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President's Letter

Dear Old Georgians,

The last sentence of my letter last year asked you to wish us well for an Ofsted inspection due in February 2003.

I am delighted to tell you that the College received a glowing report. Governance, Leadership and Management, Student Support, English, Visual and Performing Arts and Media, Business Studies and Economics, Geography, History, Religious Studies, Classical Civilisation and Archaeology achieved grade 1, 'Outstanding'. All other subject areas achieved the next highest grade, a 2.

As a result of the Report, the College was given Learning and Skills Council **Beacon Status**, one of the first 15 colleges in the country to be given this award. The Chairman, John Rostron, Vice Principal Peter Lynas and I, travelled to London with some College students. Ronnie Fearn joined us there and we thoroughly enjoyed the presentation by Margaret Hodge, then Minister for Further and Higher Education.

The real icing on the cake for the day was Ronnie taking us all over the House of Lords for the afternoon. I am so grateful to him. It is a day we will never forget.

In addition to all this, the Adult Inspectorate have just published their annual report of Adult Education across the country and King George V College gets a special mention for that too. We are identified as one of just 5 Further Education Colleges among the list of the top 92 adult learning providers nationally for 2002-3.

Finally, the College's exam results in summer 2003 were a credit to all students and staff. The 97% pass for Advanced Level entries was yet again up there with the best.

I feel proud and privileged to be Principal of this wonderful College. I also feel honoured to carry on the traditions so very firmly established by my predecessors in King George V School.

I wish you all the very best for 2004.

Sincerely,
Hilary Anslow OBE



The day KGV College was awarded Beacon Status

From the left – students Rebecca Jones and Mark Baldwin, Lord Ronnie Fearn, Chairman of the Governors, John Rostron, Principal of the College, Hilary Anslow and Elaine Bowker, Learning and Skills Council.

Chairman's Letter

The first Old Georgians' function I attended was a delight, though for the organizers I suspect it was anything but. The Summer Barbecue was to take place at John and Christine Rostron's home on July 11th but at the last minute John was taken ill and whisked off to hospital, leaving Christine to cater for 50 guests. And, my word, how well she and her helpers rose to the challenge. The food was superb and the quiz was a resounding success, even though the star-studded team of which I was a member, failed to win a prize. Thankfully, John made a speedy recovery the next day, but the plaudits go to Christine and her family and friends who rallied round and helped to raise over £300 for the Association funds.

The Committee has continued to use the funds to help the College in whatever modest way it can and this year £700 was donated to the Vulnerable Students Fund and a further £450 was given to various departments to purchase extra resources. It is entirely due to the generosity of Old Georgians, especially those attending the Dinner, those making donations and those supporting the functions, that such support is possible. The Committee is grateful to all.

In October I attended the Snooker and Darts evening but my high hopes of glory in the singles competitions were dashed early on with quick exits from both events. Steve Bond then carried me through to the Snooker Doubles Final but, on the brink of a glorious triumph my cue ball failed to make contact with the colour and we had somehow snatched defeat from the jaws of victory. However, some consolation was at hand, as I witnessed the most exciting break of the evening by the Editor, whose cue spectacularly broke into three pieces after being slammed down, following a foul shot which knocked him out of the competition. It was an enjoyable evening all round.

(Thanks a bundle, Jim, it was a real pleasure typing your letter)

I missed the College Music Concert in November, but very much enjoyed the Christmas Concert in December. I am looking forward to the Chairman's weekend in Askrigg in March, when about 20 OG's will be meeting up to walk, eat and reminisce.

I am hoping to meet up with as many OG's as possible at the Annual Dinner on April 8th where Peter Aughton will be our guest speaker. I too shall be addressing the members but I wouldn't get your hopes up too high for that – my after-dinner speaking ranks alongside my golf (handicap 23 !!) as a source of amusement to all who witness it. My thanks go to all of the Committee for helping to make it a most enjoyable year as Chairman.

Jim Marsh



Mason's

1954-1961

Editorial

The year has seen the College maintain its wonderful level of student achievement in the A-level exams. The reason behind the amazing student successes has now been recognized. The Ofsted Inspectors found nothing but the highest of standards of teaching and management and this resulted in the award of Beacon Status. On behalf of all the Old Georgians in the Association, let me congratulate Hilary and all her staff for a job being continuously well done. It can't just be a coincidence that in the last two years 143 new members joined the Association, an increase of 15%!

In preparing the Red Rose for the second time, I find pleasure in being part of reuniting old friends and sadness in preparing the Obituaries and speaking to those bereaved. Both are bound to happen when members were at school up to 78 years ago.

I would therefore like to redress the balance. At the moment, most of the material I receive comes in the Post and from those at School before the change in 1979. Younger members who do correspond prefer to use the website Guest Book and the messages are often a little terse. It is natural that being at School for seven years with the same pals has created proportionally more memories (certainly of sporting and P.E. matters) than the 21 months spent at College now. Nevertheless, I really would appreciate more input from those members who left in, say, the last 15 years.

It could be that my change of e-mail address last Spring has not helped, nor has the difficulty found on occasion of accessing the OG's Guestbook via the College website. But that's history, my correct address appears in a couple of places and the way to access the Guestbook is described in as simple a manner as I could manage. May I remind all readers that I took this job on for 3 years and with the offer of help for the next Editor in year four. So please send in your applications when you've read this.

Alan Bond

Edwards' 1947-54

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1954 J W Lord	1955 J Edwards	1956 S C Wilford
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2002 A D Hughes		

NEW GEORGIANS

Here are the names of 80 more new members who have joined in the last 12 months! It has to be said that 41 of them were recruited at the excellent reunion organized by David Charters on September 20th (more of that later). Mike Hyde did a fine job persuading those there who weren't already members that £5 got them the bargain of their remaining lifetimes, even if they had missed the last 38 issues of the Red Rose.

To the following Brand New Old Georgians – Salvete

Tom Alston	Sarah Brotherstone	Sze-Wei Cheung
Nicholas Devlin	Giles Hampson	Victoria Harper
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Eleanor Shiel	Jonathan Smith	Tessa Smith
Saski Sutton	Wendy Taylor	Martin Taylor
Katrina Williams	Sam White	

And to the Somewhat Older New Old Georgians-Salvete et festina lente

Bill Baker	Paul Bird	Frank Blundell
Hugh Bowman	Derek Brown	Tony Calland
Tony Carlisle	John Cohen	Barry Colclough
J.E.Cotterall	John Dickenson	A. Donoghue
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Mike Thomas	Alan Tinger	David Turner
Tony Whitehead	Peter Whitehead	David Williams

News of Old Georgians

David Pearson, the present Mayor of Sefton and I were contemporaries at School so he willingly provided this letter, about his life since then.

I attended KGV from 1946 to 1953 in Rogers' House, leaving to go into National Service with the 40th Field Regiment R.A., serving in Germany, Egypt and Cyprus as a wireless operator attaining the rank of Bombardier.

In 1950 whilst still at School, my father and I founded the family business, English Feathers Co (Southport) Ltd. For many years we traded in feathers for the bedding industry, exporting goose and duck feathers to Germany, as well as dealing with firms in Manchester, Liverpool, Wisbech and Barking. As demand fell, we transferred our dealings into flats and bed-sits in the centre of Southport.

Returning from the forces in 1955, I had the misfortune to lose my brother Roger – he died in 1956 aged 13 years and I will never, ever forget the poignant funeral at St. Cuthbert's with his classmates from KGV lining the entrance, all wearing their red blazers. Incidentally, I donated Roger's cap and blazer along with school photos of that era to the Botanic Gardens Museum.

I met my wife Barbara, also a Sandgrunder, on Lord Street of all places and we married at Emmanuel Church in 1958. We have two children, Carole and Mark and they also live in Southport. Having been self-employed all my life, I never really had the time or the inclination to take up golf, although I did play cricket rather badly for many years in the district league for Red Triangle.

In 1991 I was elected to serve as councillor for Dukes' Ward and have served on many and varied committees since then, sometimes as chairman, latterly on the licensing committee. In 2003 I was elected to serve as Mayor of Sefton, an honour of which I am most proud, following in the footsteps of family members, James Peet (1946/7) and Richard Lloyd (1952/53). I am also intensely proud of the fact that my ancestor William Sutton was the reputed founder of Southport!

Our term of office has been very revealing to the Mayoress and I, in that we meet so many generous people that willingly give of their time and indeed money, to help others less fortunate than themselves.

The children make our task so delightful – they are fascinated by the chains and the questions they ask provide many useful quips to pass on. At the other end of the age spectrum we also meet wonderful people. I recently gave out academic certificates at Hugh Baird College where I presented two 93-year-olds with awards! One of the highlights so far was the launch of H.M.S. Mersey at Southampton – a Royal Navy vessel that I am delighted to say will be commissioned in Sefton in March 2004, when we will renew our acquaintances with the Captain and crew as it enters the Mersey for the dockside ceremony.

Sefton, in my opinion, is a vibrant area to be living in. These are exciting times and in Southport alone we have seen over the past few years, great changes. The new sea wall, the refurbishment of the pier, the new Dunes Leisure Centre and the Ocean Plaza Complex with its 7-screen cinema. We are not standing still – the new ECO centre on the Park and Ride site by Pleasureland is to be opened in May 2004 and the new Marine Parade Bridge, one month later. I am not saying everything is perfect, far from it, BUT we are moving in the right direction.



Finally may I take this opportunity to wish the College every success in the future – it has always had a fine reputation and tradition and long may it continue. Recently I renewed memories with one of my teachers, Bob Abram – still fighting fit and such a delight to reminisce with. Best wishes to you all.

David Pearson

Dennis Hunt (Leeches)

1949-1954

Like my forebears of at least 500 years, I have never left North Meols. On leaving school, I joined Post Office Telephones in Preston and worked for them throughout my career, ending as an Executive Engineer with responsibility for telephone maintenance across South Lancashire from Southport to Rochdale.

A brief call to National Service saw me stationed in Catterick camp teaching Carrier Telephony to both regular and national service soldiers. I retired early and have since spent a goodly amount of my time raising money for charities. I have been married for 44 years and have three Old Georgian sons, a daughter and five grandchildren, all of whom serve to keep me busy. During the seventies, I served as Chairman of the School Parents' Association and was one of the first two elected Parent Governors. The ode in the article last year by Mike Hyde was not unfamiliar, but I do not recall its use on Founder's Day.

"Let us now praise famous men, And our fathers that begat us..."

is what rings a bell for this event.

Here's a tester for past Chairman Des Hughes. I have listed what my memory says was 4b of 1951. How have I done?

Andrews Colin	Hughes Des
Ashworth Anthony	Hunt Dennis
Becket Roy	Johnson Brian
Birch Titch	Kippax Roy
Bolton Reg	Lancaster Tony
Burgess Alan	Lindley Alan
Clark Nobby	Nicholas Tony
Davies Alec	Owen Ray
Dixon Alan	Proctor Terry
Ellis Geoff	Reuben Tony
Forshaw Tubby	Reubins Tony
Galkoff Ivor	Rodwell Alan
Gladney	Seale John
Hilson	Wilson Fred
Hilton Rod	Yates Norman

Paul Gubbins

Spencer's 1961-68

Having received the article about the books in Esperanto and been fascinated by the thought of it, I asked Paul to tell me what made him tick.

Dear Alan,

There's not much to say about me. I read languages at Manchester University and subsequently completed a Ph.D in 19th century German Literature at Queen's University, Canada. After spending an obscenely but enjoyably long time as a student I returned to the U.K. where I trained as a journalist before starting to teach German in the polytechnic sector and subsequently at the University of Salford. Because of the decline in school-leavers wishing to study modern foreign languages, I was asked last year to re-train to teach English as a Foreign Language: this I am currently undertaking.

I am married with two grown-up children and live in Cheshire with four cats, three minis and more books on railways, Gilbert and Sullivan and Esperanto than I can count. I was once described by students as the 'jolly one with the beard' which made me think that perhaps, in something of a roller-coaster career, I have managed to make at least a slight impression.

Well, you have on me, Paul. Let me know when you want to re-train as the Red Rose Editor.

Darrell Farrant

1948-55

Dear Alan,

I might be able to help with some of the missing persons. The last address I have for David Max is in Mill Hill, London.

Brian Mayor became Headmaster of St David's College, Llandudno, but died some years ago. John Wood was at Oxford at the same time as me and became a teacher at Bootham School in York. Either the school, or Magdalen, his Oxford College, might be able to trace him. Des also wanted to know about Dave Sutton, a former Chairman. I played rugby for Southport with Dave, but he too died a while ago. Finally, a message for Mike Hyde: I do indeed remember the Founder's Day hymn and we certainly sang it for my first few years at School (from 1948), so I am surprised that

Geoffrey Dixon did not recognize it. I know that Ken Eglin, as Director of Music, played it in his time, but I think when J R Williams came to replace him, it could not be found.

This next item is taken from an article which appeared in the Southport Visiter headed 'OBE for NHS man'.

Stuart Fletcher Pembrokehire (Mason's 1957-64)
Stuart Fletcher was awarded the O.B.E. in the Queen's new year's honours list for 2003. Originally from Wennington Road, Stuart went to KGV in 1957. He was head boy before leaving in 1964 to go to Oriel College, Oxford from where he joined the National Health Service as a management trainee. Stuart captained Southport RUFC in the late 70's. His brother Rob, owns Fletcher's solicitors in town, where Stuart's eldest son, Ed, also works.

Stuart is currently the acting director for the Mid and South West Regions NHS. His responsibilities include making regular representations to the Welsh Assembly. He lives in Pembrokehire with his wife, Dilys. They have been married for 30 years and have two sons. He comes to Southport every month and still feels part of the community. Stuart is thrilled at receiving the honour and said :

"With over one million staff the NHS is the second biggest workforce in history. I believe passionately in the principles behind the NHS since its inception in 1948. Although stressful, my work is very rewarding. My whole family have shared in my success ; without them this wouldn't have been possible".

Ken Stott Woodham's 1924-31
Ken celebrated his ninetieth birthday in February 2004. He lives in Leigh-on-Sea in Essex , does some Scottish Dancing (but cheats a lot), goes to keep fit classes and plays Badminton.. He also is a Voluntary Driver for Southend General Hospital.

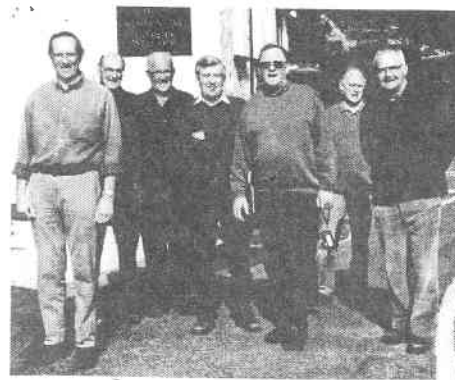
(Well Done Ken. He must feel well because he sent me this in January!)



Chairman's Weekend 2003

There I was, wondering where we could meet when Geoffrey Dixon suggested the Heaves Hotel, Levens Bridge. It made an ideal venue for our 26 OG's, many of whom are also in a time warp. Some arrived on Friday for an evening reminiscing about their athletic achievements on the playing fields of England in the 1950's. The whole group came together on Saturday 15th March and were soon off exploring the local countryside

on routes suggested by the local residents, Neil and David Booth. Splitting into two groups, with the Chairman leading the riverbank route, it was noticed that the four Doctors and the Dentist were all in Geoffrey's team, (well, they had all been mountaineers in their time!). Their skills were to be tested when Neil had a "funny turn", which turned out to be not so funny, with a night spent in hospital and missing Dinner. During an enjoyable evening, Miles Irving made an early exit to say farewell to his son who was leaving for Iraq. Sunday dawned, some went to church, others rambled down to Brigsteer and the rest stayed for lunch in the Hotel. Adrian Brown had a "senior moment" at the Wheatsheaf in Brigsteer, finding the car-parking arrangements annoying. Soon all was well and the "Last of The Summer Wine" contingent took a brisk walk and had a good lunch.



Thanks to all who supported this event and indeed to all OG's who helped me throughout my year of office. This includes the Committee, my speaker Darrell Farrant and Geoffrey Dixon.

Des Hughes Roger's 1949-56

From left to right, Derek Steele, Frank Ball, Adrian Brown, Paul

Bagshaw, Alan Bond, John Pilling and Stan Rimmer.

Obituaries

Ken Dowling

1945-1952

Ken left KGV to do his National Service in the RAF. He joined the Immigration Service in 1954. A correspondence course led to his being called to the Bar in 1960. He secured a temporary position in the Department of the Director of Public Prosecutions in 1961. His rise was rapid. Sir Norman Skelhorn appointed him to increasingly senior posts in the seventies although his final promotion was as Sir Thomas Hetherington's deputy. Skelhorn became heavily dependent upon him for advice over a wide area.

Dowling's close working relationship with the director meant that he had a significant influence on proposals for reform of the criminal law. Soon after Sir Thomas Hetherington became DPP in 1977 his department prepared a submission to the Royal Commission on Criminal Procedure. Dowling was the principal author. The central question was whether decisions concerning public prosecutions should be left in the hands of the police or entrusted to lawyers. Dowling's firm view was that little change was necessary. He found himself swimming against the tide. The commission's proposals for Independent Crown Prosecutors, leading to the establishment of the Crown Prosecution Service troubled him greatly. Whether the problems that have beset the CPS could have been avoided or were as Dowling believed, inevitable, is an open question.

In 1980 Ken underwent major coronary surgery. He appeared to make a good recovery and his appointment as Deputy Director of Public Prosecutions came two years later. However, recurrent problems led to his retirement in 1985. Ken had a notably ready wit. He sometimes formed harsh judgements and expressed them with northern directness. He was appointed CB in 1985. In 1992 he and his wife Maggie settled on the Isle of Wight and they developed a strong affection for the island. He continued to read prodigiously and tried (in his view unsuccessfully) to improve his golf.

He died on March 11th at Southampton Hospital, aged 69. He is survived by Maggie and their two daughters, Angela and Cathy.

John Peter Flitcroft

1941-1948

John died, aged 72, on December 1st 2002 in Coventry from congenital heart disease, a condition he had suffered from for most of his life. It prevented him playing Games but he joined a local cricket club. At School he was an active chess player and became an accomplished piano player. On leaving KGV he took a degree in Mathematics and Physics at Liverpool University and after two years national service in the REME at Shrivenham, he began his teaching career at Barnet High School, where he taught for ten years.

In 1961 he took a post at Kenilworth Grammar School and subsequently became Head of Mathematics. He organized the chess teams, the rugby and the cricket teams. It was at K.G.S. that he met and married his wife, Greta and had two sons.

In 1978 when the Kenilworth schools were re-organised, John moved to Bablake School, Coventry from where he retired prematurely in 1986 on the sudden death of his younger son who was also a mathematician. He was then able to give time to his first love – music and did a fair amount of long-distance walking in Scotland. When walking became impossible, he derived pleasure from visiting places of interest in England and concerts in Birmingham and Warwick.

John was greatly loved and admired by friends, family, colleagues and pupils alike for his kind and approachable manner, his lively intellect, his professional skill and his sparkling sense of humour. He is survived by Greta, their son Michael and two grandchildren.

Craig Arthur Martin

1981-1983

Craig attended the Sixth Form College studying Biology, Chemistry, Maths and General Studies at A level. He went to Southampton University to study Biochemistry for one year and then on to Liverpool University and attained a B.Sc Honours degree in Physiology.

He met his wife to be, Susan, at KGV College in 1982 and they were married in 1990. They moved to Loughborough in order that Craig could work at AstraZeneca (formerly Fisons). After suffering a brain haemorrhage, he died on 5th February 2003. He was loved by all who met him and he will be greatly missed.

James Bowman Nelson (Jaz)**1937-1944**

Jim died peacefully from cancer in the loving care of Nathan House, Christie Hospital, Manchester in May. He commenced employment at Barclays Bank, Foreign Branch in Manchester. He then served two years in the Royal Navy returning to Barclays Bank, Southport, Liverpool and Kirkby branches.

Moving then to the Midlands, he worked in Yardley and Kidderminster. In 1969 he opened a new branch of Barclays in Biddulph, Staffordshire, where he was Manager until his retirement in 1984. He had cancer for eight years and bore it bravely without complaint. A new drug enabled him to enjoy his Golden Wedding in 2002 with his wife, Doreen and family and his many friends. He was always proud of his association with his School.

Les Bolton M.B.E.**Spencer's 1939-1944**

Les died on the 27th July 2003, aged 75 years. On leaving KGV he joined the Civil Service, eventually becoming a Higher Executive Officer at the Smedley Hydro, (National Census), until he retired in 1987. In 1988 he received the MBE for services to the Crown.

Les was a gifted all-round sportsman, excelling at cricket. Having gained his School 1st XI colours at the age of 16 he quickly secured a regular place in the First Elevens of Southport YMCA and then Southport and Birkdale C.C.

His footballing talents gained him First Team status at YMCA and Southport Leyland Road (Southport Amateurs) playing in the Lancashire Amateur League First Division. He also played Badminton in the Southport and District First Division.

In later life, Les put back a great deal into the sports he enjoyed. His enthusiasm, wisdom, administrative talent and tactical guile were put to good use in his capacity as Chairman of Selectors at S. & B.C.C. and as Chairman of Southport Amateurs.

Les is survived by his sons Andrew and Kevin, his daughter Carol and four Grandchildren, Becky, Sarah, Lee and Scott.

David Stuart Collinson**2001-2003**

David Collinson sadly died at the age of 18 in a tragic accident, whilst on holiday in Majorca in July 2003. David attended KGV from 2001 to 2003 and was awaiting his A level results at the time of his death.

He was born in Southport and was a talented sportsman, excelling at football, cricket and athletics from a young age. He soon settled on Golf, joining the Hesketh Golf Club and was playing off a handicap of 3 at the age of 14 and was runner up in the Reid Trophy (England under 14 Championship) at that age.

David achieved many representative honours, including representing England Schools against Scotland at Royal Birkdale in 2002. He also represented the North of England and Lancashire at schools level, Lancashire men's B team and Lancashire boys on many occasions. He was a very talented player being renowned for his shot making abilities. He intended a career in golf and had obtained a place at Birmingham University on their Golf management and PGA course.



David was a keen student when sport allowed and undoubtedly had a lot of potential in this area to fulfill. Socially, he was a bright and witty companion with a keen sense of humour and a good mimic and is sadly missed by his father David, his mother Julie and his sister Elizabeth (KGV 1998-2000).

Eric Simpson Gale

Head of P.E. 1957-1990

Eric died on New Year's Day 2004 aged 74. A Cumbrian by birth, he was educated at Nelson Grammar School, Wigton. From there he joined the Army, achieving the rank of Sergeant during his service in Italy. On leaving the Army in 1949, he went to Carnegie College, Leeds, where he studied Physical Education. He joined KGV from Thomas Linacre School, Wigan, as Head of P.E. in 1957, taking over from Harry Smith who had decided to follow another path in what was already a distinguished career. An outstanding all-round sportsman himself, he successfully continued and furthered the high sporting standards for which the School was renowned throughout the North West. He enjoyed playing in the Staff cricket matches, particularly those on Founders' Day.

In the 60's and 70's his enthusiasm inspired many young and not-so-young members of staff who, under his guidance, coached and organized teams which scored frequent victories against such Schools as Manchester Grammar, Cowley Grammar, Merchant Taylors' and Queen Elizabeth Grammar. He laid great emphasis on the enjoyment of recreation and its importance in the development of healthy minds and bodies. By widening the choice of activities he earned the gratitude of many pupils who had little aptitude for Rugby or Cricket.

From 1967 he enjoyed the role of Housemaster of Edwards' House. His sympathetic nature, easy approachability allied to insistence on high standards in work and play brought out the best in pupils. The success of Edwards' House between 1967 and 1978 is testimony to his ability to inspire.

One of his proudest achievements came in 1978 when KGV in its last year as a Grammar School, won the National Lifesaving Championship. To mark his success, the Commonwealth Council awarded him their Medal of Recognition for services to the Royal Lifesaving Society. His skill in teaching lifesaving continued with the Sixth Form College winning the Saunders Trophy on several occasions. The transition from Grammar School to Sixth Form College and the building of the Sports Hall brought about a profound change in his teaching life. He lost the assistance of many of the staff who had helped him run School teams but he coped admirably, maintaining six or seven team games on Wednesday afternoons. Success was never far from the Badminton teams, winning the Merseyside Schools Competition on many occasions.

Eric introduced many new activities into the curriculum including Trampolining, Basketball, Archery, and Weight Training.

The Sports Hall became the centre of things for many of the students with every corner occupied and with Eric and his assistant, Dorothy Burns, in the middle of it, encouraging and cajoling.

After his retirement in 1990 Eric did not enjoy the best of health, but it was a shock to all who knew him to hear of his death. The thoughts of us all are with Gwyneth and their two sons, Peter (an O.G.) and David and we offer them our deepest sympathy.

Brian Trueman

1940-1946

Brian had a heart attack and died suddenly in August, following a piano recital at a summer school for The Worker's Musical Association in Wortley, Yorkshire, aged 73. He went from KGV to Durham University where he attained a Bachelor of Music degree. He became organist and choirmaster at Christ Church and chairman of the Southport Musical Festival from 1967 to 1970. Brian then left the resort to become a tutor at the London College of Music. He was appointed by William Lloyd Webber (Andrew's father)

After teaching at the LCM for 30 years, he retired and moved back to Southport where he became assistant organist and choirmaster at Emmanuel Church. Organist and Choirmaster at Emmanuel, Dr Brian Hodge said: "Technically and musically he was a great player, I never heard him play a bad note. He will be sadly missed" Brian never married and was cremated at Golders Green Crematorium in London in a small ceremony. It is hoped a bursary or prize in the Southport Music Festival will be set up in memory of Brian. A remembrance service was held at Emmanuel on November 8th.



Where Are They Now ?

Your Association has lost contact with the following Old Georgians and delivery of the Red Rose has been suspended. Listed below are the names, last known town or country and their final School year.

Can anyone provide details of their current whereabouts?

Any information please to:-

Mike Hyde, 84 Bull Cop, Formby, L37 8BZ tel: 01704 876734

or

Alan Bond, tel: 01704 579373 . email to alan@abond.go-plus.net

M T Alvey	Bristol	1977	C Banks	York	1977
F W Fawley	Newcastle	1977	A Dunn	Chinnor	1973
T M Banks	Egremont	1978	G S Foster	Faringdon	1974
J C Barton	Norfolk	1975	G L Hosker	Astley	1969
M P R Bendyk	Colindale	1977	I B Jones	Lancaster	1984
P Benedyk	Poole	1972	D Mann	Maidenhead	1988
G Bohling	Tunbridge Wells	1974	N Nayar	Scorton	1984
J Brook	Hillside	1995	D Proctor	Luton	1977
D Cawood	Selby	1971	A Rimmer	Sharnford	1967
A Chaytor	Ormskirk	1994	K Rose	Germany	1992
K Clark	Southport	1995	E Rowan	Southport	1987
A Cockwill	Southport	1990	A M Ryan	Stockport	1984
A Coughlin	Neston	?	C Townsend	Sale	?
E Whitney	Ormskirk	1966			
N E A Crompton	Switzerland	1977			
P Wolfenden	Manchester	1981			
Ms C (Gaskin) Cox,	Reading	1993			
N J Roberts	Texas	1981			

Dinner Guests, April 17th 2003

Hilary Anslow, John Anslow, Joe Abram, Colin Andrews, Bob Abram, Rob Anderson, Andrew Bennett, Rodney Bradbury, David Brown, Duncan Burton, Mark Baldwin, Paul Bagshaw, Ted Batty, David Booth, Robin Bowen-Williams, Geoff Barnes, Alan Bond, Graham Booth, Tony Bray, John Ball, Diane Bond.

Mike Chalke, Alan Cunliffe, Graham Cox, John Cotterall, Eddie Cowen, Candice Clements, Geoff Cummings, Geoffrey Dixon, Nancy Dixon, Michael Dodworth, Alan Davies, Mark Day, Bob Davidson, Alan Dickinson, Mark Elsen, John Elliott, Ron Ellis, Jonathan Elliott, Mick Enright, Phil Frampton, John Fairclough, Darrell Farrant, Mark Fletcher, Martin Fearn, Ronnie Fearn, Rob Fletcher, Stuart Fletcher, Vittorio Guidi, Michael Glautier, John Gatiss, Mike Hyde, John Hyde, Brian Henshaw, Des Hughes, Bob Hayden, John Hoyle, David Howgate, Barry Hurst, Roy Hatfield, Rick Hatfield, Alan Halsall, Gary Hughes, Brian Hargreaves, Roger Hargreaves, Kirstie Howard, Caroline Highton, John Hepworth, Andrew Hudson, Ian Hudson,

Roger Jump, Richard Jenkin, Rebecca Jones, Alan Jones, Barry Jessop, John Kendrew, Colin Knowles, John Keeley, John Kermode, Dave Keetley, Ian Kettle, Alison Kinge, Gordon Lees, Catherine Lapsley, Sarah Lapsley, David Lonsdale, Robin Lonsdale, Paul Merone, Bob Mentha, Tony Milner, Paul Mullen, Belinda Miller, Jim Marsh, Charlie Martin, Peter Moore, Alan McKenzie, Andrew Malley, Stephen Mallinder, John Mercer,

Graham Ostick, Ray Owen, Eric Ogden, John Pilling, Don Porter, Corinne Porter, Geoff Pearce, Mike Pendlebury, Ken Priestley, Dave Percival, Peter Rostron, John Rostron, Jocelyn Rostron, Sarah Rostron, Trevor Rimmer, Arthur Rimmer, Frank Rimmer, Stan Rimmer, Brian Rimmer, Stephen Rimmer, Dennis Robinson, Steve Ridley, John Ridehalgh,

Roger Shaw, Trevor Seed, Brian Shorrocks, Keith Shorrocks, Andrew Seddon, Derek Steele, Chris Stitson, Ian Smith, Mark Sutcliffe, John Seddon, Geoff Stocker, Steve Tasker, Dave Thomson, Laura Taylor, Steve Threlfall, Chris Winnard, John Weber, Mike Wareing, Geoff Watkinson, Graham Wood, Barrie Whittaker, Alison Wood, Peter Walker, Stuart Wincer, Nigel Walsh, Kevan Williams, Kevin Watkins, John Wainwright, Paul Wright

NEWS DESK

Snooker and Darts Tournament

The Tournament was held on Friday 17th October at the Southport and Birkdale Cricket Club. Last year's winners, with the exception of Andrew Malley, performed badly, which some say, (if you weren't one of them) is good for the competition. It's a busy night with all competitors joining in all the competitions. The break for the Hot Pot Supper enables the less fit to recover a little, all of which is well organized by Stan Rimmer, who recognizes the need for the more senior members to pace themselves.

Steve Bond showed the benefits of hours of parental training. Chairman Jim Marsh competed well and presented Trophies to the following winners:-

Snooker Doubles

Champions: Andrew Malley and Jonathan Elliott
Runners Up:- Jim Marsh and Stephen Bond

Snooker Singles

Champion:- Andrew Malley
Runner Up:- Stephen Bond

Darts

Champion:- Stephen Bond
Runner Up:- Chris Parkinson

20 members took part and a profit of £34.50 was made and added to the Association funds. Provided you are not very good at snooker and darts, you are welcome in 2004.

Donation to the Association

The Association is, once again, most grateful to those who gave financial help to meet the cost of producing and distributing the Red Rose. This year we received a massive £697. This enables the Association to use the funds raised through the year to better support such things as the College Hardship Fund and enable the purchase of equipment as explained elsewhere in the Red Rose.

So thanks, in alphabetical order, (see my note in last year's Red Rose) to the following members:

Adrian Brown, David Charters, Maurice Farrar, Peter Gladney, K.G.Halsall, Ron Harrop, Mike Heaton, B.M.Hodgkins, Derek Holden, Henry Howard, Dennis Hunt, Tony Lancaster, David Pearson, Mike Pendlebury, David Percy, Ernest Pickthall, Richard Rigby, Arthur Rimmer, Brian Rimmer, Frank Rimmer, David Spencer, Conrad Slater, Terry Watkinson, Brian Whittle, Ian Wright.

Reunion of the 1958 Intake

On September 20th last year the former pupils of the 1958 intake met up again after a break of almost 40 years. Because of the "express" TransX streaming, the years at KGV became complicated and attendees had left in 1963,64 65 and 66 but all had the common bond of having been together at either junior school or in specialist subjects at KGV. 85 men had felt sufficient affinity to attend at the Mount Pleasant Hotel Southport, for an evening of memories, some beer and some food.

The evening had been organized by David Charters (Edwards' 1958-65) with local help from Chris Bolton, assistance on a national basis from Barry Colclough and early help from Terry Watkinson in California. After his retirement from business in 2001, David, who now lives near Cambridge, had taken it upon himself to seek out as many people as possible and had contacted some 140 people around the world, most of them by telephone. Among his sources of information for this Herculean task were the archives at KGV Sixth Form College (Red Rose and OG's Newsletters), the microfiches of O Level results at the Southport Visiter, Voters' Lists, BT Enquiries and lists of company directors.

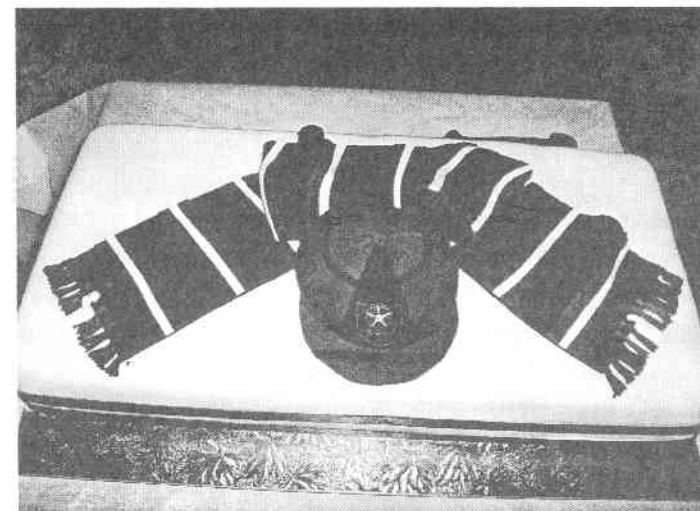
It had taken 2 years to contact everyone. Sadly, six former pupils are known to be deceased. One attendee had travelled from Fremantle, Western Australia, two from the United States, three from Switzerland and others from Sweden, Netherlands and France. One now based in Kazakhstan was frustrated at the last minute in his attempt to attend by a shifted board meeting date and family bereavements prevented travel by another in Canada and one in South Africa. Many present spoke of their feeling of “belonging” and old acquaintances were soon refreshed. The ageing of everyone from the 1961 and 1964 school photographs, which were on show, was fascinating. Some had shrunk in stature whilst others seemed to have grown.

David Charters gave a short speech and light-heartedly presented a “Long Distance Travel” award to Marvyn – now Fritz – Fitton (Fremantle), a “Peter Pan” award to Adam Gough as the most physically unchanged and the “Butterfly” award to a local Southport man as the Most Divorced!

Memories, too many to mention, spilled from people’s minds and many of the School Staff of the time were remembered with fondness (although some were not). One even wanted to return a tennis racquet to Peter (Percy) Longhurst, borrowed in 1964! With David’s help he will be able to do just that – Peter went on to teach at Stowe and Eton College and is now retired, living in the middle of the country.

The Old Georgians were represented by Mike Hyde and Alan Bond, who found the occasion highly suitable for recruiting new OG’s after all those years and for updating the database for those who had moved house and had not notified them.

As a finale a splendid cake, in the form of a detailed School cap and scarf in the exact School colours, was cut. Moves are afoot to hold another reunion in 2007 to coincide with attendees’ 60th birthdays. It is expected that there will be no shortage of takers.



Reunion Cake in maroon, black and white icing



David Charters looking deservedly pleased with the Reunion

Reunion of 1948 TransX intake

In September last year a small group of OG's who had all joined the School as members of Trans X in 1948 had a reunion in the Scottish Highlands.

The idea was put forward by David Rimmer, who now lives in Edinburgh. He had the opportunity of accommodation in Aviemore and suggested to three of his former classmates, Roy Crompton, Darrell Farrant and Brian Howard, that the group with their wives should spend a week at the Scandinavian village complex.

Plenty of healthy exercise was enjoyed and on the Monday, Roy, Darrell and David and Sheila Rimmer climbed Cairngorm; the other members of the party contenting themselves with getting almost to the summit via the new funicular railway. Later in the week Roy and Darrell had an excellent day climbing Carn Ban Mor from Glen Feshie.

The weather was superb and many of the special local beauty spots were visited including the circuit of Loch an Eilean, Loch Morlich and the Green Lochan and various places on the Spey and the Feshie. The farthest trip was across to Loch Ness, whilst the two train buffs went up towards Grantown on the newly-extended and steam-hauled Speyside railway.

The catering duties were passed round and uniformly excellent fare was provided. Fine wines complemented the feasts as did some of the local nectar. Understandably the reminiscences of over 50 years ago improved with the telling and the wives seemed ever more surprised at what their staid and respectable husbands had supposedly got up to in their youth.

Darrell Farrant

Concert Evening November 12th 2003

It is without fail that Keith Matthews produces the very best from his music students. The range of instruments, the excellent singing and the choice of programme provides a delightful evening.

During the interval the Association presented cheques to four Departmental Heads to enable the purchase of the following equipment urgently needed, but beyond their budgets for this year.

For the Art & Design Dept - two reference books - *A History of Graphic Design* by Phillip Meggs and *The Art of Colour* by Johannes Itten together costing £130. Meggs is arguably the most extensive history of Graphic Design text available. It spans practically all human history and cultures. As Graphic Design becomes evermore popular, it will be a wonderful reference book for staff and students.

For the History Dept. - High quality speakers to support the projector feeding the interactive whiteboard in the large room, S2, costing £100. At the moment sound is channeled through a TV as a temporary solution because the current speakers are such poor quality. It will enable all those who use the large S2 room to hear clearly.

For the Music Dept. - The latest Notation Package programme known as Sibelius 3. The list of Music Technology equipment is always being updated and this new release from Sibelius will be in daily use. £120 will buy 4 copies to be shared between the forty students.

For the Classics Dept. - Models of great buildings and sculptures that provide a three dimensional means of teaching and appreciation. The models are accurately made to scale and are also an excellent aid to students with disabilities such as impaired vision. Several models will be purchased with the £100.

College Life

December 2002: Psychology students travelled to Chester Zoo to spend a day studying primate behaviour. Law students visited the local Magistrates Courts to see the law in action and also visited the Galleries of Justice in Nottingham. The Young Enterprise group attended a Trade Fair in Liverpool.

January 2003: Art students and staff spent two days in London touring the art galleries and museums. Law students visited Southport Police Station for a talk on police powers and saw a mock arrest and the processing system. Drama students spent the day at the Royal Exchange in Manchester undertaking workshops, etc. Art students visited Cadbury's World to see marketing in action and sample the products!

AVCE (Advanced Vocational Certificate of Education) Business Studies students and AVCE ICT students had the opportunity to travel to EuroDisney in Paris for workshops and seminars. Business Studies students have taken advantage of this experience in the past and found it of great value to their course. The Careers Department also held its annual Careers Convention for first year students. This event was extremely successful and staff have been approached by many students thanking them for organizing the event and asking when the next one will be held.

Holocaust Memorial Week : During the week of January 27th the History Department showed a series of lunchtime videos in remembrance of all victims of the Nazi Holocaust 1939-1945. On Wednesday 29th a memorial tree was planted to remember all victims of Genocide worldwide. This was the student's idea and was a very special occasion with Rabbi Kay coming to share the occasion and say a prayer of dedication. Students gave a short talk and read a poem.

February: The annual ski trip took off during half term, this time to Kitzbuhel. The skiing was perfect and the students behaved impeccably as usual. English students attended a performance of Marlowe's Dr Faustus at Liverpool University. The College received a very favourable report from OFSTED Inspectors (*see The Principal's letter*).

March: The Chief Examiner for Biology came to College and spoke to first and second year students about their forthcoming exams.

Classics students went to the British Museum in London and attended a performance of 'Wasps'. English students attended a production at the Lowry Centre, Salford and Classics students visited the Egyptian collection at Manchester Museum. There was a very successful and entertaining concert by the College Music Department.

Staff and students responded to Comic Relief day in a variety of ways, much appreciated by all. Pilar Dolado, our Spanish Assistante, travelled to Spain with students on their exchange visit. They found it extremely beneficial and were a credit to the College. Geographers visited the Lake District to complete their coursework.

April: Psychology students went to an Excellence Challenge event at Liverpool University whilst Law students attended a conference at Manchester Central Hall. Geologists continued their coursework at Ingleton.

The College hockey team was runner up in the Sixth Form and Tertiary Colleges Mixed Hockey Cup for England and Wales. Congratulations to Dorothy Burns who coached them and travelled with the team.

The Chief Examiner for Geography came to College to talk to students about their forthcoming exams. Health and Social Care students attended a Community training day at Bruche Police Training Centre in Warrington.

The Young Enterprise groups, 4bidden (party planners), SPANK (picture frames) and Mobiles for Everyone (mobile phone accessories) were highly commended in the area final competition. 4bidden won the award for the most innovative idea.

The students put on a magnificent performance of 'Grease' - everyone from the set designers through to the actors made this production a first class event. The only complaint- it was only on for three sell-out nights and people were disappointed as they were unable to get seats! Media Studies moved into the new building. They are delighted with the three large Media classrooms with storage facilities. The existing Media rooms are being refurbished to provide a Music computer room, improved editing suite and additional music facilities.

June; Law students visited the Old Bailey and first year Biology students went to Borth in N.Wales for a fieldwork weekend. They enjoyed beautiful weather whilst working hard.

Archaeology students spent a full week at the Lathom Dig. All first year students attended the HE Convention at Liverpool University.

To assist with Geology coursework, students went on a field trip to Shap in the pouring rain! Politics students visited the Houses of Parliament and the Cabinet War Rooms. This is a trip greatly appreciated by those attending.

INSET and Health Day; During the AS/A2 exam period there are two weeks without any students in College and the staff took the opportunity to undertake INSET (In Service Training) activities. These include teaching and learning strategies, sharing good practices across departments, development of IT skills, planning time, student review systems and the Health Day.

The Health Day was the third that Jan Regan (Personnel Manager) has arranged and was the most successful so far. The morning had a variety of activities including swimming, cycling, keep fit and walking. After a healthy lunch the afternoon had a series of optional activities: health checks, a retirement seminar, travel schemes and an IT workshop. An excellent day for which Jan Regan was congratulated.

July As part of the Excellence Challenge scheme, 35 students were taken to Oxford to attend Open Days at different colleges.

August Press Release to the Southport Visiter

King George V College is celebrating yet again this year with A Level results well above national average at 97%. There were 16 subjects with 100% pass rate and a further 9 with only 1 fail. 46% of grades were at A and B. One student achieved 6 A grades; 4 students achieved 5 A grades; 19 achieved 4 A grades. In total 45 students achieved 3 or more A grades.

Principal Hilary Anslow said "I am absolutely delighted with these results. I congratulate all our students and staff on all the hard work and dedication put in to achieve these excellent standards. 2003 has been a great year for King George V College with:

- An outstanding OFSTED inspection report
- The award of Beacon College status, and now
- 97% A level pass rate with 16 subjects getting 100%

September Over 700 first year students were admitted to start new courses, the majority taking Advanced courses at ASS or AVCE levels. About 50 students were admitted to the Foundation course to resit old and take new GCSE courses.

New students' Parents evenings were held to introduce tutors to parents – valuable links were forged and much relevant information was exchanged!

Staff Members leaving

At the end of the 2002/2003 academic year the College lost three very valuable members of staff.

Maurice Amer, Head of Economics and SO Faculty, retired, together with **Tony Fairburn** who held many positions in the College, finally filling the role of Head of Careers and Chemistry Tutor. **Sara Quinlan** who taught Business Studies also left to start a new life in Perth, Australia. Their colleagues wished them well and asked them all to keep in touch.

Becoming a Beacon College

Beacon awards are made to a small number of colleges and training providers. Following an excellent OFSTED Inspection Report in May 2003, King George V became one of the first 15 colleges in the country to be awarded the status of **Beacon College**.

A team of OFSTED Inspectors spent 5 days in College, assessing every aspect of the College's operations. It was the most thorough external assessment ever experienced by the College and there can be no doubt that the Inspectors' findings paint an accurate picture of the College.

The College received Grade 1 '*outstanding*' for Leadership and Management, plus four '*outstanding*' grades for Curriculum Areas, with the remaining areas being awarded '*good*' grades.

The Report said:

"The quality of teaching and standards of student achievement are outstanding in four curriculum areas and good in the remaining five. There is very good support for students with additional learning needs. Leadership and management in the College are outstanding. The College has developed its own clear and suitable set of criteria against which teaching and the effectiveness of learning are judged. There is a clear and effective leadership of student support systems".

Department for Education and Skills Chairman, Elaine Bowker and John Rostron, Chairman of the Governors went with the Principal, Hilary Anslow, Vice Principal Peter Lynas and students Rebecca Jones and Mark Baldwin to London on 29th April 2003 to collect the award from Margaret Hodge, Minister for Lifelong Learning.

Each Beacon College is allocated funding to disseminate good practice across the sector. KGV is using the funding to offer the following range of support strategies, "free of charge" to colleges and schools in the North West:

Workshops

- A programme of themed Workshops has been arranged, aimed at small parties from one or more colleges or schools to observe aspects of the College in action. These are arranged starting in December 2003 and going on until June 2004. They include Humanities, Business Studies, Visual Arts and Media Programmes for 16-19 year old students; Preparing for Inspection by OFSTED; Learning Support and Student Support.

Expertise

The College offers to arrange for staff from KGV to visit other colleges and schools to assist with INSET sessions and to act as consultants on pre-inspection reviews.

Conferences

Three conferences are planned in February, March and May 2004: The first will deal with the four subjects awarded outstanding grades and will include guidance on approaches to departmental and classroom management. The second will be concerned with a strategy for supporting students including counseling, finance, equal opportunity, bullying and harassment, based on techniques operating in KGV. The third will cover methods of monitoring the quality of the teaching and student achievement in ways consistent with the requirements of the Common Inspection Framework.

Editor's note:- Whilst it is a huge, well-earned feather in the cap of the College staff, there is a similarly sized responsibility in providing the expertise and to go out and guide, if not teach other teachers. I am sure the Association wishes the staff success in doing this in 2004 and will look forward to hearing how well they did.

The Hilary Royden Bequest of £25,000 to the Educational Foundation

Hilary's sister Anthea has donated £25,000 from his estate to the Educational Foundation to commemorate his devotion and commitment to the Old Georgians' Association and the Educational Foundation.

We will make very good use of this exceptionally generous sum of money to benefit and enhance the College student experience.

The Educational Foundation Trust, of which Hilary was a trustee for many years, consists of the capital monies invested from the sale of the dearly beloved Long Rigg Residential Centre, used to such great effect by the School. Income from the capital is used by the College to support current students in their own out-of-classroom educational experiences. The donation from Hilary's estate will be used to swell the capital investment and thereby the regular income, to support these enhancement projects.

You will be interested to know that the income supports such ventures as:

- Art students' visits to the London art galleries.
- Geology field trip visits to Arran.
- Business Studies and Health and Social Care Outward Bound days in the Lake District.
- Classical Civilisation visits to Greece or Italy.
- German, French and Spanish exchange visits.
- History students' visits to the Imperial War Museum.
- Psychology students' visit to Chester Zoo.
- Biology field trip visits to Wales.

- Law students' visits to the Law Courts in Liverpool and to the Old Bailey.
- English students' visits to the battlefields, France.
- IT and Business Studies students' visits to conferences at Eurodisney.

- We will also introduce an annual prize 'The Hilary Royden Award' for the best Law student in College.
- A plaque in memory of Hilary's outstanding contribution in life and through his bequest will be placed in the area in College featuring the Grammar School heritage.

I have often spoken about the importance to us in the modern Sixth Form College, of maintaining the essential values that were so prevalent in King George V School.

One of the greatest testimonies to the value of all that the School gave to its pupils, was Hilary Royden who died in November 2002. I still miss him. The kindness, warmth and generosity of spirit given with his time and talents are very fondly remembered. He also had a great sense of fun; we enjoyed sharing the same name.

Hilary Anslow
January 2004

KGV Named Top Adult Education Provider

This is the article released to the Southport Press in November 2003

Just 6 months after receiving an outstanding OFSTED report and the award of Beacon Status, King George V College has been singled out again as one of the country's top educational institutions, this time for its Adult Provision.

The report of the Chief Inspector of Adult Learning, presented to Ministers in London in November, identified KGV as one of just 5 Further Education Colleges among his list of the 92 top adult learning providers in 2002-3. The Chief Inspector's findings were based on nearly 700 inspections nationwide and only 13% of institutions inspected, including KGV, achieved Grades 1 or 2 for every aspect of their provision. The Chief Inspector commented that "the top 5 colleges were all Sixth Form Colleges in which adult learners were in the minority, representing about 10% of the student body; their good service to adults reflects the very high standards available to all."

The complete Chief Inspector's report is downloadable from www.ali.gov.uk or a CD version can be obtained by emailing enquiries@ali.gov.uk.

The report features video clips of a number of learners talking about how participation in adult learning has changed their lives; among them is Southport resident Janet Haynes, who, after successfully completing 5 IT courses at KGV, is now a full time employee of the college.

College Principal, Hilary Anslow said "Congratulations to all our adult learners, our outstanding adult teaching and administrative staff and our Head of Adult Education, Peter Walker. The Chief Inspector's report is confirmation that KGV can and does bring the high quality provision for which it is well known for 16-19 year olds to all aspects of its work including adult provision".

A new programme of part-time adult education classes starts in January. For full details call 01704 500065, email adulted@kgv.ac.uk or visit www.kgv.ac.uk.

Hilary Anslow OBE Principal.

Let me begin this chapter by relaying to you readers, the essence of a letter I received from Brian Knowles shortly after he received the 2003 Red Rose, in which I had wrongly credited to Colin Knowles the two seriously technical books written by Brian. To his credit, there's not a swear word in it! (his letter not his books).

Brian has proposed the establishment of a library of those works written by Old Georgians. There appears to be a lack of space in the College but that shouldn't stop the search elsewhere in the town for a suitable place. He argues that today's books are soon taken out of print and are largely forgotten within ten years of publication.

"Must try harder" was not a phrase I used to see but all of us need a reminder as we grow older. Equally, "Leave it to me" is a phrase I bandy about less these days but, seriously Brian, efforts will be made.

Having said all that, here are several books that would grace any collection.

Newton's Apple by Peter Aughton

The middle years of the seventeenth century were probably the most intellectually exciting in the whole history of England . This period saw the foundation of the Royal Society and a great interest in science among a large portion of the intellectuals of the day including the Sovereign himself, King Charles II.

For over a thousand years the ideas of the Greeks had overshadowed creative thought and stifled progress in the understanding of how the world works. Previous scientists, notably Bacon and Galileo, had begun the process of change but the flowering of the period came in England with Newton, Hooke, Boyle, Halley and Flamsted, together with such men as Wren, Evelyn, Pepys and others. Between them they changed fundamentally and for ever the whole world of scientific thought.

This exciting ferment of scientific ideas took place at a time of danger and upheaval in English society. The cities, particularly London , were growing fast. Conditions were unhealthy in the extreme and the Great Plague of London practically closed down large cities. The Great Fire

which followed in 1666 was a blessing in disguise as it allowed much of London to be rebuilt and the elements of a sanitary system to be started. All these events are vividly chronicled in Peter Aughton's latest book "Newton's Apple" which was published in June, last year. His clear and interesting biography of Newton includes an account of his scientific and mathematical thought and invention in a way easily intelligible to the lay person. In addition he gives us an entertaining picture of the personal relations between the scientists of the time, from Hooke's jealousy and desire to be the first discoverer of the new ideas, to Halley's generosity in publishing, at his own expense, the second part of Newton's Principia to ensure that the great man had the priority of discovery that he deserved.

This is another notable book from Peter's pen, beautifully illustrated and clearly written. It will be of absorbing interest to anybody with scientific interests as well as revealing something of the intellectual ferment of the time to those without any scientific training.

All those who attended my Upper Fifth Physics classes in the 1950's should regard this book as compulsory holiday reading!

September 2003

Geoffrey Dixon

When I received the letter from Paul Gubbins asking if his books in and on Esperanto would be of any interest, I admit to thinking here was a leg pull in true KGV style. But no, Paul is the first person I know who has command of that language and yet his modesty would have us believe there's nothing to it. I've included a little about him in "News of Old Georgians" and repeat his letter below.

Esperanto

I have three Bookshelf items which you may or may not want. Despite a careful and thorough grounding in French from Dr Hadley and German and French from that gentle, versatile linguist, George Berry, I prefer to write in the international language Esperanto. Apart from numerous articles and chapters in books and as well as editing the house magazine of the British Esperanto Association and co-editing an international Esperanto news magazine, I have three principal publications to my name in that language.

The first is an Esperanto textbook, *Kunvojagu!* which in 1996 won the OSIEK prize (Pisa: Edistudio, 1993, ISBN 88-7036-050-4, 240 pages). A second edition is promised but, like Billy Bunter's postal order, never seems to arrive).

The second is a collection of four original Esperanto plays, two of which received awards in literary competitions, and is entitled *Konto de l'Vivo* (*Life's Reckoning*; Antwerpen: FEL, 1998, ISBN 90-71205-76-2, 139 pages).

The third is another textbook, now in its second edition and is entitled *Subtekste* (*Between the Lines*; Antwerpen; FEL, 1998, ISBN 90-71205-78-9, 75 pages [second revised edition 2002])

I also have the dubious honour of having written the longest soap opera in the history of Esperanto – a 15 lesson introductory course *Pasporto al la Tuta Mondo* (*Passport to the World*; San Francisco; ELNA, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2002). This has been broadcast on cable TV in the USA.

The first book, *Kunvojagu!*, centres on a travel agency based in a town with more than a passing resemblance to Southport. In the book the town is called Sudhaveno-sur-Maró and a map- used for teaching directions- reveals many of the principal features of Southport- the pier, the prom, Lord St, etc. The book is used the world over and seems particularly popular in Japan. So if you find a bunch of Esperanto-speaking Japanese tourists wandering round Southport, you will know the reason why.

Amike (as we say in Esperanto).

Paul Gubbins

Spencer's 1961-68

The Gilbert & Sullivan Alphabet of Artistes

by Maurice Farrar

Spencer's 1940-45

A sort of Who Was Who in the D'Oyly Carte Opera Company between 1875 and 1982. It contains details of over 2300 performers and conductors. It itemizes parts played and dates of performances. All copies have long since been sold. ISBN 0-9525532-28 Published 1999 293 pages by Rhosearn Press, Ayr.

High Tees

Four golfers take to fell walking

by Derek Holden

When four members of a golf club, having over 200 years membership between them decided to go fell walking, it raised one or two eyebrows. The skeptics expected it to involve a weekly pub-crawl around some of the fine hostelrys that abound in the Lake District and the Yorkshire Dales. The author soon realized that the two friends who had invited him to join them were quite serious about the regular outings and the 'fell walking' soon seemed to blossom into something more akin to mountaineering.

Being very interested in such things, Derek kept a diary of their adventures on his computer and after every walk sat down at the keyboard and recorded the highlights of the day's outings. As the data files grew and grew he began to feel that the information might be of some small value to other aspiring walkers.

With over 200 walks completed, taken from many excellent publications, the 'diary' got bigger and bigger and it was apparent how much we had relied on these invaluable works of reference. All the original authors are thanked for providing the detailed information which was the source of such pleasure. There are descriptions of each individual walk but Derek modestly allows that they do not have the literary qualities associated with the better known local magazines and walkers' guides. This offering contains over one hundred different walks in the Lake District and the Yorkshire Dales.

The book contains good advice on clothing, equipment, safety, food and drink. Derek has always been involved in photography, both as an amateur and a professional. He passes his practical knowledge on to the reader by way of 'Photo-Technique' paragraphs scattered generously throughout the book. They provide simple yet vital advice on taking good photos in an area where the average 'snapper' fails to get anything like the best shots out of a day's walk.

Derek's skill as a photographer is seen in the excellence of his illustrations, which all makes for a very good read.

Derek has limited the circulation so anyone interested needs to talk to him.

The books that have appeared in Bookshelf so far have all been Non-Fiction and in order to redress the balance, (primarily by genre and only secondarily by weight, of course), I have introduced this fascinating story of the lifelong efforts of one, Ron Ellis, to leave his successful mark on the commercial world of Fiction.

My Writing Career by Ron Ellis (Mason's 1952-9)

I knew I wanted to write detective stories when I was 10 at St Phillip's School and the teacher read Enid Blyton's 'Mystery of the Spiteful Letters' to the spellbound class one Friday afternoon, although it took me 25 years to get round to it.

My first published work was 'The Starling', a story in the Red Rose when I was in Upper V Trans Modern. I graduated to Reveille and Tit-Bits while still in the Sixth Form, writing humorous, slightly saucy stories for £25 a time. When Elsie Hargreaves, doubling as Careers Master in 1959, asked what I wanted to be I told him 'a reporter, sir'.

'Not you, Ellis, you're too shy and you don't drink'.

'But I've learnt shorthand, sir'.

'Even so, quiet lad like you, no, I see you in a bookshop; books, writing, it's all the same sort of thing'.

I was dispatched to WH Smith's on Lord Street where I lasted four years before moving to Southport Library, by which time I was more interested in Rock n' Roll. In an effort to obtain free records, I wrote record reviews for Brooke Bond's house journal, 'Tea Flyer'. The £1 a month they paid me I regarded as a bonus.

I studied for my Librarianship degree (or ALA as it was then) but by 1971 decided to give up library work and become a disc jockey. After a while I wrote a Bill Bryson type travel book about my experiences on the road but couldn't find a publisher and eventually sold the individual chapters as articles (sexed up, as Tony Blair might say) to magazines like *Club International*. The respectable bits I turned into poems, published as 'Diary of a Discotheque' in 1979.

At one time, I was writing almost the whole of a magazine called 'Cockade' (a kind of downmarket *Penthouse*, the models were menopausal and had acne), to which I contributed car tests, record reviews, book reviews, a suitably sexy parody story, 'Billy Bunter at the Brothel' type of thing, and a monthly detective serial.

In 1976, I became Promotions Manager for Warner Brothers Records and was travelling round the country with time to spare in hotels and backstage so I decided it was time to write a proper crime novel and the result was *'Murder First Glass'*, published by Robert Hale in 1979 for which I received the impressive sum of £100, just £25 more than Club International paid me for one article!

'Murder First Glass', which featured an old fashioned Scotland Yard detective with battered overcoat and trilby was followed a year later by *'Snort of Kings'*. However, neither of them came out in paperback so I wrote a series of adventures in diary form which BBC radio broadcast, about an 84-year old man who wanted to be a batchelor playboy. I collected them into one volume and sent them off to publishers but after 26 rejections I decided to publish the book myself in 1989. To date, *'Journal of a Coffin Dodger'* has sold over 5000 copies, been published in large print, translated into Serbo-Croat and an audio book is due out in 2004.

In 1992, my poem *'Cotswold Nursing Home'* won the Sefton Poetry Competition. Encouraged, I wrote more poems, won more prizes and collected them into a volume called *'Last of The Lake Poets'* (which featured a picture of the Marine Lake on the cover).

On retiring in 1996, having built up a portfolio of properties, I turned to writing full time and wanted to write a series of crime novels around Merseyside. My hero is a DJ on a Liverpool radio station who is also a property owner in the city. (Write about what you know!) He is called Johnny Ace after the late R & B singer.

'Ears of the City' was accepted by Headline in 1998 and I have written one each year since then. The seventh in the series, *'City of Vultures'* is due out in September 2004, this time published by Allison & Busby who have lately assembled an impressive list of contemporary crime writers. July 2003 saw the publication of my third DCI Glass book, *'Murder on the Internet'*. I write the Southport FC reports in the Champion and do a fair bit of freelance journalism and photography. So, at the age of sixty, I have finally got to be what I wanted to be when I first left School. If only Elsie could see me now!

(How's that for Editorial balance?)

4 DAYS

When seven of us met at my Channel 10 office on February 23rd 2003 to devise a story for an 85-minute feature film, I doubt if any of us had any idea how large a task we had set ourselves. Ten months later our project was completed, receiving its premiere at Southport Arts Centre on December 6th before going on sale in the town on DVD and VHS cassette.

Three principles of storyline development were established. The first was to ensure that viewers care what happens to the characters in the drama by making them believable. The second identified the need for more than one story, so that the dramatic progression was not a linear one. The third was the creation of twists in the plot towards the end of the film. The input of ideas from four, rather than one, gave the meetings a creative interactivity and two months later, we had produced 97 scenes comprised of 11,500 words for the 40 speaking characters.

All but three of those who appeared in the film, including over 300 extras, were amateurs. David Lonsdale and Tricia Penrose, from ITV series 'Heartbeat' kindly offered to play cameo roles. Our third celebrity was Stephen Graham, who appeared with Brad Pitt in 'Snatch' and with Leonardo di Caprio in 'Gangs of New York'. They gave their services free of charge. 18 hours of video sequences were shot. Those selected were digitized onto a Macintosh G4 computer for editing in Media 100 software. Sound was acquired from a range of microphones, recorded onto hard disk and transferred to the timeline. For 9 months we all underwent a variety of emotions – frustration, excitement, depression, exhilaration, relief. It is very much a Southport enterprise and the KGV involvement of characters, extras and locations was considerable, as shown below.

OLD GEORGIANS

David Town, John Brindle, Ronnie Fearn, John Rostron, David Lonsdale, Paul Bagshaw, Nicola Kenyon, Stan Rimmer, Godfrey Hand, Stan Roberts, Nick Milne, Alan Bond.

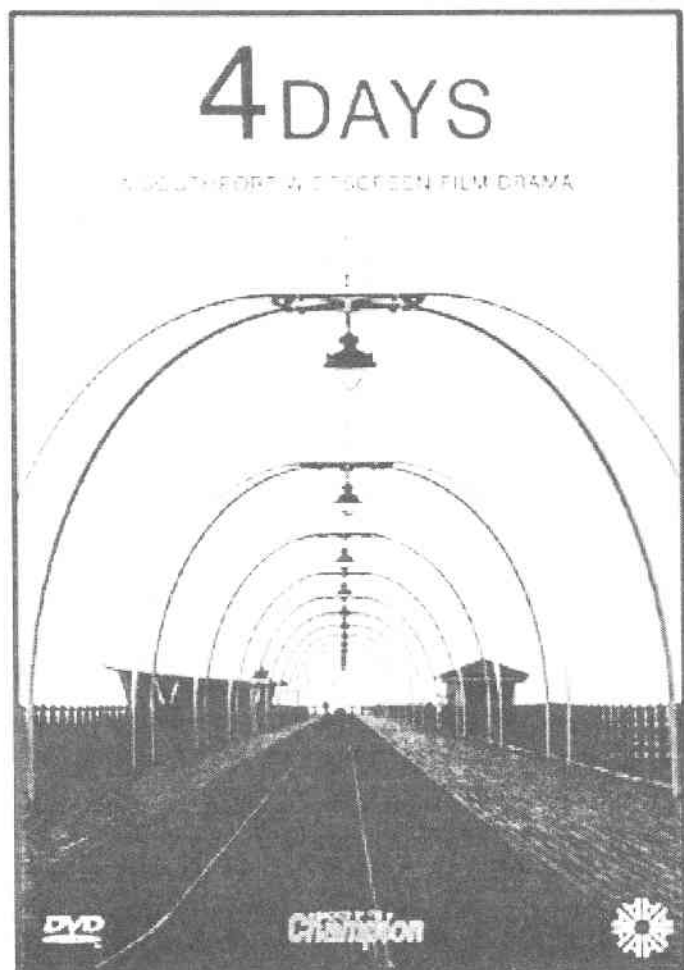
KGV STAFF

Hilary Anslow, Peter Lynas, Peter Comfort, Diane Mackley, Margaret Waugh, Chris Collier, Keith Matthews, Mark Eley, Noel Skinner.

KGV STUDENTS

Ed Overend, Danielle Barrett, Tom Prescott, Richard Milner, Stephen Herron, Danielle Jarvis, Rachael Evans, Jane Connaughton.

I thought that 'Bookshelf' was the best place to include the article on Paul's film, since most of us keep our videos and DVDs on our own bookshelves. For those OGs who haven't been to Southport for a year or two, the photo on the cover is taken looking down our excellently refurbished pier, which is one of the important locations in the film.



Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I was born in Station Rd Ainsdale in 1923 . Our house was at the corner but has since been torn down and an Irwins' store was built there. My father was a cotton broker (correct word, he went broke in the Depression). I attended KGV from 1932 to 1940 and although not a mental giant I was in the School swimming team and was in the 1st XV Rugby team, although in the 1939-40 season none of us were "capped" it being wartime, a great disappointment even now

I was in Roger's House, a real gentleman, and also in the Scouts with "Joe" Mayne. I will never forget the rain-soaked camps at Aberystwyth and flooding by the River Rheidol, but learned a lot. He was not a jolly man but a good man. I was also a bicycle messenger for the Civil Defence in 1939. Our HQ was under the pier.

I left in 1940, liked the uniform and went to Liverpool Wireless College and became a Radio Officer in the Merchant Navy, starting on a Shell tanker, MV Ophelia which I joined in Newcastle. On the first night in convoy her sister ship the Horn Shell was torpedoed in the next column - what an introduction to war! I served in many different ships until 1945.

I was on the Houston City in the Indian Ocean heading to Egypt. The ship was equipped with anti-torpedo nets streamed on both sides of the ship from two booms each side with a steel net between. We received a signal that Japanese subs were in the area and were instructed to stream the nets. It was a beautiful day when the ship suddenly lurched to a stop, veering to port. Something large was caught in the port net. We tried to lift the net by raising the two booms which could each lift 4 tons, but to no avail. We had caught a giant ray fish and could only get it partially out of the water. No cameras were allowed those days and nothing was reported that I could find later. The only thing we could do was cut all lines and dump the creature as we were sitting ducks. That's my only fish story and it's all true! I was repatriated from Abadan.

In 1953, screwed by the Labour Government, I emigrated to Canada and have lived in Toronto ever since. I have no relatives since 1964 and have not returned but am planning a last trip in 2004 when I

will be 80. My compatriots in class were people like Raymond Munday, Brian Collinge and Ken Rostron. Raymond lives in Bristol (address provided) and was involved in rocketry and aerospace and I am godfather to his son, as we both worked in London and were very close at that time. I have made a personal friend over the Internet in Barnsley and we play bridge with other friends several times a week, remembering the time difference. If you know anyone who would like to play that way, please give them my e-mail address,

Very Best Wishes

Gordon Charlick, Toronto

Mason's 1932-40

*Editor's Note: Gordon's email address is – gord23@sympatico.ca
We were able to send some sad information back to Gordon about his pals. Ken Rostron died in 1996. He was a surgeon at Southport Infirmary and his wife still lives in Southport. They have two sons and two daughters. Peter is a surgeon in Liverpool, John is a dentist in Southport and is Chairman of the College Governors.
Brian Collinge died several years ago. He became Professor of Physics at Liverpool University. His wife Betty still lives in Southport. They have two sons. David lectures at Copenhagen University and John lectures at Cambridge.*

Dear Editor,

I was a country yokel from Halsall when, in 1931, I became one of 22 entrants who formed the very first experimental *2Trans*. Our form master was A.G. (Lettuce) Lessiter throughout the four years to Matriculation. We took him as seriously as he took all of us. Now, 66 years on I have returned to the fold to add a very belated appreciation of my regard, not only of Lettuce but of all those other tutors who so greatly improved my education in those difficult pre-war days.

My greatest pleasure in the 2003 Red Rose is reading Richard Rigby's nostalgic sporting recollections. Not that I ever aspired beyond Rogers' House teams, although I did enjoy a few post-war years in the Liverpool Competition with both Ormskirk and S & B before moving on to play for club sides in London and Bournemouth. I well remember G.M's marathon caning session when many

lunchtime disobediences kicking tennis balls around culminated in a Masters' and Prefects' round-up of the recalcitrant mob. And what happened to Frank Thewlis? I am sure he must have had a very successful Ministry, but I bet his Kew election campaign was waged under false colours!

Henry Howard Minehead

(Rogers' 1931-35)

Readers will recall in the 2003 Red Rose a gremlin got in between pages 39 and 40 which required the addition of a loose page. This made the reading of the letter from Richard Rigby less than easy but it didn't stop Ernest Pickthall from writing, nor did it stop Richard writing again but I must try harder this time.

Dear Editor,

I was a fellow member of the Rugby XV that beat Cowley Grammar School. They had Watkin Thomas, a Welsh International as their coach and we had Mr H.Higham as ours. The half day Holiday was well earned. I was full back. I do remember Sam Perry and Rimmer I believe, also played for England. Others I remember were the two Pennell Brothers.

Ernest Pickthall Littlehampton

(Evans' 1928-36)

Dear Alan,

With reference to the letter from Mike Hyde (Red Rose 2003, page 42) concerning the Founder's Day Ode, the music for this was composed by a former French and Latin teacher, B.E.Taylor ('Nero'). He also composed the music and words of the School Song. The latter was published by Novello, though not the former.

Charles Thompson possessed a manuscript copy. I suspect that Mr Taylor also wrote the Founder's Day words.

Brian Trueman

(Spencer's 1941-1946)

It is with sadness that I have to tell readers that since receiving this letter in March, Brian died in August and I have included his Obituary.

Dear Alan,

I was saddened to read about Gordon Rimmer. He was one of the very few O.G's I have met since leaving School. It was in either 1949 or 1950 we shared a taxi from Liverpool Exchange to Lime St. He was going to play for England – I was returning to barracks after leave!

Yours Sincerely,

Brian Whittle Bridgnorth

(Leech's 1939-45)

Dear Alan,

Alfred Wainwright in his autobiography has this to say:

"I was mightily surprised to receive a letter from Harold Wilson inviting me to accept the award of MBE, without giving me any reason for this honour. The Town Clerk told me in confidence that a Southport man had spent a day on the summit of Great Gable collecting signatures to a petition, the object of which was to have my work on the books nationally recognized and rewarded.....

.....I never knew his identity"

Those of us who love the Lakes would like to know who this man was.

A pound to a penny he was an Old Georgian.

Yours Sincerely

David Harrison, Frome

Dear Alan,

Many thanks for Peter Sumner's email address. We have now made contact and shared many happy memories of school days at KGV.

There is one about Joe Mayne. When he called the register he always pronounced my name incorrectly, making it sound like "whale – ee".

After this happened a few times I protested and told him the correct pronunciation was like "Warley". A look like thunder came over his face and he told me to write my name phonetically one hundred times or he would continue to mis-pronounce it. Well, I didn't write it out and for the rest of my time at school he called me Clitheroe. I am not sure who won that battle! On the other hand, I did like him when he took us for cricket on Wednesday afternoons.

From the outset he made it clear that the game wouldn't stop at 4pm but would continue until there was a winning side. I really appreciated this. Then there are the stories about Rubberneck- Harry Smith. What a disciplinarian ! He terrified all of us in P.E. during the first two years. If you forgot your gym kit you got the slipper. One boy in the second year forgot his kit three times in the same term and on the third occasion he had to do P.E. completely naked. Another funnier occasion was when he was teaching us the angled head stand using Neil Booth for his demonstration. The class gathered round to watch and Neil did a perfect head stand and Harry Smith brought Neil's legs down into the angled position. At this point Neil unfortunately broke wind in Rubberneck's face. The whole form was choking trying not to laugh but one boy (Peter Griffith I think) could not control himself and broke into high pitched laughter. Rubberneck put Neil down and took Peter out for the slipper treatment.

George Whalley (*as in sorely - Grear's wasn't it George?*) 1947-54

Dear Editor,

I am interested in knowing of any Old Georgians in the Los Angeles area, since I will be taking up residence there in October 2003 as a result of a career move. Many Thanks,

"Simon" Spanton (formerly Sydney Archer Spanton) 1954-61

Dear Editor,

I do enjoy reading the Red Rose but if it would save paper and delivery costs I would be more than happy just to be notified by email that a new edition was available in pdf format for download from the website...maybe this could be done for the majority of copies these electronic days saving much more money? Hope you can help. Regards

Ian Hill

Evans' 1974-1979 and the College 1979-82

Your Committee has discussed this suggestion on occasion over the last two years.. Without doubt there will be a demand for a printed copy in the foreseeable future. Printing is done in the Reprographics

Dept for the very keen price of about £400 for 1100 copies. Postage outside Southport of around 400 copies cost £185 in 2003 and £206 in 2004, kept this low by the Committee members delivering around 600 copies in Southport and Formby by hand.(read the next letter for a bit of a chuckle)

I was able to introduce photos last year, without it affecting the price, albeit fairly compressed jpegs, and this has put the file size up from 1.2Mb to over 5Mb. Unless you have broadband, it would be somewhat tedious to download.

Finally, we continue to receive generous donations from members toward the cost of producing the Red Rose, which largely help to cover the production and postage costs. If we didn't receive these donations, then it would be a different matter. Bearing these and any other relevant facts in mind, the floor is open for readers' opinions.

Dear Alan,

Sometimes it takes something out of the ordinary to make you not only appreciate by how much you have benefited in past years but also how little you have contributed to the source of such benefit.

Arising from the eventual receipt of the 2003 edition of the Red Rose, I cite the following in support of the above statement so far as KGV and the magazine is concerned:-

“Out of the ordinary”- For the first time in 47 years, rather than the Red Rose dropping through my letter box, I had to collect the package from the Royal Mail sorting office (see envelope enclosed)

“How little” – From the figures given in the accounts it would appear that over the years I have been receiving my Red Rose for less than a third of the Reprographics department 2002 production cost of 33 pence per copy.

Ken Halsall

Roger's 1949-56

What happened was that John Pilling, should have delivered Ken's copy to his home in Churchtown, as part of his allocation, on his way home to Banks. When he got home, a little weary after delivering eighty or so Red Roses, he found he had missed Ken's copy so he stuck a second class stamp on it and posted it that night. Unfortunately, the Post Office wanted 14 p more for the weight and 80p for the handling

fee! Not only did it cause Ken to write his letter but he sent a splendid donation to the Association. Your Committee is now working out how to use this ploy in future, to the advantage of the Association.

Dear Editor,

I was Head of Classics at Southport High School from Jan 1969 until we went comprehensive, when I was appointed as Head of Classics at KGV. working alongside John Clough. In 1983, as there were not enough Latin pupils coming through from the feeder schools, I was redeployed to Greenbank and also Birkdale High. In July 1994, when Latin was becoming squeezed out of the curriculum more and more, I took very early retirement and my feet have hardly touched the ground since, as I enjoy travelling.

I have only just started receiving the Red Rose after sending for a copy of the Anniversary edition. I was pleased to discover so many familiar names including those mentioned in reminiscences from way back. The reason is that my father, J.R.Hughes, taught Latin at Bootle Grammar School which was evacuated to Southport during the war and shared the KGV buildings. He talked of the Headmaster, Mr Millward and of Big Taff, Little Taff and Falstaff. I knew Little Taff, Hubert Evans, and his family, who all went to the little Welsh chapel in Portland Street where my father was a member, (sadly it closed down only recently).

Born in Southport, I went to Southport High School in 1952. At that time it was in Scarisbrick New Rd but we rarely visited the boys' school. The big event was when we walked down to KGV to watch their school play. I remember how amused we were to see a male Juliet! I also remember a performance of Toad of Toad Hall. Then, when I was studying Greek, my teacher, Miss Wells was ill and I was sent down the road where Mr Kirby had offered to help me. I felt so conspicuous trotting up the front drive in my bottle-green uniform. I was so impressed to see masters wearing their gowns, though some of them trailed on the ground, (the gowns I mean!). Does anyone remember who in particular wore their gowns like this?

When I started teaching at KGV, my classroom was in the old building and I felt quite emotional to think my father had walked these corridors

in the war years. I am pleased to have in my possession one of the blocks of the parquet floor which were rescued and inscribed when the old building was demolished.

I hope these ramblings are of some interest and I would be pleased to hear from anyone who remembers me.

Dorothy H. Hughes

Thanks Dorothy, I'd be surprised if the memory of bottle-green uniforms didn't cause a bit of stirring somewhere, (geographically speaking, although...) By the way, I had never heard of 'Falstaff' so I referred to Bob Abram. He assured me this nickname was applied to Middle Taff because he wasn't Welsh!

Dear Alan,

During my time as Chairman last year, it was suggested to me that ex-Chairmen might like to meet up from time to time over an informal luncheon with wives or partners. As I had been thinking along these lines myself, I agreed to look into this to see if there was sufficient support. I will eventually contact all surviving Chairmen for their views and would appreciate a call from you.

I would also like to hear from any OG's interested in meeting up every year (or two), with wives or partners, for a couple of nights in Autumn, to do some walking in one of our National Parks. The secondary objective would be to enjoy convivial company and good food. These activities would be in addition to the normal diary of events and aimed at avoiding busy weekends and high costs.

Would those interested in either of the propositions, please write or telephone me. My address is;- 1a Beech Way, Blackmore End, Wheathampstead, St. Albans, Herts. AL4 8LY; Tel: 01438 832535

Des Hughes

Chairman 2002

The AGM, the Annual Dinner and Maundy Thursday

I received this letter from Richard Rigby, a man who in spite of advancing years, shall we say enjoys an energetic discussion. Your view, Richard, is held by other friends of mine, namely Peter Griffith and Geoff Topping.

It seems that Old Georgians who attend church services regularly – I am one – suffer some 'accidental' discrimination as the Dinner and A.G.M. are held on Maundy Thursday. There is always a church service that evening. For many years the A.G.M. was held on a more accessible date.

Richard Rigby, Southport

(Mason's 1928-1937)

I referred to Stan Rimmer for advice on the history of the Maundy Thursday Dinner. He drew my attention to his article in the 2001 Red Rose and to page 123, paragraph 3 and paragraph 3 on page 124. Here he makes the point that the attendance at the Dinner was only around 50 when held at the Masonic Hall. Furthermore, the AGM usually held at School on a different date was so poorly attended that often there were not enough to make a quorum of 20.

By 1970 the committee of 21 members, chaired by the late Hilary Royden, felt it necessary to amend Rule 12. Stan has provided me with an extract from the minutes of the AGM held at KGV on 15th April 1970:-

The committee proposed that Rule 12 be amended to read:-
"The financial year of the Association shall run from January 1st to December 31st and the AGM shall be held on the same day as the Annual Dinner in March or April of each year, or on any other date on which the committee shall decide. Fourteen days notice in writing of the AGM shall be given by the Honorary Secretary to every member"

The amendment was accepted by the meeting. The 14 days notice was understood to be by means of the Association Newsletter which had replaced the Red Rose at that time.

Three years later, the committee took the next step and at the AGM on 19th April 1973 with Stan Rimmer in the Chair, the following minute was made.

“ It was suggested that the Annual Dinner should be an immovable feast on the Thursday before Good Friday. As the Newsletter is sent out only once a year, this certainty of date would be useful. After discussion , the AGM felt that the Committee should consider it in detail”.

At the time, Hubert Long strongly expressed the same view as yourself but the vote was carried. Hubert continued to come to the Dinner, foregoing this one service at his church.

In the years immediately after the date was chosen as Maundy Thursday, attendances rose to just over 100. The Committee decided to fix on this date because of the many requests from people who lived away from Southport and who could come and stay with friends and families after the Dinner. It is noteworthy that the first Maundy Thursday Dinner was the last Dinner held at the Masonic Hall on March 30th 1972.

Attendance stayed around 100 until the 2001 Anniversary Dinner when 250 attended and has leveled off at 150 thanks to the very suitable venue of Formby Hall Golf Club. People can find the date in their diaries well in advance of receiving the Red Rose, which is probably the most important fact in favour of the date. Rather than being the potential loss-maker that it was, it is now the main fund raiser for the Association.

The Old Georgians' Website

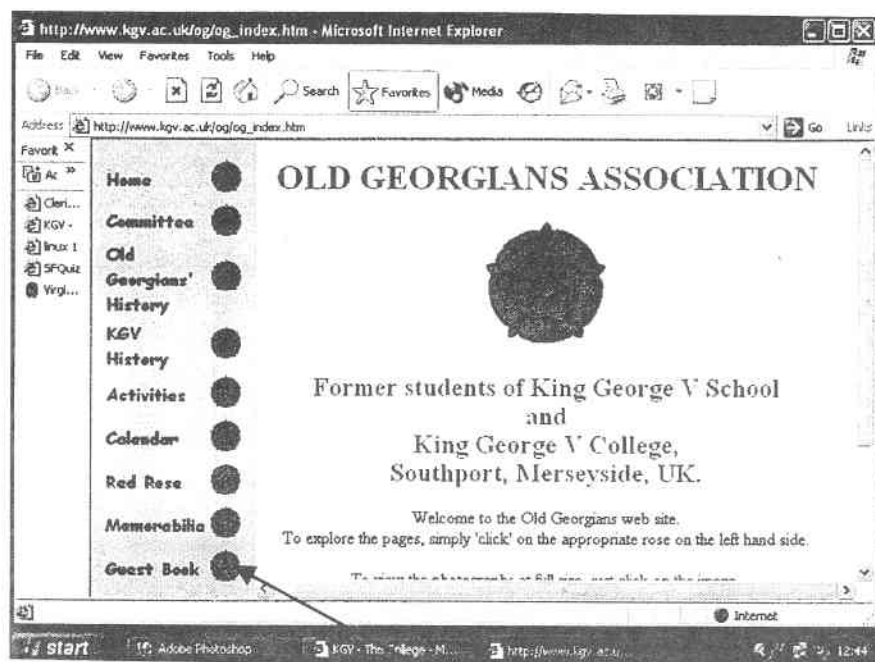
Over the last two years the number of mails left in the Guest Book on the College website has dwindled. This may have been due to the difficulty of access using a browser such as Google and being denied entry, when searching for www.kgv.ac.uk.

In December, the College website was re-designed and access to the OG's pages was improved and just needs the following four clicks.

- (1) Search in your browser for www.kgv.ac.uk Normally, it finds 'KGV- Homepage' so click on this text heading.
- (2) When the homepage opens, click on the tab 'THE COLLEGE' found in the menu bar. The page shown below then opens.
- (3) Click on the Red Rose icon in the list of options.

The screenshot shows the KGV website homepage. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the following tabs: HOME, THE COLLEGE, COURSE INFO, and ADULT ED. Below the navigation bar, there is a 'Back to menu' link. The main content area is divided into several sections, each with an icon and a text label: 'Facilities' (with a building icon), 'Achievements' (with a person icon), 'Travel info' (with a car icon), 'Directions & Map' (with a map icon), 'Corporate info' (with a person at a desk icon), 'Links' (with a globe icon), and 'Visit the website of the Old Georgians' (with a red rose icon). A box labeled 'Step 2' has an arrow pointing to the 'THE COLLEGE' tab in the navigation bar. A box labeled 'Step 3' has an arrow pointing to the 'Visit the website of the Old Georgians' icon. At the bottom of the page, there is a footer with contact information: 'Scansbrick New Road, Southport, Merseyside, PR9 4LR. Tel: 01704 530601 Fax: 01704 548656 e-mail: enquiries@kgv.ac.uk'. A 'Back to top' link is also present in the bottom right corner.

- (4) When the Association front page opens, click on the Red Rose icons to visit each section.



Step 4

Click on the Red Rose alongside **Guest Book** when you want to read entries and to write something yourself.

Click on the button saying “click here” and the Guest book opens. Click on the ‘POST’ tab on the menu bar and write away right away!

Use the Guest Book to try to contact others or put messages into circulation. If you want to reply directly to a particular entry, click on the email envelope icon at the bottom of that entry and the normal ‘New Mail’ document opens addressed ready for you to send as your normal e-mails but won’t appear in the Guest Book.

When you are preparing longer items such as ripping yarns and exploits of derring-do, to send to me for the next Red Rose, remember my address is :- alan@abond.go-plus.net

Extracts from the Old Georgians’ Website Guest Book

I was born in Southport and left KGV in 1955. Now semi-retired and living in New South Wales, Australia.

Nigel K Waring

10 Oct 2002

Living in Nottingham, wish it was somewhere more exotic like Antigua but....great days now I look back; won the cross country run one year, got a well done letter from D J Arnold. Does anyone remember the mother of all snowball fights between KGV and Meols Cop, when Arnold walked down the middle like Moses, there was a brief pause, then he got pelted from both sides. Anyone remember Roger Stitchbury, PE teacher? That football boot didn’t half hurt. Also Dollery, German teacher, has he had a nervous breakdown yet? And a special mention to “Smiley Miley”.....You said I wouldn’t make it in Chemistry, well O’s, A’s and a 2:1 B.Sc in Applied Chemistry means I did have some talent.

Must say though, chemistry in the real world is as boring as hell and not well paid, so I have been in Sales for the last 14 years earning a mint and seeing the world. Hope anyone that knows me is well and a special mention to some of the girls I remember from the sixth form, Claire Parker, Claire Knowles, Joanna Timmermen.....

Paul Daybell (Mason’s 77-82 , College 82-85) 16 Feb 03

I’m now retired and am living, after a lifetime of teaching, in West Yorkshire. Isn’t life wonderful! I would like to hear from any contemporaries.

Peter Harris (1949-56)

3 Mar 03

I’m from leafy Bucks and was in Leech’s (we never seemed to win anything as I remember)

John Carey (Caz) (1951-1957)

9 Mar 03

Tell Mr and Mrs Collier, they’ll never believe it! But I’m a History teacher now at Ballakermeen High School, Isle of Man!

Nicky Walshe(1989-1992)

12 Mar 03

Saw Keith Prokop's semi amusing notes in Red Rose and thought I should write. Good times! My personal highlight was feeding dead crabs to big Jim Deely and having the Geog. Block cloakroom dedicated to me. The Monty Python era has a lot to answer for. I was particularly impressed with Keith's performance at the Munich Beer Festival- some years after leaving KGV!

With Spud and Keith in Australia it would be rather ambitious to meet up – but I did catch up with Bracis and Melon, in Canada, not too long ago. In Shaftesbury, Dorset now.

Chris Watson (Watty - Grear's 1968-74)

14 Mar 03

I was a very happy but idle pupil from 1955-60. Most of my friends lived in Crossens, none of which I have seen or heard of since the day I left. Names that come to mind are Harvey Looker, Barry Newton, Terry Hooligan (yes, really!) The main reason that I am writing is that my step-brother, Ken Dowling died on 11th March this year. You may have seen his obituary in the Times. I would like to hear from anyone who knew Ken at KGV, 1945-52 approx. as I know nothing about his time there.

Lastly, I must say that people seem a little harsh about Rubberneck. I was the worst ever at woodwork and little better at P.T. but I don't recall that he gave me such a bad time. Maybe I was lucky.

Ray Green (Harrow, Middlesex)

22 Mar 03

Does anyone remember when Upper V's borrowed all the board dusters in the School and threw them through the ceiling in the form room? I'm a bookie now but still haven't grown up (no surprise there then).

Peter Bamford (Edward's 1973-79)

16 Apr 03

I was lent a copy of the Red Rose. Over 50 years with no contact. Thought it was about time. Anybody with a good memory?

G.B.Hart (Woodham's 1933-1941)

26 May 03

I was sitting at my computer trying to teach my Dad how to use the internet and thought we'd have a look at the KGV site.

Enjoyed reading a few of the messages left by people from all over the world, so we thought we would contribute. My Dad, David, went to KGV 1941-1948. Best friends with Mike Buckles. Where are you now? Dad is still living in Southport.

I am living in Leicestershire, married with two daughters. Good to see so many names on Friends Reunited – good way of catching up where everyone is and what we are all doing.

Mike Vernon (Leicestershire)

8 Jun 03

My father Montague Pennell and his twin brother Follett, were at KGV 1928-35, both keen sportsmen. Follett was killed in WW2 and is on the KGV Roll of Honour (for which, thanks). My Dad, Monty, died in 1981 after an eventful career in oil exploration.

Do any Old Georgians remember the Pennell twins or have any photos of them? Follett was in the Rugby 1st XV 1935-6 and Cricket 1st XI 1935. Is Sam Perry still out there? I think he had a photo! Any feedback would be much appreciated.

Best Wishes,

Imogen Pennell (Crouch End, North London)

3 Jul 03

I was at KGV from 1969-74. In the inaugural year of Lunn's House it was so small that we could only participate in 7-a-side competitions. I left in 1974 and spent 10 years in a Southport Estate Agents, then 11 years in the Ministry of Agriculture – BSE et al. Since 1998 I have been Sales and Marketing Manager for Southport Football Club.

Still in touch with close friends from School, but lost touch with many others. Heard from Peter West the other day and Phil Halsall. Marc Almond was on the same bench as me in the Chemistry Lab...Phil Morley, Huw Feather, Peter Fyne, Phil Marshall, Graham Hogg...loads of names, no idea where they all are. Drop me a line if you read this.

Cheers

Derek Hitchcock Southport

10 Aug 03

I have a web site titled MBOMIPA association. This site is about community wildlife management in villages bordering the National Park in Tanzania – my last long-term job (1997-2003). I stumbled on the 75th Anniversary Edition of the Red Rose in Broadhurst's. I am most recently from Zanzibar. Greetings to all!

Martin Walsh (Lunn's 1969-75) 11 Sep 03

Just attended the reunion organized by David Charters on 20th September. Who were all those old men? Wonderful night. Thanks.

Frank Robinson Southport (1958-65) 28 Sep 03

I remember E B Hunt, a member of the Rugby team. Not many other names from the 1956-62 time. Is Jim Marsh the J P Marsh of Mason's and Ainsdale?

Bill Farquhar Warrington 30 Sep 03

My brother Barry told me about this website. How nice to be remembered. Thank you Bill Farquhar, perhaps it was because we put an arm round each other so often in the scrum. Your other prop was 'Didds' Grime. After KGV 1954-1961 and spells in London, Slough and Gargrave, I joined my brother Barry in Edmonton, Canada in 1975. Great move. Steve Burge was my buddy. With Charlie Martin, Roger Basford and others, we dug the hole and poured the concrete for the "Observatory" over by the Head's house. Did that thing ever get built? I still have all my School photos, term calendars and notebooks in a box in the basement. Any offers?

E. Bruce Hunt (1954-61) Southport 14 Nov 03

I am assured by Stan Rimmer that the Observatory was built. If any of our readers used it then please let me know. Wasn't there an Astronomical Society?

The O.G. Association accounts for 2003

At the time of going to press last year the Association accounts for the calendar year 2002, (which is our financial year), were incomplete. The accounts for that year, now kindly audited by Duncan Burton, together with my unaudited accounts for 2003, are shown below.

INCOME	2002	2003
	£	£
Life Memberships	313	380
Donations	354	720
Profit on Annual Dinner	1254	1282
Sales of Photos, Prints & Ties	38	292
Sales of Video	165	15
Profit on Barbecue	320	328
Profit on Snooker & Darts Evening	54	35
Profit on Golf Event	-	-
	<u>2498</u>	<u>3052</u>

EXPENDITURE

KGV Projects	1875	1150
College Music Evening	41	38
Production and Postage of Red Rose	614	601
Printing, postage, stationery	279	38
Gratuities	100	-
Donations	25	-
	<u>2934</u>	<u>1827</u>

Excess of Income over Expenditure (481) 1225

ASSETS

Cash at Bank	1205	2484
Cash in Hand	-	-
Stock of ties	435	144
	<u>1640</u>	<u>2628</u>

Using my as yet unaudited figures, I can report the following. In calendar year 2003 we had an income of £3052 thanks to the Annual Dinner, generous donations, the Summer Barbecue and the Membership subs of 80 new OG's. At the same time we held the cost of the Red Rose to £600 and, after discussion with departmental heads, we gave the smaller sum of £450 at the Music Concert for the purchase of equipment. We did however give £700 to the Vulnerable Students Fund as this was urgently needed. The postage costs are lower because we have sold only one video.

The result is that our income will exceed our expenditure for 2003 by about £1225.

Following discussions with Senior Staff at College, our current intention is, having produced the 2004 Red Rose, to continue to raise funds, bearing in mind the need to retain a minimum balance which is decided upon by your Committee, and to present College with something special to celebrate the 25th Anniversary of its opening in September 1979.

If any members have opinions and suggestions to put to your Committee, please send them to our Secretary, John Pilling or post them in the website guest book.

Alan Bond (Treasurer)

25 Years Ago

September 1979 was the momentous time when the Grammar School became the Sixth Form College. Any Editor would be failing in his duty if no mention was made of this Silver Anniversary. Paul Bagshaw in the "Arnold Years" chapter of his 2001 super production of the Red Rose, included several deeply felt and clear sighted statements made at that time. However, I found two notes I had not seen before in the Old Boys' Association Newsletter of 1979, which show the emotions the authors felt for good things past and a future unknown.

First, the President's Notes written by Headmaster David Arnold.

This is the last time that I shall be writing these notes as Headmaster of King George V School and President of the King George V School Old Boys' Association. I hope that this time next year I shall be writing them as Headmaster of King George V College and possibly also as President of an Old Georgians' Association.

About 150 girls are likely to come to KGV next September. The half dozen of them who will be among next year's Oxbridge candidates will also be the first girls to leave the College and I should like to think that they will be accepted as Old Georgians, not only by their contemporaries but also by all those who have left the School at any time during the last sixty years.

Although the change from Grammar School to Sixth Form College is a significant one, and although the change is emphasised by the re-building which is going on, there remains a considerable element of continuity. More important is the continuity expressed in the lives of people. George Wakefield, who will be Second Master in the College and Bob Abram, who will be Senior Master, have between them spent more than 80 years at KGV. They are not going to turn into entirely different people as we become a Sixth Form College. Nor are other members of staff. Nor are the boys.

Some changes will be welcome. Who would want to continue to use our gymnasium with daylight showing through cracks in the wall, rather than a new sports hall? Who would want to teach or study biology in a mobile classroom equipped with old desks and a paraffin

heater rather than in a new laboratory? Some changes may even take the form of recapturing something valuable from the past. It will be a pleasure to have some boys once again studying Greek and I look forward to a time when we once again include some Classicists among our Oxbridge scholars.

What matters is that KGV should continue to foster good learning in Southport and to provide a preparation for good living.

Second, the Chairman's Notes written by Eddie Cowen (1945-52)

It would be easy for these notes, penned only a few months before the old School closes its doors forever, to be mournful and melancholy with maudlin reminiscences of the good old days. Rather would I wish to seek to persuade fellow Old Georgians, whilst obviously regretting the passing of our Alma Mater, to look instead on the bright side and to regard the College which will continue to bear uniquely the name of "King George V" as the natural successor to the School.

Thus, the AGM of the Association, which will be held on Maundy Thursday at the Royal Clifton Hotel prior to the Annual Dinner, will be recommended by the Committee to alter the existing constitution of King George V School Old Boys' Association to enable the Association, under the revised name of the "Old Georgians' Association", to cater not only for the Old Boys of the 1920 to 1979 era, but also for the Old Scholars, male and female, of the College.

There is clearly, an understandable opposite view which would have the Association remain as it is, accepting that it will soon have no new members and will gradually die out. However, your Committee, influenced by David Arnold's support for an ongoing Association, hope that their proposals will gain the necessary two-thirds support at what should be, for once, a keenly attended AGM.

Many who may have a view, will be unable to attend and if any such persons care to make their views known by writing to me, I shall gladly pass them on at the meeting.

Recommendation carried and here we are!

Annual Dinner

Maundy Thursday, 8th April 2004

Formby Hall Golf Club, Southport Old Road,

Woodvale

Tickets £20 Dress- lounge suit. AGM at 7pm

Dinner at 8 pm

Guest Speaker: Peter Aughton

Evans' 1951-58

Peter is a visiting lecturer at the University of the West of England and is the author of several books. *North Meols and Southport; Liverpool—A People's History; Bristol—A People's History; Endeavour*, the Story of Captain Cook's first epic voyage, which was reviewed in the 2003 Red Rose.

Newton's Apple, Isaac Newton and the English Scientific renaissance which is his latest book and is reviewed in this Red Rose.

Peter was born in Southport and educated at KGV and Manchester University. He has lived in the Bristol area since 1967, working firstly on the Concorde Aircraft and now at the A.W.E. He is a member of the British Computer Society and an Associate Fellow of the Institute of Mathematics and Its Applications. He is married with two children and has a granddaughter, Dilys, to whom he dedicated *Newton's Apple* as she was born, like Newton, in Lincolnshire.

Guest Speakers at the Annual Dinner

1993 David Massam (Gear's 45-50) Director of Prescriptions, Code of Practice Authority.

1994 Peter Brunt (Evans 50-54) Physician to Her Majesty the Queen in Scotland. Consultant Physician at Aberdeen Royal Infirmary.

1995 Brian Viner (Woodham's 73-80) The Mail on Sunday.

1996 David Lonsdale (Spencer's 73-80) TV and theatre actor.

1997 Alison Tarpey (85-87) Granada Television News.

1998 Derek Holden (Edwards' 45-52) President of the Lancashire Union of Golf Clubs. Former Captain Hesketh G.C.

1999 Alan Davies (Holland's 74-80) Human Rights Observer,

2000 John Hyde (Rogers' 47-54) Telecommunications Business.

2001 Trevor Williams (Evans' 49-56) Hon. Professor at the Universities of Sussex, Capetown, Wisconsin and the LSE.

2002 Vittorio Guidi (Woodham's 74-80) Sergeant Major, Royal Marines

2003 Darrell Farrant (Edwards' 48-50) F.R.S.A. Headmaster in Canada and Derbyshire

Some of the Guests at the 2003 Annual Dinner



Eddie Cowan and Bob Abram



Geoffrey Dixon, Nancy Dixon and Darrell Farrant



Richard Jenkins, Trevor Seed and Mike Wareing

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
- *'KGV Remembered' video featuring reminiscences of Old Georgians
 interspersed with photos covering 1920 to 1979 (81 mins) £10
- *King George V College promotional video featuring aspects of
 the College in the year 2000 (20 mins) £8
- *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**
 (Mainly silver with red,black,similar to the Colours tie) £18

*Also available from Broadhursts, Market St, Southport

Calendar of Events 2004

March 6th & 7th: Chairman's Weekend at the King's Arms Askrigg and other accommodation within staggering distance. Information from Jim Marsh.

April 8th Annual Dinner & AGM.

Formby Hall Golf Club. The AGM starts at 7pm prompt and all are welcome. The dinner follows at 8pm. Dress is lounge suits. Tickets are available at £20 from Stan Rimmer, 361 Liverpool Rd, Southport PR8 3BT. Tel: 01704 576713. Please send cheques in advance to Stan, payable to "the Old Georgians' Association".

By doing this, it enables Stan to enjoy the evening instead of chasing late payers round the room.

Mar 30th, 31st and April 1st College Music Production.
Details to be announced

July Barbecue
Details to be announced

October Snooker, Darts and Hotpot
The venue is Southport and Birkdale Cricket Club, Trafalgar Rd.
Details from Stan Rimmer.

November 10th College Music Concert

December 14th College Christmas Concert

Please confirm dates other than the Dinner, with KGV on 01704 530601, or the OG committee.