and augurs well for future challenges.

Happy Days

The arrival of the Red Rose in the Spring brought back a flood of memories of characters and events. The most diverting seemed to occur during the sixth form years when staff seemed relatively relaxed with their A level candidates. Contemporaries will recall that I had an unfortunate knack of speaking loudly when all around had fallen silent - often due to the looming presence of 'sir'. My scurrilous observations or impersonations were not appreciated so I suffered suitable retribution. One of the more satisfying episodes took place in the back science corridor while waiting for Dr Henry Haigh (he of the falsetto voice and elevator heels). His 'bouncing' approach marked him out advancing down the crowded corridor carrying two insulated globes for Electrostatics.

On cue, conversation ceased abruptly while I was disclaiming in colourful terms that 'electrostatics would be twice as boring as magnetism had already been'. With the phrase still echoing down the corridor, I was admonished in forthright terms and banished from the double-lesson. Missing the lesson was a definite punishment as subject notes would have to be obtained in my own time. When the class re-appeared I discovered they had been subjected to a lecture on 'attitude' for the whole period, whilst I had been free to pursue other interests in the Prefects room. Selfishly, I smirked – to their further annoyance!
Geoff Stocker (Spencer's 1955-62)

Inspired

Although a member of the Old Georgians since leaving, this is the first time I have contributed at length to the Red Rose. I am now inspired by reading the excellent 2001/2 issues and viewing the video. I was in Evans from 1934 to 1942, so many of my memories include the early war years. I was pleased to see myself in the Air Training Corps photo in the 2001 Red Rose, having the exalted rank of corporal. The photo is included in the video but is incorrectly captioned as 1945 instead of 1942. I must congratulate Paul Bagshaw on this excellent video. I was delighted to see Bob Abram in fine form. I was in George Millward's Pure Maths class in 1942 when Bob was sitting in on it, getting special attention from the Boss.

I think we were school prefects when Herbert Lomas was Head Boy. Pre-war Prefects' badges were enamelled but ours were utility ones in plain metal. Because of war time shortages, at the behest of the Boss we passed our badges on to the next generation of prefects. I gave mine to Leslie Jaeger, have you still got it Les? In my first year we did PT with Percy Tough (Heinee Reinee) in the Junior locker room when the weather was really bad, or out on the field when it was only unpleasant. What a relief when the dreaded wallbars were in place and we occupied the new Gym. Entertainment after school dinner was provided by watching Messrs Booth, Higham and other athletic staff types, through the gym windows, playing badminton. Seeing them in shorts was regarded as part of the show.

Being in the Trans stream and having to fit Latin into the Timetable Meant that we didn't have the benefit of Rollo's "Manual Training" classes in the new Workshop, much to my disappointment. However in my HSC year I persuaded the Boss that as I wanted to do Electrical Engineering at University I would be better occupied learning Metalwork than trying to play Rugger and he agreed (sorry Bob, I never did get the hang of the rules of that magnificent game). I always found George Millward amenable to reasonable suggestions.

I had admired his judgement from the time he allowed me to drop History in favour of Additional Maths at School Cert. much to the annoyance of Fat Bill who was only informed a day before the exam. I suspect there was a Science- Modern conflict involved! Being resident in Formby in the 1930's, I was outside the area which qualified for a free entry to a Southport school before the age of 11. I have for ever been thankful for my parents' foresight in paying out the not inconsiderable sum of 6 guineas per term for my first year. I was one of the happy band of "outsiders" commuting on the electric train. It was easy to detect who had finished their homework on the train by the spidery writing, a seismographic record of the journey. Frobisher, Vaughan, Newbold, Beswetherick, Perrott, Brown, where are you now? It is a cliché but the excellence of KGV, its staff and leadership made those days among the happiest of my life. Having left in 1942, my next visit was in 1949, to attend the farewell tributes to George Millward.

I met Geoffrey Dixon then, briefly, followed the progress of the school from the Red Rose and it was good to see and hear him on the video. My last, sad visit was to see the demolition site and wonder how a building so magnificent and extensive in our youthful eyes, could appear so small in area forty years on. I carried home a Dorking brick and a piece of one of Percy Tough's beams, complete with eye bolt. Sic Transit Gloria Mundi as Nero or Little Taff might have said.

I see in the Red Rose 2002 a comment that the video dwelled more on the sporting side. Although I was never a particularly active type, the Boss's reports at Assembly on team successes were always greeted with enthusiasm. It is inevitable that most recorded school events in those days were of outdoor activities as cameras were not the commonplace thing they are today. Certainly, my own interests outside normal school hours have not been touched upon very often in the archives. The Scientific Society was great. I remember a boy named Hiscock talking on powered model aircraft, Thomason demonstrating his home-built items of radio equipment and talks by outside experts like M. Giroux who operated the pleasure flights from the beach. At the Debating Society, I listened and absorbed rather than gave out and I sat through so many sessions of the Elocution Competition that I can still reel off "Kublai Khan" after 60 years. I could go on reminiscing and the generations of Old Georgians must wonder why we go on so. In due time they may well find out Meanwhile, I must get on to this new-fangled Internet and add some thoughts to the Visitors Book. I see at least two names from my past there already!

John Goldberg

(Evans' 1934-42)

Reunion 2001

It was sometime in the 1970's when my family history researches took me to the county records office , Nottingham. We were busily engaged in the Balderton parish records when my wife suddenly announced that there was somebody from Southport in the records office. I assumed she meant me. "Not you, you idiot, somebody else. You might know them".

"Fat chance of that. Anyway, how do you come to be so well informed about all this?" "I had a nose at the visitors' book on the way back from the loo. Go and have a look for yourself".

The entry in the book read 'Mr and Mrs G F Dixon'.

"You look pale" she whispered when I returned, "Do you know them?"

"Know them! He's only my old Headmaster!" She seemed to think my consternation very amusing. It only took a few seconds to identify GFD and Nancy. What was I to do ? Did Headmasters like being approached by old boys right in the middle of their researches? I didn't really have a choice. If I didn't introduce myself I would regret it for the rest of my life. I approached him and asked him politely and superfluously, if he was Mr Dixon, to which he nodded an affirmative.

"I am one of your old boys" I said and told him my name.

" Ah yes, I remember you". He went on to tell me the years I had been at school and that I had two brothers, John and Richard also educated at KGV. Nancy was beaming all over her face.

It was April 2001. I had reached retirement and in all the years of my working career, I had never been to a single Old Georgian reunion. The same applied to my brothers. No excuses, we *had* to make it this year. The result was just amazing. I found myself chatting to people I hadn't seen for forty years as though I'd only seen the yesterday. There was a marvelous sense of belonging, nothing had changed in a whole working lifetime. "We've got to speak to the Boss," said John. "Come on, he's free at the moment." So we went up to high table as a trio. Yes, he knew all three of us.

"Make sure you come back next year", he said.

"Make sure *you* come back next year", I replied.

His absence would be missed more than mine! I asked him if he remembered our meeting.

" Why yes" came the answer without hesitation, "it was in 1977".

How do you thank the teachers whose efforts you never appreciated at the time? Those who motivated you and pushed you through the hoops and over fences so essential to make anything out of your future life. Those who applied the rules fairly and strictly and did their utmost to keep you on the

straight and narrow through your most difficult, spottiest, gawkiest, muddle-brained anti-establishment adolescent years. But occasionally an opportunity to thank them does present itself. Richard asked if he had read my book (Endeavour see page 29) and as he hadn't I gave him a copy which I had brought in case. A long overdue 'thank you' I wrote inside. I could tell GFD appreciated the message .

Peter Aughton

(Evans 1951-58)

Days of Yomping

(Editors note: Having really enjoyed Vittorio's speech, along with the 150 guests, at last year's Dinner, I asked him to write a little more for me to give to the other 900 members who didn't have the pleasure.)

I was brought up in Marshside , went to Churchtown and my friendship with Steve (Bond) began there. I left KGV in 1980 after one year of A Levels to join the Royal Marines. I soon saw active service in the Falklands war in 1982, followed by a Tour of South Armagh in '83, then 6 months UN peacekeeping duties in Cyprus in '84 and 18 months on HMS Intrepid from 1985-7 operating landing craft.

A number of operations followed including Oman, Brunei, Hong Kong, Kuwait, USA, Norway and the W.Indies. In 1991 I married Serena and we have 3 children, Lauren, 10, Rachel, 8 and Michael, 6. By 1998 I had worked my way up to the rank of Sergeant Major.

My last posting was to Latvia for 9 months (as the only Brit) as the Military Advisor running recruit training programmes for a specialist Baltic Battalion. Not much fun being half Italian when the temperature drops to -25C in the winter!

I came back to Portsmouth 3 years ago and work as a Security Advisor in charge of a team responsible for security on all HM Ships and Bases (Royal Navy and Marines) in the UK from Poole up to Hull. We conduct audits and inspections and offer advice on all matters of Counter Terrorism and Espionage. It has been hectic in the wake of Sept 11th.

I will have completed 22 years service (a full career) by May 2003 and intend to stay in this line of business as a civilian. I have enjoyed every minute of life in the Marines and even with hindsight , I wouldn't have changed my career. I thoroughly enjoyed attending the last Dinner. I think Steve and I didn't do too bad a job but I found it a little strange not to be shouting instructions and having to stay politically correct! Meeting school colleagues for the first time in

The amazing thing was they appeared just how I remembered them, (it could have been the rose-coloured glasses or even the Tetleys). I will be sorry to miss the Chairman's Weekend in 2003 as it coincides with my 40th Birthday and even Sergeant-majors occasionally have to do as they're told! I'll be there next year in the cheap seats encouraging the speaker!

Vittorio Guidi

(1974-1980)

(Editor's note; Joe Miller visited Keith Hardisty in Queensland, Australia last year and took him a copy of the KGV Video. This made Keith get in touch and send sufficient dollars to join the Association after 49 years! We played soccer for Leyland Road juniors then under the guidance of 'Teddy' Edwards and had a great team including Tony Waiters in goal, Stan Rimmer, Graham Pearce, Idris Woodfine and Reg Stelfox . Keith reminds me it's 50 years since our last Cup success together!)

Dear Alan,

It's taken me some time to reply but thanks for the copies of Red Rose, they were very welcome and I treasure them. Life is good despite the ageing process. There are still opportunities if we stay active and alive to the world around us. I owe KGV a great deal despite its faults, which were only evident in hindsight and as times and thinking change. Firm discipline seemed right at the time. My personal values have changed somewhat but their roots are in much of the grounding I received in those years at School. I coach Juniors for a living , have a look at www.collegesunited.org.au and go to 'Koaching Korner'.

In recent times I have been in close contact with Tony Waiters through our mutual passion – soccer. I write articles for his on-line magazine (www.down-the-line.com) and we are considering working together on a larger project. I have recently been in touch with Syd Bailey who lives in New Zealand and left around 1955. I am heading for Hong Kong in November to take up a coaching appointment, a wonderful opportunity at my age! Life's good if you stay with it and I hope to attend the Dinner in 2003 .

Best Wishes,

Keith

Keith Hardisty

(Mason's 1947-1953)

NOTE!

THIS PAGE REPLACES PAGE 39

We had a letter from Richard Rigby asking to purchase a new tie because "he had worn out his old Colours tie and his O.G. tie as well" Anyone on his third tie, I thought, must have an anecdote or two, so I got in touch. He sent me several and I've selected these. Richard lives with his wife in Southport. Although he is 84, conversation with him was a pleasure as he recalled his happy school years.

Cowley Grammar, St Helens was the best School Rugby team in my era. Its First XV had never lost at home and seldom lost away. In 1933 our First XV visited Cowley. It was a cut-and-thrust, determined game. Cowley had flair but we were a united as a team, our tackling fierce and our backing-up excellent. With time running out we were drawing 6-6. I played soccer in the District League at the time (when Rugby permitted!) and in the last few minutes I dribbled the ball almost the full length of the field, tapped the ball over the line and our winger fell on it to score, giving us a 9-6 victory. Headmaster George Millward was so pleased he gave School a half day holiday. He never mentioned my dribble – he was not enamoured of Soccer!

(When I read this it brought back my own memories of an almost identical game. I played for Teddy Edwards' Leyland Road team, for George Millward read Hank Higham and for Cowley read Hutton . Don't recall a holiday though. Sorry to butt in, readers)

History was (and is) my favourite subject. The History Room lay at the playing field end of the sixth form corridor. Each Friday we had a short test of 10 questions. Picture a hot summer afternoon, windows open, the sounds of birds and insects and the shouts of the cricketers on the field. Papers were marked by "Fat Bill" Marsden and the same brisk comment followed each boy who had an all correct paper: "Excellent, extra two marks, well done Rigby". 70 years later I can still see the scene and hear the words! Never have I met a better history teacher – not to mention Economics and R.E.

When a General Election took place, we held a School election for the Constituency of Kew and either the Conservative or the Liberal candidate was usually elected. We had a boy called Frank Thewlis, a most likeable chap, who became a Methodist Minister of note in the county. He stood as the Communist candidate and because he was so popular and this was something new, he was elected with a large majority. I acted as his agent and by the Election date I knew more about Karl Marx than the House of Windsor! Headmaster George Millward could not bring himself to mention the result of the Election!

He was a good Headmaster. He could be rather ruthless but he

knew where he was going and dealt justly with all problems and knew the boys well. I returned to civilian life in 1946 after serving in the RAF. A year or two later, I found out by chance that he was living in Oxford. I wrote to him, adding that I didn't think he would remember me. To my surprise he replied and told me when I joined School, that I was in Mason's house, that I was 'Arts' rather than 'Sciences', that I had captained the First XV, that my favourite subject was History and had gone to Manchester University as a Whitworth Scholar! I felt that a man who knew the boys to this degree couldn't help but be a good Headmaster.

We held Assembly on Monday, Wednesday and Friday in the Hall and House meetings on Tuesday and Thursday. It was my responsibility as School Captain to walk through the hall when the staff were assembled, call the boys to order and then inform the Head that all was ready for him to mount the stage and conduct Assembly. On some occasions the School song was sung. As we sang the chorus for a second time, a great shout echoed round the Hall as the boys emphasised the name of their own house.

(Readers note this was in the 1930's).

The local community created the School and gave working class boys the opportunity to be educated. Although we were several hundred individuals with different interests, capabilities and outlooks, we had become inter-dependent and were indeed "All one School and pulling all together".

Richard Rigby

(Mason's 1928-1937)

Here's a letter from someone who left School 58 years ago and has just been enticed into the Association. Maurice claims it was the quality of a recent Red Rose that encouraged him to join; I wonder if his shrink has advised him he'll sleep better if he brings his memories of School out into the open!

Born in Yorkshire, arriving in Southport just before the start of the War, I can well remember the masters at KGV in my time. 'Froggy' Charnley with the dreaded 'Rupert' in the cupboard. The two Taffies (Big and Little) – the latter being a particular favourite of mine who did much to foster my love of language. Dear Teddy Edwards and his club in Hawkshead Street. 'Elsie' Hargreaves was a decent chap and I came to know him well in later years. 'Bruiser' Hope who used to pace the aisles whilst taking Scripture when it was his habit to get each boy in turn to read three verses from the Bible. I used to look ahead for my three and inevitably there would be some dreaded odd word or other lurking there for me.

I used to mispronounce them from time and knew the reaction – a belt or two around the head with the Holy Book! Percy Jones was free with anything at hand to chastise. Many a posterior has run through the showers bearing the imprint of 'Dunlop'! There was Mr Kirkby for Classics but it was the fragrant Mrs Jacobsen who did her best to get a little Greek into me.

The beetle-browed, saturnine 'Lettuce' with an unerring aim with the chalk. The likeable 'Fat Bill' Marsden who was forever exhorting me to take my bike on the train to Preston and ride in the Ribbles valley. I never did. Joe Mayne who always appeared a tad threatening. He was moved to a mild form of enthusiasm when he watched a rugby match from the touchline and between gritted teeth muttered "Heel Gear's". Thos Pye who, poor man, had a drink problem which I did not think he did much to solve in later years when he took to himself a wife who owned an Off Licence. Chas Thompson took us for music and made a fair job of it. I enjoyed the classical music but less so the folk stuff such as 'Where the bee sucks'. Towering over all these was the majestic Headmaster, Mr. Millward. A most impressive personage who commanded instant respect if not a little terror.

On leaving School I 'marked time' for a short while with the Local Authority before trying to keep the peace twixt Arabs and Jews by joining the Palestine Police. I failed miserably as they are still at it. It seemed a natural progression to do likewise in the Borough of Southport (but between different factions this time) and so it was for many years. Most of these were spent in the C.I.D. thereby relieving the public of having to gaze on me overmuch. Like many other Old Georgians I married a former Southport High School for Girls pupil. Indeed, I thought it was nigh on obligatory! When at School my interests, and whatever talents I possessed, lay in the Arts side of things. Physics and the like were a closed book. It does, therefore, appear somewhat ironic that a chap who never understood why people should go to Cambridge to build Mathematical Tripods has ended up living amongst Tripedal folk on this island.

Maurice Farrar, Isle of Man

(Spencer's 1940-1945)

The Ode to Founders' Day

At the funeral service held in December 2002 for Hilary Royden (1942-9), the first reading was the Ode which used to be sung by the boys on the School Founders' Day and it is given below. I remember it well. At the service I was surprised to learn that neither the reader at the funeral (who attended school from 1949 to 1955) nor Geoffrey Dixon (who succeeded George Millward in 1949) were aware of the Ode. This suggests that it has not been sung or read for more than fifty years. Did it 'disappear' on George Millward's retirement? As can be seen, it consists of simple rhyming couplets, maybe of splendid Edwardian or Georgian, almost religious bombast emphasised by the hymn-like tune to which it was sung. There is however a flavour of classical translation about the three verses. Before this old School tradition is completely forgotten, can an O.G. confirm the provenance of the Ode? The lines do not appear in the Oxford Dictionary of Quotations which might imply it is a domestic not classical product. I have a vague recollection that it was composed and written by member(s) of staff – Chas Thompson or Bud Payne perhaps.

Mike Hyde

(Roger's 1943-1950)

Ode to Founders' Day

Mother of men, to thee we raise
This day our song of thanks and praise
That we are granted for a while
To bask in thy benignant smile
And catch a glory from the glow
Of learning on thy sacred brow.

Teach us in this our strength of youth
To love all beauty and all truth
To scorn by others' loss to gain
Or needless cause our brother pain
To strive all human wrong to cease
And hasten love's perpetual peace

We too shall pass and take our place
In life's hard-run and dusty race;
May thoughts of thee inspire us then
And keep us fearless, upright, clean
So shall we magnify thy name
And add new lustre to thy fame!

Extracts From The Website Guest Book

Noticed Ian Hudson looking for me, would love to hear from him too. Saw a lot of familiar names in the friends reunited site, but no Ian. Anybody have an updated e-mail address for him? Made contact with Tim Smith and he seems to be doing great (sorry I haven't mailed back, Tim, but I'm still searching for an old photo I was going to send you). Would love to hear from any of the old gang who remember me.

John Goggin, Greensboro, North Carolina

02.01.2002

I went to KGV from Farnborough Rd school in 1952. I remember Mr. Dixon and Mr Woodcock (he was what in Canada would be called our Home Room Teacher) who took us for PT (Calisthenics, Rugby and Cricket). The French teacher who gave me my only corporal punishment at KGV, several whacks with the pole from the middle of the window blind! That year the 6th form did a memorable Hamlet. I know it was memorable because I still remember it. Although we left for Canada in June of 1953, I have fond memories of my one year at KGV and I'd be happy to hear from anyone of my vintage.

Bill Ross, Toronto, Canada

12.01.2002

Woodham's 1951-1949 — vintage years!

Harold Corrin, Ottawa, Canada

17.01.2002

Born in Southport, now in Great Crosby (not a great traveller!). I was at KGV from 1959 to 1966, having gained access via the 11 plus exams from Norwood Rd Primary. I wasn't an academic, was "the odd boy that didn't like sport" (thanks bonzos), dreaded woodwork and was a shy type in those days. Still working for HSBC Bank after 35 years, in Liverpool. I found it hard work at KGV- nothing came easy but look back with affection at the old days. Let's face it, rose-coloured glasses are standard eye-wear from such a distance!. A big 'hi' to Ged Todd who signed in earlier. I was a Modernist not a Scientist but we had to do one science subject to O-Level – I still marvel at passing Chemistry. I think it was because I could draw flasks and bunsens with no difficulty using a stencil. My head was turned by the Beatles and I lost interest in Physical Geography and A Dictionary of Modern History.

Clive Pownceby

21.01.2002

Ian Knowlson sent me an email. I'm currently CEO of a software company in Warrington. Married with 2 kids, couple of motor bikes and a dog.

Richard Hawksworth, Horwich, Bolton

21.02.2002

Found the website in Paul Bagshaw's book. I was at KGV from 1943 to 1949. Anyone remember? I studied horticulture and became the Arboricultural Officer for Greater London. Now retired and have a wife, three children, five grandchildren, a dog and a narrow boat.

Neil Philpott, Kingston on Thames

22.02.2002

Last attended an Old Boys' Dinner at the cricket club in 1989. I had the misfortune to team up with Julian McInerney, Terry Fleetwood, Alistair Ford and a few other reprobates. Ended up in a disgraceful state, (how Mac and I didn't get arrested is a mystery!) and managed to stay out all night, it was great! Needless to say the wife had the rolling pin out when I finally did make it "home". We were staying at Alistair Ford's house. As a result, I haven't been game to mention KGV since!). I just hope she doesn't find out I've been on this site.

Oh, by the way, I've been living in Australia for the last 20+ years and work at the University of Queensland when the need arises but have been back to Southport a few times. I've got a wife and three daughters (4, 9 and 11). I'd love to hear from anyone in my era – KGV was the worst of times (getting belted by Neck and rubber tubed by Elsie) and the best of times (watching Nicholas Monks slide off the common room roof and slicing open his shins – all for a 50p bet!) Fond memories indeed.

Keith Prokop, Queensland (Rogers 1967-1974)

21.01.2002

Now living in Sandbach, Cheshire but working in Hamburg.

Hollands, 1974-80. Now Business Development Manager, Germany for Hays IT the UK's largest IT recruitment company and part of Hays Plc. Married with four children (must have missed the biology lesson on contraceptives).

Ian Knowlson, Hamburg

20.02.2002

Never really kept in touch with anyone after I left. Spent 6 years at Sheffield University before joining pharmaceutical industry. Now running a marketing agency (where's the connection in that?). Loads of happy memories of KGV,(1970-76). Just wanted to say hello to all those others who may remember me.

Andy Holgate, Marlow Bucks

22.02.2002

I found the KGV Website through correspondence about cinemas of Southport with the Botanic Gardens Museum on the internet! As an overweight individual with asthma, it was not easy to cope with an ethos of rigger and team spirit as engendered by Ferris Dixon. The route of class clown was an option taken to survive the persistent mental and physical bullying practised by one's peers and staff. The result was inevitably to fall frequent victim to a piece of 4 x 2 kept in the woodwork shop by Rubberneck. I was terrified of P.E. and of planning too low on the block of paran pine – at least Rubberneck got a lot of exercise teaching me! I still remember wonderful quotes from Assemblies (that were, of course, arrant nonsense) such as, "If the Battle of Waterloo was won on the playing fields of Eton, then the Second World War was won on the rigger pitches of the grammar schools of England.

I used to knock around with Geoff Burgess and Andy Hardman and the well known drunk Ned Bowen – and the then arch wit of all time Edwyn Stephens (Best Man at my wedding and with whom I have regretfully totally lost touch.). Does anyone else have a shiver up the spine at the thought of Crunch with pink blancmange – and its propensity to shoot onto the floor in the dining room? Maybe you had to sit at Neb's table for five years as I did to be so paranoid.!

Great days? No. Definitely no. Memorable days? Yes, but not always for the right reasons. Let us now praise famous men and our fathers (and peers) that begat us. The past is a foreign country – it is dangerous there. Raise a glass to Tufty, Timberdick, Cough and Spit, the Taffs, Nocker Norris, Mr de S Honey, Jeff Hext (obviously a lunatic!), Brookes (Commander of the greatest snowball fight of all time when KGV drove the Sec. Mods right back into their own building.

Chris Beddows

(Mason's 1952-1959)

24.02.02

Originally from Southport, now Carver Ma. USA. Nice to recognise a few old names. Does anybody either remember or know the current whereabouts of Andrew Shannon (Shaz to his friends)?

Steve Rimmer

(Grear's 1968-1972)

2.12.02

Southport originally the 19 years in London and now back to Southport. Started at KGV in 1970 and enjoyed 7 years of fun and games as the school seemed to be winding down prior to changing status. I never had to witness any girls attending KGV, seems a shame now I think of it! Hundreds of fun memories and even managed to pass the odd exam. Always remember the horror stories told to me before I joined.

"Newts heads being flushed down toilets, etc but never actually suffered any such fate. Was never sporty and never made the heady heights of prefect. I thus gravitated to become the irritating type out to enjoy myself, which I managed quite well. Since moving back to Southport I have met one or two old faces from School including a couple of masters. I still seem to expect a telling off when standing in front of them.. Good to see the old School remembered but it's a shame I can't take my daughter to see the old place.

Paul Hodgson, (1970-77) 23/8/02

Anyone out there from the period 1934 to 1942? Anyone in KGV Air Training Corps 1941/2? Would like to hear from you.

John Goldberg, Chester 14.03.2002

(Editor's note: see John's letter in News of OG's)

Congratulations on your new position as editor of Red Rose. However, T.B.Johnson would have had you for breakfast at KGV. Referring to it's standard you have used an apostrophe where one does not belong. "It's" is short for "It is". Something which belongs to "it" is spelt "its". It's an exception to the normal rule. I lost count of the number of lines I had to write out before this one sank in. This goes to prove that we were taught English as it is not taught today. Anyone for the job as proof reader of the Red Rose? This is all in jest and with the sense of fun that carried us through school. Good Luck with the new role.

David Charters, Huntingdon 15.03.2002

Editor's reply:- Your efforts to organize a reunion (see "Newsdesk") are most creditable. I have also included a précis of your gripping novel 'Charters on Charting'. It crossed my mind to wreak revenge for your critical email but I refrained because that is not the sort of thing that members of Edwards House should do to each other. (Note the apostrophe key lies idle). I have noticed that, in the absence of evidence to the contrary, the younger the scholars of KGV are, the briefer the correspondence I receive. It can be argued that this is due to the quality of their English Master. Therefore my English Master, Bud Payne was better than your English Master, T B Johnson. This being the case, think twice before engaging in future battles of words.

Born in Blackpool, KGV 1975-1980. Honeybones, Yep! They were all correct....I do miss it!

Steve Tomlinson, Florida 18.03.2002

Anyone There?

Peter Sumner, Cheshunt, Herts. (Spencer's 1947-1952) 1.10.02
Living in Helensburgh, Scotland and working in Windsor. Hey Syd, Of course I remember your Dad, although he also used to glory in the name of Horny Harry on account of the terrifying hair style. The only one who could terrify maths into me. I also seem to remember we tried to hitch to Italy one summer! I would really like to hear from old Thornley Soc. Members of my era. (Evans 1961-66)

Michael Dodworth, Helensburgh 22.03.2002

Are any former players of Minton Arion Football team re 1980-82 out there?

John Waddington, Southport 24.03.2002

Good to see the Guest Book up and running again. Made contact with old friends (and enemies!) via the old one....Mugsie- great 40th photo in the Visiter; Hokum Arse- where are you?; Roderick Nigel Greenfield – please tell me you have left 'Rotting Christ' or was that news all some elaborate ploy? Have returned to Ainsdale from the sunny south – I'll keep telling them it's grim so that nobody else moves oop North. The quality of life here is so much better in a variety of ways – I want my kids to grow up in a place I love so much....soppy, eh?

KGV are producing good job candidates – the last two people I've taken on here at the hospital are both ex-KGV..... it's not the old school tie syndrome, they were the best candidates on paper and on the day at interview. Seems strange to be in a position to do this, but was 23 years ago since I left! KGV...it was the best of times, it was the worst of times . What more can you say? Very best wishes to all those who remember me, for whatever reason!

Simon Biddulph, Southport 03.04.2002

In Edwards 1950-55 when Mr Hardaker was Housemaster. I remember the happy years at School which helped me prepare for the pressures and pleasures ahead. Intend to retire to Cyprus in late 2003. I hope to attend the next Annual Dinner and regret having missed the last one. I well remember the teaching staff who cajoled, threatened, punished and even praised us. The 75th edition truly gave me hours of happy memories from an unforgettable time. My regards to Ronnie Fearn (elevated) who was my sometime next door neighbour and Youth Club Leader, John Pilling, David Walker, Mike Halton whom I am in touch with and who has reminded me it is 47 years since we last spoke, together with the many other people I spent five years with.

Teaching staff with whom I was associated are remembered and thanked, particularly Harry Longhurst who interceded with Mr Geoffrey Dixon to let us play tennis at the Sphynx Club across the road. Thank you for the past and best regards for the future.

David Spencer, Verwood, New Forest, Dorset 08.04.2002

I was not that impressed with KGV as a school. I remember most of the guys who were there at the same time as me – 1963 to 1969 – all around 50 years old now. I was in Leechs House with “Cough” Fleming as Housemaster. He was generally a kind bloke as I recall. I was a member of LVB and recall doing a less than flattering caricature of “The Wrooter Man” (due to a peculiar speech impediment) Stainton the maths teacher – for which I received the beating of my life in the Lecture Theatre prep room! Oh happy days.

Chris Latham, Southport 13.04.2002

Just to say I attended in the years 1996-98 and got sound advice and help. I am now in my penultimate year of a 5 year pharmacy degree at Bradford. If there are any of you out there looking at this and remember me, why not email and see how life is? Again, thanks to the College, it was a great time, I learnt a lot about life as well as my studies.

Thomas Halliwell, Formby 05.05.2002

1954-1961: Woodham's: Attended Saltley Teachers Training College in Birmingham from 1961 to 1964. Taught in Liverpool for 6 months then emigrated to Canada in January 1968 on a freighter. Been teaching in the Vancouver area ever since. Retire in 28 days time! Greatest claim to fame – played piano temporarily with Tony Travis's 'Rebel Rousers' in 1959. Often wonder what happened to David Greenberg and Pete Hulme (Crossens). Presently I am a single, amicably divorced father of two grown-up children, a daughter, 22 and a son 19. I married late. Mr Hodnet was the best teacher I ever had. I remember Harry Smith (Rubberneck). 45 years on and I still have anxiety attacks whenever I pick up any woodworking tool!

Stanley Roy Smith (Smithy) 19.05.2002

Now I'm back on the mailing list I can catch up with the gossip of former pupils. Your letter prompted me to drive past KGV during a recent visit to see my parents in Southport. I was amazed to see the transformation. It is a long time since I have been past the College and I had to check if I was in the right location! Things have come a long way from the days of the Grammar School.

Mark Allatt, Sheffield 6.6.2002

Edwards 1954-1961. Now 10 years retired from a career in the army (Royal Corps of Transport). Awarded army colours for offshore sailing. I am now a RYA examiner. I have my own boat and sail with STA. Still involved with St John Ambulance. Look forward to hearing from any contemporaries. Sorry to have missed the 75th. I'll make it to the Dinner one year.

Bill Jewell, Truro, Cornwall 24.05.2002

Grear's, 1948-1954. I am now retired, living with my wife of 32 years in the peace and relative dryness of Lincolnshire. This follows a lifetime in avionics engineering, maintaining services to civil aviation in UK, Switzerland and latterly, Saudi Arabia. My main interests these days are instructing the Air Cadets in aviation subjects and learning to play the cornet in order to join the Louth Brass Band. I often look back with nostalgia to those days in the early 50's when the sun always seemed to shine and the avoidance of getting caned was seen as a sport. I wonder what happened to my contemporaries, Atkinson, Tony Bray, Stan Kushner, Roy Blundell...to name just a few.

Arthur Henderson, Lincolnshire 30.05.2002

I am running 'Cedar Circle', a video production and communications company, www.bcfn.org/cedarcircle.htm. In almost daily e-correspondence with Harry Corrin (Ottawa), Roger Greenhalgh (Wales) and Eddie Stephens (London). We have formed an international group dedicated to the exposure of The International Brotherhood of Freemasons. If any Old Georgians wish to be considered for membership (\$750 per year) please send the cheque and the address of your psychiatrist to myself. Ambition – to know what I want to do when I grow up. Married to Sandra and with six children ranging in ages from 37 to 11. I am still excused games as a result of a very unfortunate incident involving the wall bars and going too quickly to my team corner in 1957! Also in memory of my good friend Andy Hardman.

Chris Beddows, Vancouver Island, Canada 12.006.2002

(Editor's note; This is from the same Chris Beddows as the previous extract dated 24.02.2002. On the one hand, I would have been grateful to Chris for one contribution, let alone two, but on the other hand, an editor has a duty to publish comments from his readers even if he doesn't entirely agree with (or understand) them. Keep it coming, Chris.

I was one of the founder members of Amers when there were only 8 of us in the first term. I became House Chess Captain because I was the only one who could play. I had to play 3 simultaneous matches each week like a Grand Master and lose each one in record time so I could get home in time to see Crossroads. How sad is that!! I think that was the last time I played and also the last time I watched Crossroads. I remember doing the high jump on Sports Day and leaping manfully over about 2'6", only to land on my back between the sacks stuffed with bits of foam. Can you imagine the litigation now!

Graeme Kay, Paignton, Devon 07.06.2002

Spencers 1955-62. Now thankfully enjoying early retirement and have never worked harder. Am in touch with Peter Hulme, Dave Karsa and John Rostron but where is Alan Cole or other 1962 prefects? Crickets fans note that John is promoting another Crickets concert on Monday 25th November at the Floral Hall – be there!

Geoff Stocker, Windermere 21.06.2002

Looking for pals from 1983 to 1985. E-mail has changed but I haven't

Simon Richards, All Over 25.06.2002

Glad to re-establish a connection after 40 years. Where are all the 1955-62 people? Maybe we had such fun we didn't learn to write – although I remember we all learned to play instruments in an impromptu marching band (after exams, of course). Many people mention their most and least favourite teachers. I agree with several others about least favourite, but surely along with such illustrious names as George Wakefield and Fanny Abrams, we should mention Walter Lord (even though he did use the gym shoe on me more than once!) Perhaps if I had been this positive forty years ago I would have more A Levels, but I did get an Education.

Barry Hunt, Edmonton, Alberta 16.07.2002

Hi, Any old friends out there from the 1970 to 1976 era? Just come home for a couple of weeks hols from Singapore where I am now living and working with my family. I would love to hear from any old buddies who remember me and the best first XV rugby team to have ever played together at the School. I miss my old mate John Ball, he was one of the best. If 'Stitch' is out there, drop me a line as I would love to know what is happening in Southport these days.

Richard Daniels, Singapore 25.08.2002

Memorabilia

The items below are available at the Annual Dinner or by post from:

Red Rose Memorabilia, 46 Lyndhurst Rd, Southport, PR8 4JT

Tel: 01704 565075 Fax: 01704 550710

* **Please make cheques payable to 'Old Georgians Association'**

All items are post free

'King George V School' oil painting by Nancy Dixon, wife of G F Dixon
A3 colour print (42cm x 29.7cm) £10

'King George V College' pastel drawing by Paul Bagshaw
A3 colour print (42cm x 29.7cm) £10

Aerial photograph of King George V School
Black and white print (29cm x 14.5cm) £5

Aerial photograph of KGV School and KGV College (1980)
A4 colour print (29.7cm x 21cm) £5

Facsimile of King George V School prospectus 1930
A5 Black and white booklet (21cm x 15cm) £3

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***75th Anniversary Dinner** (50 mins) £10

***75th Anniversary Red Rose.** Copies of this book are available free of charge to existing and new members of the Association £7.50

Old Georgians' tie
(Black, 2 red and white stripes and a red rose) £9

1930s vintage Old Georgians' tie £18
(Mainly silver with red, black, similar to the Colours tie)

* Also available from Broadhursts, Market St, Southport

Calendar of Events 2003

MARCH 15th and 16th O G CHAIRMAN'S WEEKEND

This year weekend will be at the Heaves Hotel, near Kendal. Further details from Chairman, Des Hughes. Tel: 01438 832535

APRIL 17th OG ANNUAL DINNER and AGM

The venue is the Formby Hall Golf Club. The AGM starts at 7pm to which all are welcome. The dinner follows at 8pm. Tickets are available at £20 from Stan Rimmer, 361 Liverpool Rd, Southport PR8 3BT. Tel : 01704 576713. You are advised to book as soon as possible. Please send cheques in advance to Stan, payable to the "Old Georgians' Association" The excellent menu will be:-

Hors d'oeuvres Parisien
Roast Leg of Lamb
Danish Apple Pie and Cream
English & Continental Cheese Platter
Coffee and Mints

APRIL 8,9 & 10th 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. Tel: 01704 530601

JULY OG BARBECUE (Date TBA)

Barbeque, swimming, fun quiz and bar from 7 pm, hosted by the Rostrons, 33 Ryder Crescent, Birkdale. Tickets at £7 from John Pilling, 372 Gravel Lane, Banks, Southport PR9 9DB- Tel: 01704 226961.

OCTOBER 17th SNOOKER , DARTS AND HOTPOT

The venue is Southport and Birkdale Cricket Club, Trafalgar Rd, Birkdale. Details from Stan Rimmer. Tel; 01704 576713

NOVEMBER COLLEGE MUSIC CONCERT (Date TBA)

Music performed by College Students. Donations from the OG's to Department Heads in the interval and wine served by the OG's after the concert.

IT IS IMPORTANT TO CONFIRM DATES WITH KGV OR THE OG COMMITTEE.