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## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

I must start by expressing my sadness at the death in November of my predecessor as Principal of KGV, Geraldine Evans. She did much to build on David Arnold's work in establishing the College. You will find a special article later in this edition of Red Rose. Geraldine herself would be pleased to hear that I am proud to report that King George V College has enjoyed another year of outstanding success and that we continue to be leaders in the field nationally.

We had our best ever A level pass rate (98.6%) in August 2007 and our Ofsted 'Light Touch' Inspection in May confirmed the College's existing grade of OUTSTANDING. We have developed more BTEC National courses and for the first time in our history are running a Foundation Degree course for adults. Looking ahead to the next academic year, the College will be offering more courses at level 2.

Highlights of the year have included hosting a delegation from Chongqing in China; a further development from my own visit there last year. The delegates made clear that they would also like our Chairman, John Rostron, to take part in any further visits. A group of students will undertake an intensive course in Mandarin in Beijing over the Easter break – just when our Archaeologists will visit Egypt.

Another hugely important development for the College is the planning for a complete rebuild in the region of £38m. The detailed planning is well underway, but we will not know if we will be successful with gaining the funding until the autumn of 2008. With the full support of the Board of Governors, I will do my utmost to ensure that we build a College to be proud of for generations of future students.

At the same time, plans for Southport Sports Park at KGV are also well underway. This time we seek support and funding from the Football Foundation, Sefton PCT and Sefton Council. I am most grateful for the support we have received in the early stages of planning from all these groups. I hope there will be a successful outcome which will benefit Meols Cop High School, local primary schools, KGV students and the whole of the wider community in Sefton.

**Hilary Anslow OBE**

**December 2007**

## LETTER FROM THE CHAIRMAN

A quick glance in the mirror confirmed my suspicions that I was indeed not too young to be Chairman of the Old Georgian's Association - it came as quite a shock. A small organisation like ours can never hope to have more than a minor impact on such a large institution as K.G.V. so the contributions we do make to the College must be carefully targeted. Late last summer term a small amount of Old Georgians' money was put to very good use when I presented the O.G's Student Award to Keith Roberts at the College awards ceremony, Keith was selected by his fellow students to receive the award in recognition of his valuable contribution to College life and for his personal and academic success in the face of adversity. A very worthy recipient - the look of pride on his family's faces well worth the slight dip in our bank balance. (See the article below)

However following this hugely enjoyable engagement came my darkest hour as Chairman in the form of the annual snooker, darts and carpet bowls evening at S & B, arranged by that astonishing Peter Pan - Mr Stan Rimmer. A snooker night virgin, I hadn't foreseen the huge potential for humiliation it held. I regret therefore to inform you that your Chairman was knocked out of all three competitions in the first round. The evening was a great success and thoroughly enjoyed by all - even me - drowning my sorrows in beer and hot pot - something at which I excel!

I want to use this opportunity to urge you all - if you have not already done so - to contact Stan Rimmer and book your seat for the annual dinner at Formby Hall - use it as an excuse to phone an old friend who you haven't seen for a while and arrange to join us on Thurs March 20<sup>th</sup>. Not only does the dinner raise the funds we need to continue to print The Red Rose magazine but it is also the glue that holds the organisation together. This year I expect the dinner to be an absolute gem as we have the enormously talented author and columnist Brian Viner as guest speaker. Brian's work as a sports and feature writer will be familiar to many of you - and if you haven't read his books "Ali, Pele, Lillie and Me" and "Tales of the Country" then do yourself a favour and buy them - they are a treat.

This year the Old Georgians are introducing a new event to run alongside the dinner in the form of a reunion party for those of us who attended KGV during its first few years as a college. Details of this elsewhere in the magazine but if you were a college student during the early 80s and fancy some live music, a drink and a catch up next spring then please get in touch. We hope to roll this event out to include all old college students next year.

One last note - the OGs presently support the student hardship fund at the College to the modest tune of £200 a year and we would love to offer more - and indeed help in other ways. If anyone would like to make a donation specifically to benefit college students in need of support, or indeed to assist the OGs with our other exploits - it would of course be received with great thanks.

A quick glance at our accounts should convince you that even a small cheque (payable to the Old Georgians Association) would make a considerable difference.

If any of you haven't been Chair of the OG s yet - and I believe there are one or two of you -I recommend it highly. The only qualifications you need are 1. Pride in/love of your old school and 2. The ability to stop the committee members chatting during meetings until after business is done. Ah well..... one out of two ain't bad.

See you Maundy Thursday March 20<sup>th</sup>.

**David Lonsdale**

**1973-80**

### **Old Georgians' Association Award**

The Association has this year created an Award which will be presented annually to the student selected by College Council for their work in helping the College community as a whole. This first presentation was made to Keith



Roberts on Prize-giving day in May. He holds the trophy, which is a carved wooden figure, for one year and wins a £100 prize. The photo shows Principal Hilary Anslow on David's right, Chairman David Lonsdale and John Rostron, Chairman of the Governors on his left .

## **EDITORIAL**

In 2007 David Charters organised his second reunion of the 1958-65 students and in 2008 Chairman David Lonsdale and Jonathan Elliott will hold their reunion on May 3<sup>rd</sup> for the students of the 1979-85 era. The fact that people are pleased to attend these events speaks volumes about the friendships that grew over a long period, the memories and the way of life. I think it means the Association is in good heart. Our Chairman, David Lonsdale was at KGV as recently as 1980 with Jonathan Elliott, who has supported the Association well since that time. So hopefully they will encourage similar aged, like-minded members to take active roles, thus giving the elders of the tribe the chance to step back a pace. As Bud Payne wouldn't have said - "Bring it on!"

The curriculum workload packed into two years has made students prioritise their time. An obvious result is the lack of usage of the vast playing field area. Now, I am not party to the planning decisions for the possible development of the college, but I have heard it mentioned that better and fuller use will be made of the field even if the new college is much bigger in area. Let's hope so. The article I have reproduced from the Visiter in the NewsDesk leaves one to wonder what it could be like.

The concerts that Keith Matthews arranged always brought the best out of the Music students. I went to the concert on December 18<sup>th</sup> which was Karl Greenall's first one and it really was very good. What an act for him to follow! He too has the ability to get the students to enjoy performing to their best.

I would like all members to read the section on the Accounts towards the back of the magazine. If you have any new ideas or just want to say what you think about the suggestion, it would make me feel wanted to receive your mail.

And next door to KGV, there's another field that needs help. So if and when the work starts on the new college, it will be something to turn away from celebrating opposition and be positive about. We used to get support from Kevan Williams during his family visits from Bury, but Burnley FC must have first claim these days.

**Alan Bond**

**1947-54**

## Old Georgians' Association Officers

PRESIDENT	Hilary Anslow
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## Former Chairmen of the KGV Old Boys' Association

1924 T P Spencer	1925 W Beetham	1926 R E Sanderson
1927 R E Sanderson	1928 C L Minshull	1929 S J Hargreaves
1930 A V Cunliffe	1931 W M Towers	1932 A V Cunliffe
1933 R E Sanderson	1935 A D Sawyer	1936 P Slater
1947 G K Bridge	1948 D F Sutton	1949 P Slater
1951 T E Booth	1952 G P Wakefield	1953 L Duckworth
1954 J W Lord	1955 J Edwards	1956 S C Wilford
1957 K Rostron	1958 J R Edwards	1959 R A Lloyd
1960 H E Nettleton	1961 G Barnes	1962 G Walton
1963 H H Long	1964 H H Long	1965 M B Enright
1966 H Evans	1967 A V Langfeld	1968 A Fairclough
1969 H J M Royden	1970 D Brown	1971 R Abram
1972 S B Rimmer	1973 A J Chandler	1974 J R N Petty
1975 S B Fletcher	1976 J N Rostron	1977 C W Jerram
1978 E G Cowen		

## Former Chairmen of the Old Georgians' Association

1979 T H Dutton	1980 G Livesley	
1981 M M Lockyer	1982 R Fletcher	1983 J C West
1984 J J Marriner	1985 G T Seed	1986 M J Waring
1987 R A Barnett	1988 B M Rimmer	1989 J R Pilling
1990 P D Bagshaw	1991 R C Fearn	1992 E A Ogden
1993 J R Elliott	1994 R O Jeffs	1995 M J Fearn
1996 A Bond	1997 A Bond	1998 C Threlfall
1999 M R E Hyde	2000 G F Dixon	2001 S L Bond
2002 A D Hughes	2003 J P Marsh	2004 K F Edwardson
2005 D Burton	2006 R Abram	

## NEW GEORGIANS

This year has seen 27 new members joining our ranks of which 16 are those who left College in Summer of 2007 and 11 are those who left between 1952 and 2006. This takes our membership up to 1233.

*To the following New Old Georgians – Salvete*

### Leavers in 2006

Rachel Ayre  
 Michael Clarke  
 Rory Considine  
 Lisa Grandidge  
 Lucy Hanneghan  
 Matthew Hesketh  
 Andrew Hough  
 Johnny Kendrick  
 Kim Lucas  
 Christopher Marlow  
 Heather Marshall  
 Rachel Parry  
 Andrew Scott-Taggart  
 Michael Wharton  
 Claire Wood  
 Laura Wood

### Leavers before 2006

Colin Andrews	53
C. Ashley	57
S.N. Dickson	80
Don Evans	52
Peter Gale	82
Ms N Gates	82
Mike Heaton	
Colin Hilton	73
R.A. Hilton	53
D. K. McDonnell	63
Steve Rooke	69

## Where are they now?

The 2007 Red Rose was returned by the post from the addresses we currently hold on our database for the members listed below.

The list shows their last known location and their final school or college year. Can anyone provide details of their current whereabouts?

This list is new, but that is not to say we have made contact with those members on the 2007 list so information about them too is needed.

Information please to:-

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NAME	LAST ADDRESS	LEAVING YEAR
Ashby P	Cheadle	83
Broughton R	Hawkshead St	02
Chupeau A	Duke St	95
Clayton D	Fisher Drive	97
Cornes P P	Wigton	77
Duffy M	Leeds	90
Elston A	Ainsdale	86
Fuller M	Fairhaven Rd	01
Gilbert N	London SE4	80
Harris Ms L	Fleetwood Drive	98
Hayes Mrs A	Aldershot	90
Harper D A	Blundellsands	00
Heaton N M E	Guildford	52
Howard Ms M	Chorley	93
Mann R	Dundee	82
Moore G H	Woodhall Spa	48
Parsons H	Formby	93
Ritchie A	Swindon	?
Roberts D	Newbury	51
Roberts Ms L	Woking	87
Sanderson Ms H	Blundellsands	95
Sandiford N	Crossens	65
Shiel Miss E	Ormskirk	03
Taylor S	St Albans	79

## Dinner Guests, April 5<sup>th</sup> 2007

Bob Abram, Joe Abram, Martin Abram, Colin Andrews, Hilary Anslow, John Anslow, Derek Adams, John Aughton, Peter Aughton, Paul Bagshaw, Chris Baker, John Ball, Frank Ball, John Barstow, Ted Batty, Alan Bond, Diane Bond, Dick Bretherton, Adrian Brown, David Booth, Graham Booth, Robin Bowen-Williams, John Bryce, Paul Bullock, Duncan Burton.

Mike Chalke, Candice Clements, John Cotterall, Eddie Cowen, Martin Chong, John Davies, Alan Dickinson, Ray Dove, Ken Edwardson, Mark Elsen, Jonathan Elliott, Ron Ellis, Don Evans, David Eyes, John Fairclough, Ronnie Fearn, Alan Fleetwood, Rob Fletcher, Phil Frampton, Nigel Fraser,

Ed Galloway, Peter Gladney, Peter Griffith, Vittorio Guidi, Phillip Halsall, Guy Hargreaves, Roger Hargreaves, Alan Harkness, Dave Harrison, Karen Howard, David Howgate, Barry Hurst, Andrew Hudson, Peter Hulme, Gary Hughes, Des Hughes, Gary Peter Hulme, Mike Hyde, John Hyde.

Richard Jenkin, Barry Jones, Roger Jump, John Kendrew, John Kermode, Dave Karsa, Ian Kettle, Catherine Lapsley, Sarah Lapsley, Gordon Lees, Martin Lockyer, David Lonsdale, Tony Milner, Jim Marsh, David McDonnell, Bob Mentha, Will Morgan, Peter Miles, Andrew Marsh, David Morton, Paul Mullen

Ian Ochiltree, Graham Ostick, Ray Owen, Eric Ogden, David Ogden, Rachel Parry, John Pilling, Geoff Pearce, David Pearson, Alan Pogson, Ian Pogson, Don Porter, David Prue, Bob Ratcliffe, Mike Ratcliffe, Charlie Rees,

Peter Rostron, John Rostron, Christine Rostron, Katie Rostron, Sarah Bevin (nee Rostron), Peter Rostron, Tony Rostron, Trevor Rimmer, Arthur Rimmer, Brian Rimmer, Elaine Rimmer, Frank Rimmer, Stan Rimmer, Steven Rimmer, Dennis Robinson, Michael Robinson, Stephen Rooke, Neil Ryding, Trevor Seed, Brian Shorrocks, Keith Shorrocks, Jim Stanley, John Seddon, Derek Steele, Paul Sternberg, Geoff Stocker, Andrew Sweeney, Laura Taylor, Ed Trollope.

Eric Usher, John Wainwright, Nigel Walsh, John Weber, Mike Wareing, Michael Williamson, Russell Watkinson, Michael Whalen, Barrie Whittaker, Tony Wilson, Stuart Wincer, Kevan Williams, Chris Winnard, Ken Wood,

## NEWSDESK

### Chairman's Indoor Sports and Hot-Pot Evening

Chairman David Lonsdale hosted a most convivial gathering on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November at Southport and Birkdale Sports Club. Heartbeats were raised all round but Tony Milner had clearly done the most thorough training for the tournament and deservedly won a trophy in all three events. The regrettable absence of our worthy editor, Alan Bond, presented the opportunity for participants to wash down two and in some cases, three plates of hot-pot. Bob Abram lost a closely contested snooker final and displayed the natural skills of a gifted sportsman in all competitions. Chris Parkinson gave colourful verbal encouragement to his darts as he powered his way to victory in that final and pot gatherer Andy Malley bowled irresistibly



David Lonsdale and  
Andy Malley

all evening.



Tony Milner

The talented Mike Hyde was coaxed out of retirement and competed fiercely. His full payment for a ticket enabled me to declare a small profit of £3 for the evening. Others attending were Mark Day, Jonathan Elliott, John Hepworth, Dave Heslegrove, Ian Kettle, John Pickard, Derek Steele, Kevin Watkins and Stuart Wincer.

Snooker: Winner – Tony Milner. Runner-Up – Bob Abram  
Darts: Winner – Chris Parkinson Runner-Up – Tony Milner  
Carpet Bowls : Winner – Andy Malley Runner-up Tony Milner

(I'll be back. Ed).

Stan Rimmer

## Keith Matthews

Keith Matthews is an exceptional man whom we had the good fortune to have with us as Head of Music at King George V College for 29 years and who left to take a well deserved retirement in summer this year (2007).

Keith is a gifted musician – not just very good – gifted. You can meet gifted people who are so wrapped up in their own talent, that others stand in awe. They have an aura that can make you feel inadequate – not so with Keith – quite the opposite was true. He was able to share his vast knowledge, his technical skills, and his sheer joy and passion for music with a very wide variety of people, including teenagers.

Anyone who has seen Keith working with the Sefton Youth Orchestra or who has been to a music concert here at KGV will know that he also had a gift of working with and inspiring young musicians. What I most admire is that he could work with, encourage and inspire other gifted musicians as teenagers who would go on to study at places such as the Royal Academy in London, or the Royal Northern College of Music in Manchester and also with the drummer in an aspiring rock band who could not read music.

Keith pioneered the new Music Technology course at KGV, going on courses in his 50s to gain knowledge of electronic music systems and making. He also asked me to build a recording studio. All this from the man who was such a gifted classical musician. How lucky we were to have him with us. How lucky for every one of those students. Keith was as gifted a teacher as he was a musician. Eccentric? Yes and thank goodness he was. We need characters in any staffroom. Staff you will remember from your own school days were, I can guarantee, characters like Keith.

When the Ofsted Inspectors came, I thought, I wonder what they will make of Keith. Detailed lesson plans and paperwork were not his forte! I need not have worried. When in his lesson they spotted at once that he knew every individual student and what each was doing and was capable of. He was awarded Grade 1. We still miss the Keith of whom we were all so fond, but I am delighted to report that we have appointed another gifted musician who

inspires confidence in young musicians of all types. Karl Greenall is an excellent appointment. Keith helped us make it. Do come to the next concert and see for yourself.

Hilary Anslow OBE

December 2007

## KGV STUDENT HONOURED

KGV Student Keith Roberts was awarded the prestigious Helena Kennedy Foundation Award, sponsored by KPMG, at the recent event held at the House of Lords. Keith, described by his tutors as: "A shining example to other students with a passion for Politics and a desire to help the disadvantaged", received the award from Helena Kennedy herself (pictured together with KGV Principal Hilary Anslow).

Keith survived some hardships through College life, financing himself virtually all the way through his studies. He participates in a variety of



charitable activities and has expressed a wish to seek voluntary work in Burkina Faso after University. The Award means he can now reduce the time

he has to spend in paid employment so he can devote more time to his number one passion; his studies.

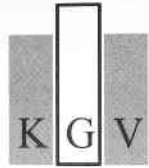
## FATHER OF THE HOUSE

*Last year's Red Rose addressed to Rev Bill Holden was returned unopened but after some research and with the help of his son, also called Bill, I tracked him down. He had moved into a Home in Glastonbury and he sent me a note through his son. Bill is the oldest member of the Association, aged 97. He left in 1926 from the original school on the Fire Station site.*

*He is very positive about his health and the Association has sent him a Xmas card and will write to him again soon.*

*Ed.*





# KGV College

## "The Early Years" Party

**Were you a 6<sup>th</sup> Form Student at KGV any time between September 1979 and July 1985?**

Yes?! Then you are invited to join us for a fantastic evening of fun, food and music on **Saturday May 3<sup>rd</sup> 2008**, at the Southport Old Links Golf Club.

The evening will start with a cocktail reception. A buffet supper will be served mid-evening and the bar is open until 1 a.m. The evening is totally informal. Dress is smart/casual.

Tickets are available now at £20.

Please send a cheque (payable to "The Old Georgians Association") to **OGA Events, 2 Beresford Drive, Southport, Merseyside, PR9 7JY**. Please include the names and College years for all those attending, plus your address and a contact telephone number.

For a bit of fun, we would also like you to send in 2 photos, one from College and one more recent – this is optional.

For additional information, you can visit the OGA portal on the KGV College web site :- [www.kgv.ac.uk](http://www.kgv.ac.uk) , or email [OGA\\_Events@kgv.ac.uk](mailto:OGA_Events@kgv.ac.uk)

## International Grand Master Stewart Haslinger

*I read an article in the Visiter about Stewart and asked him for a piece for the Red Rose. Stewart's home is in Ainsdale and he was at KGV from 2001-2003. Ed.*

I have recently been awarded the prestigious title of International Grand Master of chess. There are fewer than one thousand Grand Masters in the world, and so I am very proud of this achievement, and have been asked to write a few words about it for the magazine. I have played chess as a hobby since I was a small boy, and enjoyed a lot of success as a junior, representing England on a number of occasions.

When I started reading Maths at the University of Liverpool, I put my chess on hold, managing to keep it up by playing a few games in the National League during term-time, and in some international tournaments during the summer holidays. The National League games are played over five weekends between September and May, and so fitted in well with my university studies. I

managed to achieve my International Master title during this period. The game's governing body FIDE (Federation Internationale Des Echecs) bestows three lifelong titles upon players which, in ascending order of excellence, are:



Fide Master (FM)

InternationalMaster (IM)

International Grand Master (IGM).

Therefore, when I finished my MSc degree in September 2006, I decided to take two years out to try to attain the Grand Master title. This would involve

me raising my FIDE international Elo rating beyond 2500, and achieving three Grand Master performances or 'norms' in three FIDE international tournaments. These Grand Master norms entail playing a stipulated number of foreign players, Grand Masters and other titled players, and performing above 2600 in each tournament. Following my MSc, I studied chess for six or seven months between October and May, playing in a few local tournaments, an international tournament at Christmas and the National League. This schedule was designed to prepare me for the three or four international tournaments I planned to enter during the summer, including the South Wales International, the British Championship in Great Yarmouth and the Liverpool 800<sup>th</sup> Anniversary International Open.

Fortunately, I played very well in the last weekend of the National League at



the beginning of May, and secured a Grand Master norm. I then achieved a further two Grand Master norms in my next two international tournaments in Caerleon and Yarmouth, and in the process, pushed my rating above the requisite 2500. My International Grand Master

title was subsequently conferred at a FIDE meeting in Mexico in September.

Generally, strong chess players capable of achieving the Grand Master title have to play in many international tournaments before completing the requirements. Having been fortunate enough to achieve my Grand Master title more quickly than I had hoped, I plan to spend the next year continuing to study the game and to play in more international tournaments in order to improve my FIDE rating, with the aim of trying to earn selection for the England team at senior level. At the end of the year I will review my position as it is difficult to earn a good living playing chess professionally, unless one is in the top twenty or thirty players in the world.

## “1958” REUNION

Organising a reunion for your old school friends is easy, especially when you've already been together only 4 years ago for the first time in 40 years. Isn't it? Oh, no, it isn't. Unreasonably, you expect people to be as organised as you are yourself but it doesn't work that way. Even in four short years people move home or change their e-mail provider. They even emigrate. You find them all again, give 9 months notice of the date and then nearer the time try getting people to commit to attending. Considerably more difficult is getting them to pay for their share of the room hire, bar extension and food. No doubt the committee of The Old Georgians know all about this - well done to you all in keeping both the organisation and the annual dinner going.

In the event, forty five of us got together at S&B Sports Club on the night of Saturday September 22<sup>nd</sup> 2007. Old friendships and acquaintances were very quickly rekindled. The sheer delight of seeing old chums who stuck together through the trials and tribulations of their schooldays was quite apparent. New faces appeared: Malcolm Matthew from Quebec, Rick Hatfield, these days a South African national working in Sharjah, UAE, and Russ Peart from Cyprus among them. Fritz Fitton made the long journey from Fremantle for a second time, as did Paul Everett from Geneva. Alan Jackson from Cardiff and a few more local gentlemen also added to the throng for the first time.

S&B changed their caterers just as the event was to take place so this caused an added last minute complication. The golf, arranged for Southport Municipal, as I will call it, was called off as the course was waterlogged after a cloudburst the previous day. The hotels in town were full due to the airshow. But the bar was open at S&B and we were able to chat into the night. This time I'd allowed 7 hours for people to talk, from 6pm to 1am and every moment was utilised. The time just flew.

We are now all 60 years old. Some expressed surprise that the “wannabes” from the 1964 KGV school photograph had aged so much. “Look in the mirror more closely” would be my advice. As they used to sing in the introduction to *Whatever happened to the Likely Lads* - “Oh what happened to you, whatever happened to me? What became of the people we used to be?”

What actually happened seems to be that all who attended have got on with their lives in the way they felt best. Everyone seems to be happy, which is the greatest measure of their collective success in life. It doesn't matter whether you are at the top of your profession ( some are / were ) or just jogging along at your own pace. Of course, I can't speak for those who didn't come along; perhaps they have become old curmudgeons ? Such a thing is not unknown among 60-year olds.

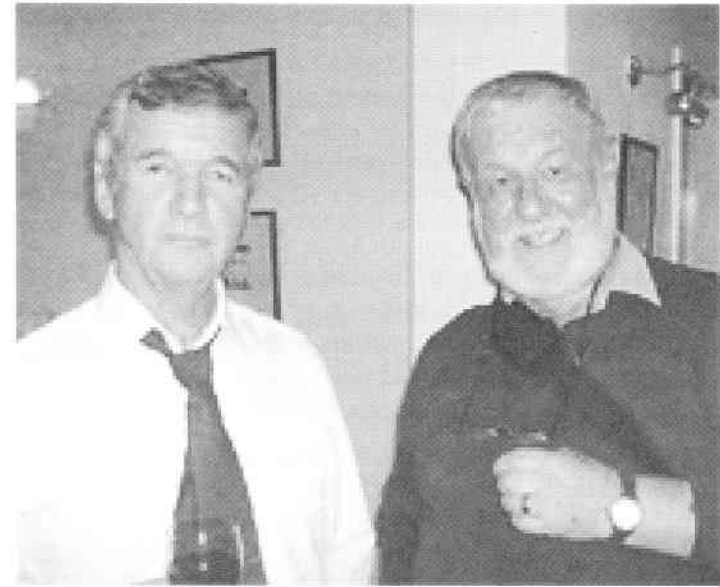


Hugh Bowman and Bill McCain

Bill McCain and Russ Peart both played in a local group, *The Toledo 4*, doing the youth club and church hall scene in the early 1960s. Russ went on to become a full time musician for a short while as one of *The Mersey Boys*, playing several times on the German nightclub circuit. He then joined the RAF and had a successful career as a pilot becoming a chief test pilot before turning his hand to flying for Cathay Pacific out of Hong Kong.

Derek Brown started his career as a journalist with the Southport Visiter and eventually moved on to be the Guardian's Northern Ireland correspondent during the "troubles", followed by New Delhi and Jerusalem until retirement. He still writes freelance for the Guardian Online.

Hugh Bowman recently retired from Birmingham & Midshires Building Society. Many Marshsiders will remember his mother as a teacher at Emmanuel Infants School. Bill McCain runs his own construction consultancy from his home in Southport. Most people will know his elder brother "Ginger" McCain as a former Southport car dealer who became a celebrated horse trainer winning the Grand National three times with Red Rum



Russ Peart and Derek Brown

From now on we will probably keep in touch in smaller groups and perhaps read about each other in *The Red Rose*. I don't think I have the constitution to organise another reunion on that scale. May I, through the good offices of this magazine, wish everyone a long, healthy and happy life. That includes all of you reading this article. KGV set us all up to tackle life and now it's time to just get on with it.

#### DAVID CHARTERS

*Organising a Reunion is an enormous task but to organize two within 4 years is really something. It acts like a shot in the arm for the Association and you deserve the thanks of those who went as well as those who didn't.* Ed.

## THE EDWARDS' FAMILY

*One teacher who I remember with great fondness and respect was my first housemaster, Joe (Teddy) Edwards. Little mention of him appears in past Red Roses after he retired due to ill-health in 1955. Knowing that he has kept in touch with Joe's son John, I asked Dennis Robinson to put the matter right. Having spent so much of my leisure time with Leyland Rd and the Amateurs (in the 2<sup>nd</sup> XI for 25 years!), I am very grateful to Dennis for his article.*

Although my wife and I have not lived in Southport for over 40 years we have managed to keep in touch with this wonderful family especially during 2007 in which John lost his dear wife, Mary - they had been together for 67 years since meeting as Students at Manchester University.



We feel like us, many readers would be interested to hear some of their most interesting history - please forgive me if some facts, spellings, details are not completely accurate as these notes have been compiled simply from informal chats with John over a number of weeks and he being 88 and having had more than his fair share of ill-health for many years.

It all began when Joseph (Teddy) was born in Wigan in 1890. His childhood was not easy, (and later his wife suffered from poor health for many years) but he gained a place at Wigan Grammar School and from there on to Manchester University where he gained an

MA, his 1st XI Soccer colours in his first year and represented British Universities in his second year.

He started his teaching career at St. Asaph Grammar School in Wales and then moved to Monarch School, Walthamstowe in Essex. It was from there that the seeds were sown for KGV! - at the School the Staff included a Mr. George A. Millward, a Mr G.C.D. Mason, in addition to Mr Joseph Edwards.

In 1919 John Edwards was born and in the next year, 1920, Mr Millward was invited to form a new School in Southport as the Head and he invited Messrs Edwards and Mason to join him. As we now know the Southport Secondary School for Boys was founded in the September and occupied an old building

named "The Woodlands" along with some disused Army huts at the North End of Lord Street, the site now housing the Law Courts.

There were 110 boys in the School with the Headmaster, George Millward and six teachers i.e. Messrs Charnley, Edwards, Grear, Mason, Rogers and Spencer. There were four Houses, Charnley-Edwards, Grear's, Mason's and Rogers-Spencer - the former run by Froggy and Teddy, but it was not to last!

The foundation stone of the new School was laid by the Earl of Crawford and Balcarres in 1925 and Lord Derby opened the new building in 1926. John tells me that although you had to be 10 to join the School as a pupil, he was allowed to join at age 9, in 1928. Although many of us thoroughly enjoyed representing the School in various rugby and cricket teams we also loved soccer but Mr Millward decreed, "if you wish to play soccer in the breaks, you can do so -but with a rugby ball" !

As for Teddy we enjoyed his Geography lessons and all his little mannerisms but, for myself, his ongoing love of soccer was of even greater importance.

John did his bit for the school, opening the bowling for the 1st XI which included Bill Gibbons, who captained the School Rugby and Swimming teams. Norman Coulshed who became a Heart Specialist, John Smalley, who became a Wing Commander in the RAF and the Cricket captain was Eddie Craven, who became Head Boy and apparently picked most of the teams.

After a period of uncertainty John decided to go to Manchester University and in 1940 graduated, with Mary, in 1943. Both John and Mary became Heads of Departments - Mary was a most popular member of Staff at the Girls High School Southport for many years and at Waterloo Park School (where she taught our Editor's wife, Kate,) until her retirement. Although John taught at KGV for a short period, as his father was Deputy Head, he felt he should move on. He first moved to Cowley School, St. Helens from 1945 -51 (yes many of us will recall our early days at KGV receiving some hammerings there), where he was also in charge of Athletics and Cross-country.

From 1951 - 1966 John was Head of Geography at the Liverpool Institute. Among his pupils at this time were Paul McCartney whom John taught for 5 years and George Harrison. John recalls having to repeatedly tell Paul, "put away that banjo and start to do some work, ". While in the 6th form Paul was given homework to do by John with the instructions "To be done over the weekend and handed in Monday morning" with the response, "that's a bit tight! I'm off to Hamburg for the weekend." In June 1998 Paul lost his wife, Linda, and John wrote his condolences. Paul acknowledged this with a lovely

written letter(still in John's possession) starting, "Dear Jake," - John's nickname .In 1966 John was appointed Deputy Head at Balshaws Grammar School, Leyland. John then became Vice Principal of Runshaw 6th form College on its formation in 1974 until his retirement in 1984

Only recently I persuaded John to show me a video of his BBC appearance in a Nationally shown Documentary in 1983. John received a telephone call from the BBC in London stating they wished to do a documentary on, "the problems being seen in current Education -e.g. the problems of students, especially from poorer families, to get into University, in preference to Polytechnics" and they would send cameras to Runshaw to interview John and several students taking A levels and to hear their views and aspirations. •

All this duly took place with John and the Students then being invited to London where further filming took place in the studios - a Panel with Ludovic Kennedy in the Chair and including Sir Keith Joseph, the then Secretary for Education and other Senior Educationalists. I have to say the whole programme was excellently produced and performed, illustrating the effect on Universities of financial cut-backs at that time and the inevitable consequences for many aspiring Students i.e.to obtain acceptance Students required to obtain high Grades, particularly for Medicine, Veterinary Surgery etc when perhaps high Grades were somewhat more difficult to obtain than today? In any event John himself not only came over as a very good professional but also appeared to be quite at ease in front of the cameras.

While in London, John was invited to Dinner with the Producer, Ludovic Kennedy and his wife, Moira Shearer (the Ballerina) and Sir Keith Joseph, - no doubt an Education in itself,!

Turning to Joe (Teddy) Edwards, during his time in Southport in the 1920's he had been appointed Superintendent of the Leyland Road Sunday School but had become "disenchanted" with the way it was decided who could and could not attend the School. He therefore decided to form a Young Men's Club on a Friday night in the Church Hall in Hawkshead St. where they could play Badminton, (hence the Hawks?), Snooker etc. - this was to be the beginning of Southport Leyland Road F.C., later Southport Amateurs.

During the War years,1939-45,Teddy wrote a regular Newsletter which he circulated to over 100 former Club Members currently serving around the World for their Country -what a man! KGV was totally focused on Rugby with Soccer not a consideration, (pupils at the School were not even considered to represent Southport Schoolboys at Soccer) and most Wednesday and Saturday afternoons involved the School Rugby fixtures. It was therefore

quite an achievement when Southport Leyland Road/Southport Amateurs became very successful with teams containing a majority of ex-Georgians.

In 1950/51 they won the Lancashire Amateur Cup with a team including George Bromilow, (who went on to play many times for the England Amateur team and also played in the top, First Division, of the Football League), Ted Dewhurst, Alan Styche, Ron Cunliffe, Les Bolton, Stan Miller, Alan Grubb etc, (I even made my debut for the team, aged 16, as deputy for George Bromilow, to the great relief of the opposition, although we did win this particular Cup-tie). In the mid 1960's we won the Championship of the Lancashire Amateur League with most of the team being ex-Georgians eg,Ted Dewhurst (whose penalty won the play-off with Blackpool), Reg Stelfox, Alan Styche, Stan Rimmer, Idris Woodfine, myself and a few games from Tony Waiters before he went off to slightly better things like Caps for the full England side and then Manager of Canada! Stan, Reg and myself also played in Representative teams with, inevitably Stan the Man the Star!

#### **Leyland Road 1<sup>st</sup> XI Lancs Amateur League Cup Winners 1950-51**



On the back row, the OG's are, from the left, 2- Brian Shallcross,(Office Staff) 4- Ted Dewhurst, 5- Alan Styche, 6- Ron Cunliffe, 7- Les Bolton 8- John Foster, 9- Roy Pitman.

In the front row: 2- George Bromilow, 3- Stan Miller, 4- Teddy, 5- John Edwards, and 7- Alan Grubb

We must never forget dear John Foster, who, despite his handicap, became

Mr. Southport Amateurs in those years and pretty well devoted his life to the Club and became a friend to us all. Hawks also became a leading Badminton team in the North West with several players reaching County level. I must not name names as I will inevitably leave someone out!

So whilst so many ex-Georgians have such happy memories of KGV from so many aspects, a lot of us derived great pleasure and benefits resulting from the efforts of the Edwards family. John and Mary's son, David, maintained the family's excellent academic achievements -he started at KGV in 1970, went on to Christ's College, Cambridge, and later became a full Partner in the firm of Accountants KMPG - Grandfather would have been proud of you, David.

**Dennis Robinson Grear's**

**1949-50.**

*In the Dec 1955 Red Rose there is a glowing tribute to Teddy on his retirement and I have extracted just a little of it. The author is not known. Ed.*

"Under his guidance Edwards' House gained laurels on the games field and on the sports field, as School records show. As trainer and instructor he showed great acumen, shrewdness and "savoir faire". His teams displayed a finesse and subtle slickness which invariably brought victory. But in spite of this, he was never quite happy—the ball was the wrong shape! The members of his House affectionately called him "Teddie". To them he was just an elder brother: easy to approach at all time; ready with encouragement. He believed in "Joy through Games", and had a happy knack of persuading sensitive, awkward and physically handicapped boys to take up some sort of physical recreation. He started badminton at school which became very popular.

Those whom he taught will always remember his cheerfulness and optimism. His patience and forbearance with the less-gifted pupil was inexhaustible. By his sympathy and kindness he endeared himself to all, and encouraged many who might have fallen by the way.

He devised ingenious methods to show the working of the Solar System. One of these models is still in use in the Geography Room. Again, some years ago, with a band of enthusiastic helpers, he constructed large, relief models of the Lake District. These are admired by all who see them. It is said the L.M.S. Railway wanted to purchase some of them. He has ever been able to persuade people, in all walks of life, to do his bidding—while letting them imagine they were free agents, pleasing themselves! The possession of such power over others is vouchsafed only to the few: but this flair of "finding work for gentle folk to do" is a "sine qua non" in a Second Master worthy of the name: and who amongst us, his colleagues, will forget those ineffable moments when he appeared suddenly in our midst, note-book open, pencil poised, and sent us about none of our business?"

**Geraldine Evans**

**1936-2007**

Old Georgians will be sorry to hear of the death of Geraldine Evans, Principal from 1983 to 1991. Over 100 people attended her funeral on 16<sup>th</sup> November, showing the widespread respect and affection for Geraldine in the local community.

Geraldine's portrait at KGV encapsulates how she broke the mould. Her predecessors, all men and Headteachers stare down, clad in academic gowns, holding books, the symbol of learning. Geraldine, who was the first woman ever appointed as Principal of a Sixth Form College (in Cleveland) eschewed academic dress, and insisted that her portrait should include Henry the First, her prize winning silver tabby cat. Long after his demise that portrait reminded members of SMT of various incidents in the Principal's office!

Geraldine Evans was born in 1936 into a Gloucestershire labouring family at a time when rural poverty was widespread. She broke out when she won a place at Stroud Grammar School and thence at Westfield College London to read History. After a spell at Cadbury's and in West Africa, both extraordinary for a woman, she went into teaching and History remained her passion. At KGV she always took a keen interest in the History Department, encouraged Drama productions like "Oh What A Lovely War" and "Mother Courage", and senior staff meetings were peppered with historical allusions to the irritation of the non historians. In her retirement she loved to go on Battlefield Tours in India, Africa and Spain.

As Principal, Geraldine gave the College new directions. An experienced manager with a razor sharp mind, she could get to the crux of an issue by asking penetrating and persistent questions as the LEA found to its cost. A strategic thinker with a good political "nose" she ensured that the fledgling KGV did not fall prey to the Tertiary eagle. Unfazed by criticism or opposition she pursued her ideals, and the College enjoyed huge academic success appearing in the top 5 nationally. Yet she was not elitist – she really



believed in equality of opportunity and with her robust straight talking she could inspire students, telling them that they only had to work to seize life's opportunities.

She had a vision for the future and many of her initiatives had long term impact. The Faculty Tutor system helped KGV to gain a reputation for outstanding pastoral support. She appointed the first Equal Opportunities Co-ordinator, and encouraged the Special Needs Provision which put KGV 10 years ahead of Government initiatives. She was enthusiastic about TVEI, which did so much to promote IT in College, and European Studies. She hosted the young Charles Kennedy who came to speak to the students in a fierce snowstorm. Most important she argued for the inclusion of vocational courses. She brought about the transformation of KGV into a genuine co-ed institution.

After her sudden retirement in 1991 Geraldine made a new career. Having graduated with an LLB while she was Principal, she went to Balliol College Oxford as a Post Graduate, specialising in Employment Law and then sat on the Benefits Tribunal. She taught Law at Edge Hill, where one student commented, "*She was the best teacher I've ever had*", and at Liverpool University. She even did supply at KGV in 2005. At a time when most people are slowing down she put her boundless energy into Bridge, walking and playing golf. She became the first female director of Hillside Golf Club a few months before she died.

*Obituary kindly written by Pauline Collier, Assistant Principal 1990 – 2006*

### **Gordon Berwick**

**1929-2007**

Gordon Keay Kinnear Berwick died at home in Rochdale on 5<sup>th</sup> December 2007 aged 78 from combined heart failure and diabetes. He was born in Southport 4<sup>th</sup> May 1929 and had two sisters Dorothy and Betty, and from his father's first marriage, a brother Reg. After first meeting Pat Williams in Fozzards Milk Bar in Southport in the late forties, they eventually married in Our Lady of Lourdes, Birkdale on 9<sup>th</sup> June 1956. Educated at KGV (1940 -1946), he later attended St Mark's and St John's College in Chelsea and then joined the Army for his National Service in the 40<sup>th</sup> Field Regiment, Education Corps in Germany. On his return to the UK, Gordon moved into the textile industry where he worked for Vantona Textiles and later Joshua Hoyle Textiles in Rochdale. In 1969, a promotion to Manchester meant a move away from Southport to North East Lancashire and the Rossendale Valley. He



continued working in the textiles world setting up his own manufacturing company Diamar Textiles supplying sheets and pillow cases to customers such as the NHS and Pontins. Later he also set up Graphic Creations a company ahead of its time in some respects, forging a road into the brand new world of digital printing onto textiles in 1989. He retired to Rochdale in the mid nineties. He was Southport Rugby Club Captain from 1956-59 and joined Hesketh Golf Club where he remained in close touch with many of the members. When he moved over to Rossendale, he joined the Rochdale Golf Club in 1972 and became Captain of

Rochdale Golf Club in 1985, Vice President in 1998 and eventually President in 2001-2002. He is survived by Pat and their three sons. He is also survived by his sister Betty and her husband Phil (Kay) who still live in Birkdale.

### **Richard Rigby**

**1916-2007**

Richard attended Chuchtown Primary School and then in 1927 went to KGV Boys Grammar School. He was a very good pupil being awarded a scholarship by the Manchester Chamber of Commerce to study at Manchester University. In the meantime, he continued to attend KGV, becoming the oldest student (probably as old as some of the Teachers), smoking in the Prefects Common Room and playing sport, particularly rugby for the 1st XV, (not a dirty player but went in hard, or so he said).

He was 21 when he left to go to Manchester University but could not finish the course as he was called up on 5th August 1940 and joined the RAF, going on to train as a pilot flying Hawker Hurricanes. However he was grounded after passing out on a training flight and needing an operation. He was unable to return to his studies on demobilisation and instead joined the Civil Service in the Inland Revenue where he eventually rose to the rank of Inspector of Taxes. Outside work he played football, rugby, badminton and tennis and was involved heavily in Churchtown Congregational Church (now Churchtown United Reformed Church) serving on many committees. He will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

*Alan Rigby (Son)*

Gabriel Hart was a gifted scholar in Woodham's House from 1933 to 1941. He was also a keen swimmer and an active theatre player and stage hand for the annual theatre production. He gained a State Scholarship to Caius College at Cambridge where he joined John Hulm and Keith Runcorn, both of whom pursued distinguished careers in pure science. Gabriel's talents took him on a different path.

Having read Mechanical Sciences at Cambridge he was seconded to the Department of Scientific Research and Experiment in the Admiralty as an electrical engineer. This stemmed from the sixth form at K.G.V when he took a course in engineering at Southport Technical College. While at Cambridge, Gabriel with his small stature made an ideal cox, and in 1942 coxed the Gonville and Caius 2nd Lent Boat Races.

Post-war Gabriel was active in the electrical industry, with several inventions to his credit. In the early fifties his career switched from electrical engineering to the nuclear power industry with the United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority. His career then entered a long association with the gaseous diffusion plant at Capenhurst, Cheshire, a facility for the enrichment of uranium for defence purposes and for fuelling nuclear power stations. This gave him the opportunity to combine his scientific and management skills, eventually becoming Works Manager of the Diffusion Plant.

For a brief period in the 1960s, Gabriel was seconded to the Ministry of Defence in London, from where he subsequently returned to Capenhurst. By this time he had met and married in London, journalist Elizabeth, who freelanced from their home in Chester. On the personal side, Gabriel's enthusiasm included leading Ramblers' Association parties to Andorra, Scotland and elsewhere. He was a keen skier (he could be seen descending the Swiss slopes with pipe in mouth). A keen bridge player, he was a valued committee member at Chester's Deva Bridge Club, and a useful supporter of the local Lib. Dems. He also had a lifelong interest in the Chester Theatre Club.

Gabriel died on May 16, 2005 shortly after he and Elizabeth celebrated their Ruby wedding. Throughout his career, he was a highly respected and much liked colleague, ever ready to assist others.

The youngest son of a solicitor's clerk, he was educated at King George V Grammar School from 1932 to 1939 and Liverpool University, where he took a first in electrical engineering in 1942. During the war he worked on demagnetising ships, underwater explosions and marine acoustics. He developed new kinds of sonar systems to detect torpedoes and mines, and for wave recording.

Beginning his working life in the Royal Navy Scientific Service in 1942, Ron Ackroyd went on to join the newly created United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority in 1954. On retirement, he continued as a visiting professor at London University, first at Queen Mary College and then at Imperial College. Using an Inverted echo sounder on the submarine Seneschal, he made the first accurate measurement of wave heights and frequencies in North Atlantic storms. This had significant implications for the D-Day landings.

After the war, during which he took his MEng, he was appointed Munition Fellow in Engineering and then lecturer in electrical engineering at the University of Liverpool, working on a unified theory of electrical machines. He received his PhD in 1949 and then worked on a secret project, the stability problem of the gaseous diffusion plant, to enrich uranium for defence purposes, planned for Capenhurst in Cheshire. He became a senior principal scientific officer and continued to be an honorary lecturer in electrical engineering and PhD supervisor at Liverpool University. During this time he worked on the design of nuclear power stations, the processing plants at Windscale and the performance of the first Dounreay fast reactor.

He made a range of non-nuclear inventions, including a car that was fumeless in urban areas and burned fuel only on the open road. Other inventions included a hybrid analogue-digital computer. This computer was built in the electrical engineering department of Liverpool University with the results published in the Proceedings of the Institution of Electrical Engineers. His wife, Thelma, survives him with their daughter and son

### **T.B.L.(Bleddwyn )Davies**

Bleddwyn Davies died in December 2007. He taught Classics at KGV from 1963 to 1976, coached the 1<sup>st</sup> XV and was Housemaster of Grear's, from 1968 to 1976 before leaving to take a position at Bishop Rawsthorne's School, Croston. His widow, Pauline, taught French and Latin at school from 1973 to 1980. He also leaves a daughter, Ruth.



## Dr John Kenneth Hulm

1923-2004

J. K. Hulm attended KGV from 1934-1941 and in his final year was captain of Rogers House. He was the first pupil from the School to achieve both a major state award and an open scholarship to Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge where he studied physics. After graduating he spent the rest of the war years at Farnborough air research laboratories and afterwards returned to Cambridge to earn a PhD specialising in solid state physics and low temperatures. He married a Cambridge girl and they moved to Chicago where he worked at the university for five years. He then joined Westinghouse Research Laboratories in Pittsburg and eventually became Director of Planning and Research and then Chief Scientist. He was internationally recognised for his work in cryogenics and was proud to be elected to the US National Academies both of Engineering and of Sciences.

He was a life-long steam railway enthusiast (his father worked on Cheshire Lines station) and had an encyclopaedic knowledge of railway history and practice in Britain and the USA. He retired in 1989 but suffered a disabling stroke which cut short his "retirement career" as a consultant. He died in 2004 and his wife, Joan and their five children still live in America. John always retained his affection for Southport and visited whenever he could. He was proud of having attended KGV and was particularly grateful to headmaster George Millward who saw his potential and encouraged him to aim high.

*I would like to thank Thelma, widow of Ronald Ackroyd, for providing all three of the previous obituaries through her acquaintance with the families involved.*  
Ed.

## Izatt Douglas Burns

*I have been informed by the brother of Izatt Douglas Burns that he died on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb 2007. He attended KGV 1952-1957 Ed.*

## Brian Rimmer (Evans')

1947-54

The death is reported of Brian Rimmer, in the summer of 2007 at his home in Leeds from cancer. He was the older brother of the twins Michael and David and also of Allan .

## COLLEGE NEWS

A wide range of student activities has taken place including Geology students travelling to Ingleton and Shap for field work; Media students visited Granada Studios in Manchester; Classics students visited the British Museum in London and were given the rare honour of visiting the Sir John Sloane Museum, which is open by invitation only; 18 Health and Social Care students attended an Aimhigher, two day residential at Liverpool University; IT students went to Whitehaven to see business processes and information systems in action in a small company. The company had taken advice from students last year regarding the computerisation of the organisation.

We are delighted to have appointed Ian Swift from Cardinal Newman Sixth Form College head of Curriculum and Quality at Vice Principal level. Also, we have appointed Pauline Hewitt previously at Kennet Prison, where she was managing learning programmes, as the new Assistant Principal.

The Learning and Skills Council Executive Director, Helen France, visited College in April . She was very approachable and interested in the work of the College. Nationally, the LSC is going through yet more of its Agenda for Change and the Government's White Paper which will complete their re-organisation. What this means for us is that power will be lost from local LSC and go to Region.

Ofsted came for a 'minor' inspection in May and gave us quite a grilling, followed by a very positive report. I would like to thank the staff in particular for turning up trumps as ever.

The grades awarded were:-

Key Aspect 1 (How well do learners achieve?)	Grade 2 - Good
Key Aspect 2 (Leadership and management)	Grade 1 - Outstanding
Key Aspect 3 ( Overall quality of provision)	Grade 1 – Outstanding
Overall Effectiveness	Grade 1 – Outstanding

In the A-Level exams, the overall 99% pass rate was the highest ever with BTEC courses performing equally well. 30 subjects achieved 100% pass rate . Modern Greek and Russian had one candidate each both gaining A grades! September saw 863 new students enter College taking the total of 16 – 19 year old full time students to 1587. We have put a new tutorial system in place. The old system with 68 tutors across college was too unwieldy. There are now specialist Personal Tutors with half their time dedicated to looking after students pastorally. It appears to have been one of the best starts to the year and the tutor system has been a significant contributor to this.

**Peter Lynas**

**Vice Principal**

## DEVELOPMENT PLANS

*This article appeared in the Southport Visiter of Nov.16th*

KGV College is pushing ahead with plans for a multi-million pound new build. The college on Scarisbrick New Road is currently inviting architects to draw up plans for the re-model. The Southport Visiter understands the grant could be in the region of £30 million, however college principal Hilary Anslow said proposals for a "significant and ambitious" new build were at an early stage.

She said KGV would not know the result of the funding until early 2008 and said the project depended on "substantial funds" from the Learning and Skills Council. She said: "If we get the money, there is a very exciting future ahead for the college, but we have not applied for the grant yet so the figure could be more, it could be less.

"We are currently interviewing architects and they are drawing up their plans. We cannot do anything until we get the architects in and it has been approved. "The application procedure will start in February 2008."

Ward councillors have been briefed on the re-model and Meols Cop High chair of governors, Councillor Maureen Fearn was yesterday due to brief school governors on the KGV re-design. The Kew ward councillor confirmed rumours about a £30m expected grant and said: "A re-model of KGV and plans to build out on the land came up at a Children's Services meeting. "It was announced the College hopes for this to take place. It's all in the preliminary stages, it's all to look forward to."

If given the go-ahead, an eventual new build would enhance facilities for KGV. Cllr Fearn hopes part of the land to be built upon would be shared with Meols Cop High and said: "Working with KGV is something that we've always wanted to do. Most of the pupils from Meols Cop High go on to KGV so we hope to strengthen our links.

"We are now going to have a meeting between Meols Cop and KGV and hope to meet with the two headteachers, the two chair of governors and the director of Children's Services."

Peter Lynas told the Association .. "We have spent significant amounts of time with architects and project designers in relation to the major College rebuild we hope to put in place in the near future. One important thing to sort out is some synergy between the sports field development project and the College rebuild project "

## BOOKSHELF

### "Carry On Car-Making, Life in China after Longbridge"

**The trials, tribulations and successes of an Automotive Engineer  
by Ian Pogson CEng. FIET**

Ian was born in Lytham St Annes in 1958, lived in Blackpool until the age of 11, when his family moved to Southport, Lancashire. He was further educated at King George V Grammar School, staying an extra year because it was such an excellent place! He left in 1977 to start his degree at Lanchester Poly, firstly in Rugby, then Coventry. Ian is married with three children and lives in Finstall, Bromsgrove. He is a Chartered Automotive Engineer who began his career in 1980 as a Graduate Trainee for Land Rover. He worked his way around the many plants which made up the Rover Group and latterly for Powertrain Limited, the engine and transmission arm of MG Rover. As part of the latter's last-ditch attempt to court an international partner, Ian worked in Shanghai, China, from the start of January 2005 to redundancy upon the collapse of MG Rover that April.

He returned to work and lived there over a one year period from June 2005 to 2006 and this is his story. He wrote a daily diary (now a book\*) of the ups and downs of being away from family and of the cultural clashes which occurred in trying to teach and guide his Chinese hosts, towards making a National car for China. His story, lavishly illustrated to suit the audience, is an amusing Westerner's view on Eastern society as it absorbs and assimilates Western values. Ian is indebted to his Chinese hosts and wishes them well with their venture, continuing as they do towards domination of world manufacturing.

\*The book, "Carry On Car-Making – Life in China after Longbridge" ISBN 1-85858-4094, published by Brewin Books is available from the author or any bookshop. Ian has also contributed to a book on Outsourcing, which is to be published in November 2007. (Outsourcing and Human Resource Management - An International Survey, Edited by Prof. Ruth Taplin)."

# BREW IN BOOKS

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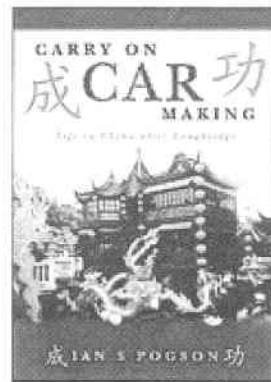
### *Carry On Car Making*

*Ian S. Pogson*

Everyone knew that MG Rover needed a big partner if it were to survive, let alone thrive. No such partner was forthcoming. Almost as a last throw of the dice, everything was thrown into a link up with Shanghai Automotive and key figures went over to China. One of them was Ian Pogson. But it was not to be. Loughridge could not be saved.

There are many reasons why this is so, but this book is not about them. Instead it is a fascinating and unusual account of one man's life in a country that will soon become the industrial and economic powerhouse in the world but which remains such a mystery to us in Britain. It is a thoughtful, considered and first-hand account of Ian's determined attempts to learn about China and its people and to understand them. Usually such accounts come from the minds and pens of travel writers. The joy of Ian's approach is that he brings China alive in a down-to-earth yet compelling account and he enables us to find out a little more about the country that will come to dominate the world.

*Professor Carl Chin*



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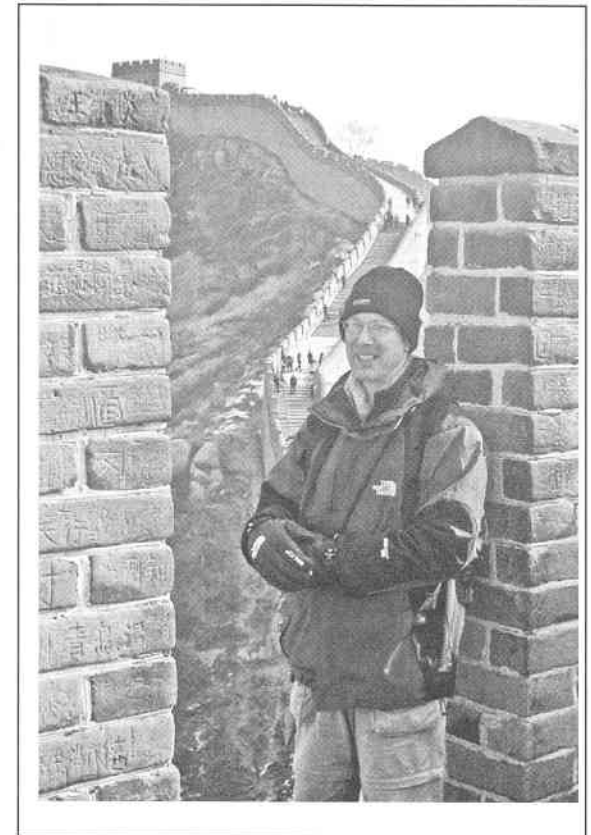
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"I wrote this book as my daily diary after sending e-mails home during my first stint working for Powertrain (January 2005 to April 2005). Someone expressed that they enjoyed my "take" on China and my view of life out there, so when I returned to The Orient in June, why did I not write a journal? Someone once said there is a book in everyone and I am just a regular Automotive Chartered Engineer and this is mine.

Many of my colleagues have similar stories, so this is theirs too. The result is the realisation of a life-long dream, that of writing my own book. I have written articles and had these published in the technical press before, but this is my first effort at my own story. Apart from a couple of pages by colleagues and a few copied hotel communications, the book is all my own work. It is meant to be entertaining and may help people who are planning to work out there, others who have been and want to share experiences or for someone who just wants to know what happens in everyday Shanghai.

**Ian Pogson CEng. FIET**



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### The Diary of a Southport Boy by Paul Bagshaw

Can you please let Paul know I bought his book in a charity shop, many, many, miles from home! I am a real Sandgrunder and have worked all over the UK, in Australia and Florida and now live on a mountain in North Wales but will soon be living in Malta in the winters and summers here in North Wales. I enjoyed the book, but most of all he filled in the gaps on the cinemas, having visited everyone of them with my maternal Grandmother. Recently I lost my Mum who still lived in the same house in Lytham Road with my Father for the last 50 years. Mum was 23 days short of her 87<sup>th</sup> birthday and on the day she died, St Patrick's Day, she picked all 7 winners from the TV racing on the Saturday afternoon.

No mention in Paul's book of the girls over the fence with the white out-of-bounds marks on both sides. I was one of Miss Cragg's young ladies at Meols Cop and one of the first to take GCEs at a secondary school in Southport. I came out with 9 O-levels, all passes, no grades then, you passed or you didn't and 2 A-Levels from the Technical College. I will be 62 in May and have organised 5 re-unions over the last 6 years. Ladies flew from all over the world. Tell Paul well done for getting into print!

Kind Regards

Pamela Jones Barcas

(previously Southworth and nee Wright , a good old Southport name.)

*Well, Baggers, there's more to this than meets the eye, a note of explanation to our Readers seems in order.*

*Ed.*

## Advice To Teachers

I lectured at the University of Central Lancashire from 1985 to 2006 when I took voluntary severance in order to write up my Ph.D. (entitled "Effects of solar particle events on geospace). I am glad to say that I successfully defended my thesis last June and I am currently a Visiting Research Fellow at UCLan. Getting out of teaching in HE was the best thing I ever did, as I regard the commercialisation of higher education as a gross folly. Hello to anybody from my era who happens to read this update.

Regards, **Martin Birch (Woodham's) 1964-71**

## A Red Rose Reader

Dear Alan

Feb 2007

Many thanks for the latest Red Rose. I always enjoy this "annual event" although because of my advancing years the number of names I recognise seems to diminish each year but not much can be done about that!

I liked the sports theme of the editorial and agree with your sentiments. There is no doubt that the demise of many state grammar schools in the seventies led to a general decline in school sports which was further exacerbated by the reluctance of some teachers to assist with extra curricular fixtures. The consequence was that sports clubs who wanted to survive and progress had to develop junior sections. Very many did just that and in spite of the honeyed words which drift down from the government it is safe to say that amateur sport thrives in England in spite of the state education system not because of it. As you noted the wealthier football clubs "went foreign" hence the dearth of English born players in the upper echelons. Perhaps the College might be persuaded to mention sporting successes in their next year's report.

One interesting feature in the magazine is "Bookshelf" and it prompted me to buy Ron Ellis's "Southport Faces" which our local WHS got for me in two days! As a long time exile I found it fascinating because the interviewees are more or less my vintage and what they said has helped me to understand the how and the why of developments in the town. If you speak to him tell him that I'm looking forward to "Southport Places" and will definitely buy a copy when published.

Finally it is pleasing to see that Bob Abram is still going strong. He won't remember me but when I started at KGV in 1939 (Leech's) he was obviously a VIP in the pupil hierarchy and an excellent role model for us new boys.

Yours Sincerely,

**Brian Whittle (1938-45)**

**Bridgnorth**

*Thanks once again for writing to me, Brian. It's the little things that make the job worthwhile, like your reference to several bits in the magazine which means you must have read it! If you haven't written to me, take this as a thinly disguised hint.*

Ed.

## From School to Skiing

Dear Mike (Hyde),

Do you remember me from KGV days, Dick Pearson from 119 Hampton Road? The photo shows how I have changed in 50 years. I'm the one on the



left with the beard. We were skiing at Lake Louise in the Rockies. One reason for writing is to give you my brother John's new address in Reading as he says he has lost touch. To give you a little of my life, we came to Canada and B.C. in 1979. We started in the north (Kitimat), 15 years in the interior (Vernon)

and now at the coast. Our 4 children and 3 grandchildren are all (surprisingly) within 100 miles of us. I retired early in pursuit of my skiing passion; downhill, cross country and backcountry. I downhilled 95 days one season. Now we are further from the mountains and I hike more and ski a lot less. I

just completed my 50<sup>th</sup> consecutive ski season and I work hard at keeping fit for many more.. I haven't broken a bone (yet)!

**Dick Pearson (1943-50)**

**Victoria, Brit. Columbia**

*Delighted to hear from times long ago and I do remember the Pearson family. As I recall our mothers were friends. I have restored your brother to the database. I'm sure it's time you visited your brother again – say next Easter – when we could meet at the O.G. Dinner. Regret that I am nowhere near as fit as you sound and am gradually developing into a bionic man without the mechanical super-advantages.*

Mike Hyde.

## A question of nostalgia

A few days ago, I was ineptly browsing the net when I chanced upon the Old Georgians Guest book and was intrigued to find dozens of letters from Old Boys, living and working in all four corners of the globe, many apparently, still keen to be associated with KGV school and other past pupils despite their having left school many long years ago. All were eager to share our common bond. I was amazed at the geographical spread of the correspondents; so much so that I felt that, if one were to scratch the surface of a town almost anywhere in the world, an Old Georgian would appear like a genie from a magic lamp!

I, unlike the majority of these correspondents, remained in Southport and fortunately, am still in regular contact with a few of my old school friends from my years at KGV. What drives this desire to keep in touch with our old school and its associations? When I was a boy, most of us reckoned we detested school and couldn't wait to leave, but now one wonders if we have, any of us, really left at all. Certainly, in spirit, we are still wearing the Red Rose on our sleeves.

What caused this? Why, when we muse over the past, do our thoughts drift to the Golden Age of our youth, and more specifically, to a stylish building set in extensive sports fields, and the characters we met and the activities and events we experienced within those hallowed walls? One remembers above all, the

people, both co-pupils and teachers, but, I feel that, for the majority of us, the staff made the biggest and most lasting impression. Images of faces spring readily to mind, voices can still speak to us over the years, nicknames abound - Tufty, Neb, Timberdick, Froggy, Claude, Fat Bill, and numerous others, the stern Boss, the Uncompromising Rubberneck and many more, but although loved and detested in equal measure, they were all, I feel, respected for the dedication with which they pursued their calling.

We were fortunate indeed. The building too, evokes memories. Who can forget the smells of the labs or the sweaty aromas of the changing rooms after a match, or the bone-numbing chill of the ice-box? We can also recall the heady excitement of the house finals, the hilarity of some classroom event, or the quiet solemnity of the school hall on Founders day when, with great dignity, Mr Edwards (our beloved Teddy) read out the School Roll of Honour - and the realisation that those men had sat in these seats and that Teddy had known all of them. It was here that the importance of team spirit, reliability, human decency and courage was encouraged and nurtured within us. This then, is what we share, but there still remains the Question:-

Is it KGV remembered or KGV impossible to forget?

### **Godfrey Hand (1951-58)**

*(Bet you didn't wax so lyrical in your homework, 8 out of 10, see me in the Hesketh. Ed.)*

## **Red Roses in Wales**

Dear Alan,

Having been an avid reader of the Red Rose for many years since leaving KGV for the wide world, I felt perhaps I ought to try and contribute. I attended KGV from 1944 to 1950 in Woodham's House. I believe that my first term in Form 1 was the last term when my father had to pay £4.4.0 (four guineas) before education became free.

I can't say that I particularly enjoyed my spell at School (not because it was KGV). But looking back over my time since leaving I am grateful to the staff for instilling a great deal of knowledge and common sense into my thick skull. Maths., Chemistry and Physics came in very useful particularly during my time as a seafarer, English Grammar at all times as did Manual Training. Sports I was never enthusiastic over until cross country running and swimming became available. I was, until a recent heart attack, a keen mountain biker. I still swim frequently and walk several miles on the lower mountain slopes and in the valleys several times each week.

A favourite cycle ride during my school days with several other boys was from Southport to Liverpool, through the Mersey Tunnel (yes it was legal in those days and it was free!), lunch at Chester. Then on to Runcorn / Widnes crossing the Mersey on the old Transporter Bridge and back to Southport via the US Air Force base at Burtonwood for afternoon tea courtesy of some friendly US servicemen who entertained us at the PX (their canteen). We returned the compliment by inviting some of them to our homes for tea, much to the surprise of some of our mothers, to whom we had forgotten to mention our invitation.

Since leaving at age 16, I have variously followed callings of Merchant Navy Officer, Life Assurance salesman, bespoke window blind manufacturer and latterly as a self employed driving instructor, retiring three years ago. I have for many years lived in North Wales but lately share my time between my home in North Wales and a friend's home in the English Lake District.

During this time as an old boy I was a colleague of the Davies twins from Norwood Road serving our apprenticeship with Alfred Holt and Co., (the Blue Funnel Line) of Liverpool. Colin Allister and I served with the Cunard Line and Abbey Life Assurance, Liverpool. Colin died several years ago. Tony Delahunty, whose father I think had a cycle shop somewhere in the Sussex Road area was with Abbey Life at the same time as Colin and I. My sadly missed and deceased wife was Barbara Halliwell who attended the High School and having done her nursing training at Preston Royal Infirmary continued nursing even after raising our two children until ill health forced her to retire. I enclose a photo of Form Upper 5 B after School Certificate Exams,

I guess in 1950. Top row from Left to Right: Brian Taylor, George Cowley, Gordon Andrews, George Smith, Ian Robert Thompson, Ian Davidson and Basil Lonsdale.

Middle row from Left to Right: Dennis Sutton, Colin Houghton, Peter Edwards, Ken Ball, David Jones, Jimmy Gibbons, Tommy Morecroft, J. Holt, R. Marsden.

Bottom row from Left to Right: Herbert Hatley, George Linaker, Geoff (Charles ?) Mansbridge, Tommy Howard, Derek Partington, Myself (David Wareing) and Harold Kerr.



Missing are Cedric Platt, Trevor Seed and Mike Wareing.

Now that I am retired I would welcome news from any past (or present) students who may contact me by email at [dcw@technofix.co.uk](mailto:dcw@technofix.co.uk) or snail mail at Wern y Pistyll, Cynwyd, Corwen, LL21 ONA. Yours truly,

**David Wareing (1944-50)**

*A few memories for me there David. Colin Allister and I started at KGV in TransX in 1947, Tommy Howard and I played soccer together at Leyland Road and Pills Ball and I were mates in Edwards' House teams. Hope you are soon contacted.*  
*Ed.*

## Memory Lane, Kent

I was at KGV from 1963 to 1968, in Woodham's, along with my brother Donald Cooke who was there 1963 to 1967. My great memories of KGV are the following: Winning the inter-house cross country championship. All the "Bob Dylan Rules" inscribed rucksacks walking down the corridors. The inter-house choir competition when Woodham's won under the directorship of John Strutt about 1967. The hockey matches and winning the Lancashire Schools tournament at Sefton Park with Pete Thomas's winning goal against Liverpool Collegiate in the Final (Pete went on to play for England).

The Founder's Day cricket matches and Knocker Norris hitting the school team for six, then we found out he had been a former county player. Going to watch the great Southport football team with my mates, winning promotion to Div Three and reaching the Fifth Round of the FA Cup under manager Billy Bingham. Finally winning my full Colours for cross country and hockey. We had a great hockey team with six county schoolboys in the side.

I went on to be a P.E. teacher and now I am a Headteacher in Kent, due to retire in two or three years. Oh, I forgot to mention those wonderful sixth form Film Society socials with Southport Girls High School (I used to do the posters being fond of Art). Sorry to hear that the "Fez" George Dixon, died. He had a good heart and was passionate about the School. I would love to hear from anyone from those years.

**Mike Cooke**

**Kent**

*It's a long way from Kent, Mike, but perhaps when you retire you will make it to the Dinner. In the meantime, post a message in the Guest Book which is in the OG's section of the College website.*

## The KGV College website.

Access to the Old Georgians' section has changed slightly from last year . Search your browser for [www.kgv.ac.uk](http://www.kgv.ac.uk) This opens the KGV homepage. Click on "Visit the Old Georgians Website " in the bottom left hand corner. To enter the Guest Book click on the red rose icon alongside it, then click on the button in the centre which alternates between "click here" and "view my guestbook".

At KGV 1951-57 (Spencers) joined the navy after leaving, then worked for Vickers shipbuilders in Barrow and was for 17 years Bursar of YMCA National Centre, Lakeside. Now retired.

**Derek Ball**

**Barrow**

My son Matthew gained his place after A Levels at Swansea Uni and will be studying mechanical engineering in Sept 2007. Taking gap year working at Blacks Outdoor Equipment in Llandudno to earn some dosh. Great hearing from Old Georgians. Apologies to the late Pegleg Wakefield as this entry is no doubt not up to scratch in respect of his standards and attempts to teach me grammar and sentence construction.

**David N. Everett**

**Rhos-on-Sea**

Still contemplating who to sue for mental and physical damage incurred at School dinners – Neb was my Housemaster. Just recalled that I was expelled on the last day of my seven years (1952-1959) for the polyfilla in all the locks in the School "incident". Escaped to teach in Africa, Nelson and Canada. Now working in media and marketing for UK and other specialist sports car companies and based on Vancouver Island in the Pacific. I can never forget KGV – and that's the problem!

**Chris Beddows**

**Vancouver Island ,BC, Canada**

A message for Arnold Chamley whose letter is in the current Red Rose. You might be interested to know that RJ Thompson made a brief return to the School as a supply teacher in the late 50's and his methods of teaching us French verbs while marching up and down the classroom chanting e; es; e;ons;ez; ent; still comes in useful living in Geneva. That was the beauty of KGV – there was always a feeling of continuity.

It is worth opening the Red Rose from time to time. On reading Colin Williams' article (page 18, 2007) and noting he also lives in Geneva, I contacted him. The reply included a question as to whether it was my father who had employed him part-time between School and University and during vacations at the local DVLA office. I had to find a holiday job which involved cycling to Port Sunlight and back six days a week. On passing this piece of useless trivia to my daughter (also

in Geneva) , she replied "I know him, he gave a lift to myself and a group of friends recently..." The story stops here. Who else is in Switzerland apart from Adam Gough and Dereck Halsall?

**Paul Everett**

**Geneva**



Froggie , Sports Day 1952

I was delighted to read the letter from Arnold Chamley, pointed out to me , with due reverence as Froggie's son. As a new boy in 1935 I had French from the mild-mannered Thos Pye and the more formidable Froggie. I was already reasonably competent in French , so I managed to avoid the dreaded "Room Two at Four O'Clock". Froggie was strict on discipline but very fair. On one occasion he gave a suspected miscreant a traditional slap on the back of the head but on finding he had admonished the wrong lad, lowered his own head and said " Very Sorry, now you give me a good slap". This instruction was obeyed amid cheers and merriment.

A very fair man indeed, with a sense of humour better appreciated when one got accustomed to his foibles. I am grateful to Arnold for his explanation about the wooden propeller outside the Art Room, (What happened to it when the old school was demolished?) and about Joe Mayne's gloves. It was rumoured that Joe had a steel plate in his head as a result of War Service. True or Not?

I have many memories of all the people mentioned by Arnold. Keith Runcorn was School Captain when I was in the sixth form and his death in USA was a tragic end to a brilliant career. Best wishes to all Georgians, especially Octogeorgians like myself and thanks to those dedicated people who manage the website.

**John Goldberg**

**Chester**

After a great grounding in maths, statistics and economics from Messrs Abram, Gordon and Topping, I qualified as a Chartered Accountant in 1975 and have enjoyed a varied career in finance. This has covered the differing worlds of auditing (Price Waterhouse, Liverpool ), football pools (Littlewoods, Liverpool) until someone had the bright idea of creating a National Lottery, and prisons (HM Prison Service – on the right side of the fence!).



I Now have 2 local part time jobs, allowing me to spend more time with my football and cricket teams. I am treasurer of the Southport F C supporters trust (Trust in Yellow) and the Southport and District Amateur Cricket League. Those who played in the school cricket teams with me from Under 14 level onwards might be surprised to know that I am still turning out (for Churchtown in the District League) and that I have even managed to hit the odd boundary!

**Phil Carder (Spencer's 1963-69)**

**Southport**

Chris Beddow's brief comment about Neb has finally forced me to post this article. My diary for 7<sup>th</sup> December 1975. (Day 3 of a solo walk through the Papuan jungle) reads ....'drop down to a stream. Feeling hungry, cold and tired in that order so make a dish of cold mashed potato. Am very nearly sick and so throw half of it away. Set off again preparing myself for a night in the open...' The relevance? why I was not sick . I have Neb to thank for this. By the time I was in Mason's, Neb was no longer my Housemaster, nor was he in charge of any of Mason's dinner tables. The stories abounded of young lads being forced to eat gristle and lumps of uncooked mashed potato, or ram down their throats that extra helping of veg which they had foolishly asked for by mistake, while Neb stood behind them sneering "eat up boy", reinforced by the fruitless, pathetic attempts of those who wanted to change sittings so they could attend some lunchtime society. Very few dared swap with them. Finally, certain that my stomach could handle anything, I plucked up courage and volunteered to sit on Neb's table from time to time. Few were so brave; my first visit elicited looks of wonder (or sympathy) from the sad workhouse-like faces of those whose fate it was to be doomed to this daily lunchtime torture.

So after my first spoonful of cold mashed potato on that cold, misty and wet afternoon which seemed to freeze in my throat before it reached my stomach, I thought of Neb and his reaction to such weakness. This, more than the fact that I was forcing myself to eat in order to build up energy, worked for about five large spoonfuls. After that, I accepted the fact that even the image I had conjured up of Neb standing behind me with water dripping from his mortarboard on to his nose (neb) was not enough to continue. I dispelled the image and left a pile of congealing, yellowy-white substance for whatever insect might care to partake - I am sure it is still there.

On the fact that Chris was expelled on his last day at school, I ask myself if this was the same incident where white lines were painted down the corridor and the words 'cattle crossing here' were painted outside Geoffrey Dixon's office. Our year never aspired to such heights.

And what of Neb? He had been teacher at KGV when my father was there (Mason's 1929-34?) but left during our final year to teach (rumour has it) at a girls' school. Maybe our year did achieve the impossible but that is another story.

**Paul Everett (1958-65)**

**Geneva**

*Some articles I receive make me feel like a referee who wants to throw the whistle away and join in the game. The one above from Paul Everett, who, I must say has contributed several times whilst I have been Editor with very readable material, has caused me to use my two fingers ( to type). Firstly I had to check up who Neb was. I left in 1954 and was taught Maths by Lettuce. So sometime between then and 1965 his nickname changed to Neb and me being an Engineer, a lover of Maths and having been in the Trans stream, must have seen a different side to Mr Lessiter. I could imagine that after a morning teaching students who were not that easy to teach that his frustration might have affected his approach to dinner times. Then I was confused about your description of being cold in the Papuan Jungle . It was 1975 and Global warming has changed things since then. With you having been a Prefect, a Librarian and Chairman of the Debating Society I have formed an impression of someone who is literate rather than numerate ( an expression my wife, an ex-librarian uses).*

*So in my attempt to balance opinions of Lettuce, I append a few lines from the Red Rose of July 1965 and the "School Notes".*

.....At the end of this term Mr. A. G. Lessiter retires from the staff. His record of service at this school, exactly 40 years, is far longer than that of any other member of staff and stretches back to the Woodlands days. For some twelve years he was Housemaster of Mason's House and has been Head of the Mathematics Department since 1952. Generations of sixth formers have learned to value Mr. Lessiter's excellent and rigorous teaching of his subject. He has been responsible for the very high standard achieved by generations of sixth formers and his work has played a major part in the winning of numerous Open Scholarships to both Oxford and Cambridge.

*I do hope we haven't heard the last of this , Paul.*

*Ed.*

Nice to see the old place still causes comment. Where are the rest of you? Said hello to Pete Ray and Steve Adamson. Love to know how Col Campbell, Graham Brownhill, John Bateman got on. Still see "Mac" once a year. Having trouble remembering the others after 30years. Frightening how quick it goes !

**Colin Jones (Spencer's 71-76)**

**Uttoxeter**

Can't believe I'm doing this....my only recurrent memories of KGV are of the number of illegal devices I was hit with (by the staff), the rest is people like Ross Lawson- has anybody seen or heard of him in the last 25 years? I would appreciate a contact if he's still on planet Earth,

I am a university lecturer part time and an architect full time. I work mainly in various parts of China and some in New Zealand and don't miss the UK at all. I am coming over for a holiday in 2008 so look out Southport.....

**Roger Billington (Spencer's 1962-68)**

**Auckland & Shanghai**

Seeing Steve Adamson's mention of rugby coaching makes me wonder if he means 'Blod Davies' (rugby, Latin and French teacher) rather than Mr Blog. I recall one time when us hardened rugby types (ie real men in the making) were giggling about the hockey players. It was Blod who told us that hockey was a far more violent sport than rugby. Blod and his wife, Ma Blod (what else?) were certainly cunning linguists teaching French and Latin. I was a huge failure at French (apologies to Ma Blod and various others) but I must be one of the few KGV-ites who ended up using Latin. In the arcane world of Taxonomy we still have to describe new species in Latin!

**Nigel (Hywel-) Jones**

**Liverpool & Bangkok**

Great memories of KGV, some that still make me smile are the hundreds of us that used to gather outside one of the Portakabins whilst the afternoon register was called, waiting for Al Towler's name to be called, at which point there was always a riot; the Great Yogi Bear Heist and subsequent triumphal parading of Yogi around the Common Room; the Race Over the Common Room Roof when Monksy was carted around the School on a stretcher bleeding profusely after gashing his legs on the concrete wall; Steve Rigby writing "Neck" in chalk on Stu Robert's desk at the front of class every time Harry Smith turned his back; Nick Monks gently pulling stray hairs out of Hardwick's head whilst he was at the desk going through his homework and receiving an almighty elbow in the ribs for his troubles; the humming in Big Ben Lacey's class; Seghead vaulting over the desks like an Olympic athlete when someone let off a fumigation tablet – great stuff. Keep it coming. Still in touch with Keith Prokop who is now in New Zealand, Andy Holmes once in a blue moon, Alastair Ford and Terry Fleetwood. Got a great education along the way too.

**Steve Rowson**

**Perth, Australia**

Lived in Manchester for a number of years. Chartered Accountant by trade but work as a CFO in pharmaceuticals. Emigrated to Canada 3 years ago. Still connected to Southport with my father. I have many happy memories of KGV including great friends and good teachers. The photo of Long Rigg looks just as grim as I recall, though!! I think I recognise the sheep in the picture.

**Richard Leigh (1973-80)**

**Canada**

My clearest memories are of the Kingsway, Coronation, Scarisbrick Hotel and of course the Windmill. Job has taken me all over, including Dubai where I met my Mrs Kate – an Ozzy and now I'm trying to avoid skin cancer and patriotic locals who revel in England's cricket performances. Don't miss the weather or the traffic back there but I DO miss decent beer.

**Dave White (1985-87)**

**Cairns, Qld, Australia**

I'd love to see myself on the school photographs which used to hang on the corridor walls. Maybe they still do?

**David Edwards (Gears' 1959-63)**

**Bolton**

Just as Spock in Star Trek returns to his home planet every seven years, I return here to touch base every two years or so. Been in Vancouver for nearly 40 years. Canada has been good to me and it is a great country. Regarding my KGV years, names that never fade are Tony 'Trav' Travis and Mike 'Greeny' Greenwood. Hey! Do you guys ever visit Friends Reunited and click on the KGV site and find your year? I find it interesting that despite the thousands of us that attended KGV only a few people visit this site. Why?

**Roy Smith (Woodham's 1955-61)**

**Vancouver**

*Half a page needs filling here so I wonder if you heard about the Old Georgian who had been collecting lost golf balls on the Hesketh. He found enough to fill his pockets to bursting and went and caught the bus.*

*As it passed Argyle, a nice young lady in her tennis gear got on and sat by him. When she noticed the bulging trousers she kept glancing away and looking back.*

*Embarassed, the OG said "It's golf balls"*

*To which she enquired, "Is that as painful as Tennis Elbow?"*

*Still room for another.*

*The band U2 tries hard to raise funds for charity and at a recent concert they had decided to help the starving children in Africa. Bono came to the front of the stage and raised his arms till the audience was silent.*

*He started to clap his hands slowly and deliberately and after a dozen or so claps, said to the audience-*

*"Do you know, every time I clap my hands, a child dies in Africa?"*

*And someone shouted "Then stop doing it, you lousy so-and-so!"*

## ANNUAL DINNER

Maundy Thursday, 20th March 2008 8 p.m.

Formby Hall Golf & Country Club, Southport Old Rd. Woodvale L37 0AB

Tickets £24

Dress: Lounge Suit

AGM at 7 p.m.

**Speaker:** **Brian Viner** (Woodham's 1973-80)

Since 1999 Brian has worked for the Independent and he now is the newspaper's chief sports columnist and interviewer. In that time he has interviewed more than 250 of the most famous sportsmen and women in the world (but not Eric Redrobe!).

Brian has also written three books. "Tales of the Country" and "The Pheasant's Revolt" tell the story of how he, his wife Jane and children Eleanor, Joe and Jacob settled in rural Herefordshire after living in London. In his third book, "Ali, Pele, Lillee, and Me – A Personal Odyssey Through The Sporting Seventies", there are many references to his time at KGV.

### MENU

*Fan of melon and prawns*

*Gateau of Seasonal melons (Veg)*

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*Roast leg of Lamb*

*Leek and Gruyere Crown (Veg)*

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*Lemon cheesecake with Forest Fruits*

*Coffee & Mints*

## The O.G. Association Accounts for 2007

At the time of going to press last year the Association accounts for the calendar year 2006, (which is our financial year), were incomplete. The accounts for that year, now kindly audited by Duncan Burton, together with my unaudited accounts for 2007, are shown below.

<b>INCOME</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>
Life Memberships	121	100
Donations	508	410
Profit on Annual Dinner	1031	910
Profit on sale of Photos, Prints & Ties	51	98
Profit on Snooker & Darts Night	4	3
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TOTAL	1715	1521
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
KGV Projects	200	200
O.G's Trophy & Prize Money	-	126
Production and Postage of Red Rose	1108	1128
Printing, postage, stationery	7	76
Deposit for Dinner in 2008	-	500
Donation in memory of Geraldine Evans	-	30
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TOTAL	1315	2060
<b>Excess of Income over Expenditure</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>(539)</b>

### ASSETS

Cash at Bank	2473	1930
Stock of ties	492	466

Using my as yet unaudited figures, I can report the following. The profit from the Dinner has fallen steadily over the last 5 years from £1250 to £900 in spite of not having cheese and biscuits. Furthermore Formby Hall required the Association to pay in July this year a non-refundable deposit of £500 on the Dinner in 2008 and have increased the meal price to £20. The printing costs of the Red Rose has increased from £795 to £840. This is due to increased cost of paper and the order size increasing from 1220 to 1250. This year we established an annual prize called the Old Georgians' Student Award and this commits the Association to giving £100 every year to the winner. Treating the dinner deposit as a pre-payment still results in a loss of £39 on the year. We intend to reverse the trend in 2008 and the

restoring of the profit margin from £3 to £4 on each ticket will help in this matter. Without the Raffle at the Dinner contributing £800 to £900 the situation would be very serious. It would help if we could sell the 36 ties we have in stock and realize the £504 sales.

### **Donations to the Association**

The gratitude of the Association is offered to all those who have given financial help in 2007. Donations are extremely important, as can be seen from the accounts and this year, they have been most generous.

Our thanks go to:-

**Adrian Brown, John Bryce, David Charters, Bob Hayden, Harry Howard, Mike Heaton, C. S. and R.A. Hilton, Peter Longhurst, Dennis Robinson, Arthur Rimmer, Stephen Salt, Ken Wood and Brian Whittle.**

As our operating margin has fallen over the years since 2001, I have sought the advice of Peter Harper who maintains our Association pages within the college website. We have discussed whether offering an electronic version of the Red Rose would help reduce our postage costs. Let me say that the Association has a reasonable bank balance and we can, as we have always done, raise funds when necessary. We just need to check alternatives. Preparing my multi page Word document for the internet is something that would take quite some time and Peter would have to do that. The only way to find out if the effort would be worthwhile is to ask all members to consider the question..

### **“Would you agree not to take the Red Rose by post if it were available on the Internet?”**

If you do not want to change, (and this is not a pressure thing,) do **not** reply. If you would be happy to forgo the hard copy, please reply to me, with comments as you wish. For me, it wouldn't be as pleasurable to download all the A5 pages, print them A4 and staple them together to read it.. However you may very well have better ideas and see advantages that can help, maybe reading it on your computer without printing. If it helps you to decide, we deliver about 500 by hand locally, UK post costs 40p, Europe 1.31p and further afield £1.58. Each Red Rose costs 67p to print. We send out 1,240 copies in total. Please understand that at this stage, we are just seeing what members think. Peter and I don't want to create a bigger job that saves a little on the postage and takes hours extra of our time.

**Alan Bond**

**Treasurer and Editor**

## **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 All items are post free**  
**Please make cheques payable to ‘ Old Georgians Association’**

### **NEW! The items on video is also be available on DVD**

#### **NEW! Geoffrey Dixon Remembered**

87 mins, video of interviews and reminiscences

£7

**‘King George V School’** oil painting by Nancy Dixon,  
wife of G F Dixon A3 colour print (42cm x 29.7cm)

£7

**‘King George V College’** pastel drawing by Paul Bagshaw  
A3 colour print (42cm x 29.7cm)

£7

#### **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 OG's  
interspersed with photos covering 1920 to 1979 (81 mins)

£7

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

£7

#### **Old Georgians' tie**

(Black, 2 red and white stripes and a red rose and  
will be on sale at the Annual Dinner)

£9

#### **1930s vintage Old Georgians' tie**

(Mainly silver with red and black, similar to the Colours tie and  
will be on sale at the Annual Dinner)

£18

**\*Also available from Broadhursts, Market St, Southport**