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Dear Old Georgians,

I write this letter at the time of dotting the i's and crossing the t's for our "Application in Detail" proposal for the £38m rebuild of King George V College. As a part of that application we are dealing with banks at the time of the worst credit crisis of this generation. Gosh, what a steep learning curve! Negotiating a long term loan facility over 22 years and a short term revolving credit facility of over £15m, will be bread and butter for some of you – but all my training was in teaching. It is amazing what you have to learn in on-the-job training.

Thank goodness for the outstanding help and support, expertise and nerve of the Old Georgian members of the Governing Body. The exceptional commitment made by all Board members is invaluable. The College rebuild is looking ahead, but I know you also like to hear about how the College has performed over the period since my last President's letter. I am delighted to report that it has been another year of outstanding achievements for your alma mater.

Our results have remained outstanding, with A level at 98% and BTEC Nationals at 100%. Over 92% of our students gained a place at university and 12 took up places at Oxford or Cambridge. We have had a wonderful start to this academic year with the following student achievements:

- Emma Graney won National AoC Student of the Year award (from over 737,000 students who choose to study in colleges), see Photo A.
- Steve Reddie won the Regional and National Award for Services to the Community and received his award at the Tower of London see Photo C.
- KGV was the **only** College in the NW to receive 6 Awards in the National Good Schools Guide this year.
- 3 KGV students were awarded Helena Kennedy Bursaries at the House of Lords.
- 3 KGV Rugby players have been selected for the British Colleges Sport North West rugby squad, see Photo D.
- Emma Mossdrop has been selected for the British Hockey squad. See Photo B.
- KGV won Awards at the Senior UKMT Maths Challenge, beating local colleges.

- KGV Gold Certification – means entry to Maths Olympiad in Liverpool 2009.
- 2 KGV students have been selected to be Ambassador for Sport.
- Students have provided 47 luxury hampers for elderly residents in the town.
- Students have raised money for charities at home and abroad.

and I could go on.



Emma Graney Photo A



Emma Mossdrop Photo B

For out of classroom and extension activities our students have made a total of 75 visits over the last year. These activities have been as diverse as studying animal behaviour at Chester Zoo to an intensive Mandarin course at Sinoland Language School at the University of Beijing. All activities are challenging and diverse. They are designed to stimulate and to keep KGV students one step ahead in the competitive world they will go into. I look forward to the year ahead to face exciting new challenges and opportunities. The launch of the International Baccalaureate for students is one of the most exciting and I have just learned that a former pupil of King George V Grammar School will be an excellent contact for this.

Professor Jeff Thompson CBE was a pupil between 1949 and 1957. He is the Founding Director of the Centre for the Study of Education in an International Context at the University of Bath and has been a champion of the International Baccalaureate since the earliest days alongside a very distinguished career in science education. I will be in touch with him in January and I will certainly be asking if he is a member of the Old Georgians' Association!



Steve Reddie Photo C

I look forward to reporting on progress with the IB and the new build in the next President's letter this time next year.

Yours sincerely

**Hilary Anslow OBE**



Rugby Players  
Photo D

## CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

I attended KGV in it's first year as a sixth form college back in 1982. You have to understand that up until that year it had been a boys Grammar school and it was a big culture shock for both male and female students (and probably staff) to be attending a mixed sixth form college for the first time. You know we really didn't have any choice and both boys and girls alike just got on with it! It was a truly wonderful time and I made many, many great friends who remain so to this day. I even eventually achieved the required A-level grades to take me off to Newcastle University Dental School. Having lived and worked up in the North East I returned to Southport in 1995 buying a dental practice just up the road from KGV and setting up home in Birkdale.

I started attending the annual KGV reunion dinner, having a great time meeting up with old friends and over time hints were dropped with regards to me joining the committee. Eventually David cajoled me into accepting the role of Chairman, a position of which I am immensely proud. To be honest I haven't looked back and it has been a great year, supported by my willing and able committee. I have enjoyed attending the Spring, Autumn and Christmas music concerts at the college and the production of "Fame" demonstrated both the versatility of teaching and the high levels of ability of the students

My high point of the year so far has been to present the Old Georgians Student award to Hannah Iddon. This award, voted for by the students from a list of six nominations, is a great accolade, given to a very deserving recipient. Hannah apart from being a good all round hard working student had put time into training for and developing a system of "Peer Mentoring". Under this system students work alongside others suffering learning difficulties, for example those with dyslexia or dyspraxia, to support them with their studies.

It is important for you to realise that alongside the hardship fund your money is put to great use, the majority of which is raised at the annual dinner at Formby Hall Golf Club. I urge you all to book your seat for that event on Maundy Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup> April 2009. In addition to the dinner we are holding a fund-raising quiz night at Southport and Birkdale Sports Club on Saturday May 16<sup>th</sup>, which will be very good fun and hopefully raise more money for the association. I must thank David for offering me the opportunity to be Chairman this year, it was a joy to meet so many of you at last year's dinner and I look forward to meeting even more at this year's.

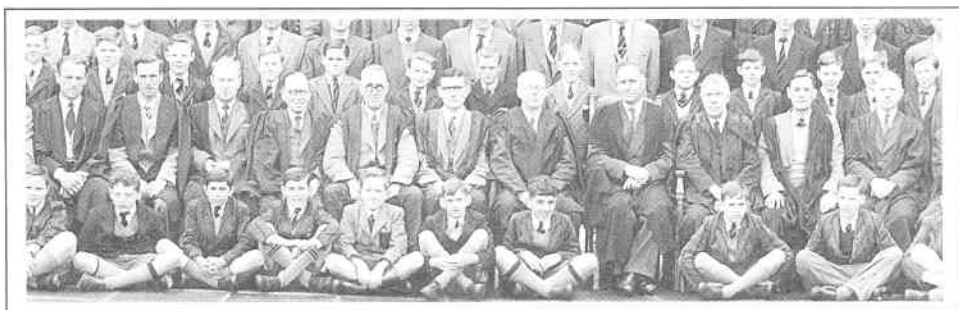
See you Maundy Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> April

**Cathryn Lapsley**

## LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

It was a great sadness when Bill Holden died in March 2008 aged 98. He was the oldest member in the Association. He left KGV in 1926, the first year of the new school. I have asked our membership secretary, Jon Elliott, to find out who the next oldest are, for example, E. Pickthall, P.Slater and G. Stocks, who have left KGV in 1928.

I have been Editor for 7 years. Each year makes me reflect about all those members, old, middle-aged and new. Last year there was a great reunion and this year will be as exciting to bring the new members together. The advert is in *Newsdesk* from John Fozard and Paul Bilton- don't miss it!



I was sent the school photographs from 1936 up to 1955 and to my pleasure, they were supplied my Mrs Doreen Woodham. What a fine picture of my favourite teachers! Looking at the staff, number 1 (Bob Abram) on the left to 11 ( Mr Hardaker) on the right: Geoffrey Dixon (8) and Tom Duncan (2) taught Physics, Alan Lessiter (6) taught Maths, Les Hargreaves (5) and Claude Woodham (9) helped me pass Chemistry, Bob Abram (1) and Hank Higham (10) made us the best yet at Rugby and Joe Edwards (7) and Mr Hardaker (11) were Housemasters of Edwards. I left KGV the year before, 1954, but the science teachers deserve my praise.

December 6<sup>th</sup> 2008 was a bad day when Southport F.C.(2<sup>nd</sup>), lost to Brian Whittle's Telford Utd.(3rd). I'm going to send him the report from the Visiter just to keep my spirits up, like beating Gainsborough 5-3 on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup>!

**Alan Bond**

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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	2007 D Lonsdale

This year has seen 21 new members, 8 boys and 13 girls join the Association.  
This takes our membership up to 1220.

Paul Arnold	Michael Macdonald
Hannah Austin	Danielle Malone
Clay Conlon	James Nixon
Katherine Croft	Rochelle Oldham
Michael Dickson	Lansdale Robinson
Jenny Eyes	Alex Roscoe
Emma Louise Graney	Liam Schwartz
Jennifer Hawkins	Charlotte Thomas
Natalie Jones	Sarah Louise Wakelam
Susanne Jones	Megan Walsh
Tom Lymath,	

### Where are they now ?

We have lost contact with the following OGA members .  
If you have any contact details for them, please pass them on  
to Jonathan Elliott, or to Alan  
Bond,

Thank you for your help.

<b>Name</b>	<b>Town</b>	<b>Leaving Year</b>
Bamber R	Leyland	65
Gaunt D.N.	Ainsdale	46
Halsall DS	Blowick	72
Hutchinson K	Formby	-
Johnstone R.D.	Kidderminster	66
Martin Mrs S	Quorn	84
Murray A	Hesketh Park	96
Nicholls Ms C	Ainsdale	96
O'Hare Ms A	Netherton	05
Owen J	Wells	65
Ralph D	Hesketh Park	98
Walsh Ms L.J.	Lincoln	97
Webster N.J.	Sutton	79
White S	Hightown	03

### **Dinner Guests, March 20<sup>th</sup> 2008**

Bob Abram, Joe Abram, Martin Abram, Colin Andrews, Hilary Anslow,  
John Anslow, Derek Adams, John Aughton, Paul Bagshaw, John Baird,  
John Ball, Sarah Bevin, Gary Bevin, Diane Bond,  
Adrian Brown, David Booth, Tom Booth, Robin Bowen-Williams,  
Lindsay Bridge, John Bryce, Duncan Burton.

Mike Chalke, Candice Clements, Karl Cockwill, John Cotterall,  
Andrew Coughlan, Eddie Cowen, Janice Darkes, Alun Davies, John Davies,  
Michael Dickson, Alan Dickinson, Jonathan Elliott, Don Evans,  
Jennifer Eyes, Darrell Farrant, Martin Fearn, Ronnie Fearn,  
Alan Fleetwood, Mark Fletcher,

Ed Galloway, Peter Griffith, Phillip Halsall, Guy Hargreaves,  
Roger Hargreaves, Bob Hayden, David Heslegreve, Karen Howard,  
David Howgate, John Hoyle, Alan Hoyles, John Hoyles, Barry Hurst,  
Des Hughes, Mike Hyde, John Hyde. Tom Jump.

John Kendrew, John Kermode, Dave Karsa, Ian Kettle, Catherine Lapsley,  
Sarah Lapsley, Jonathan Lee, Gordon Lees, Martin Lockyer,  
David Lonsdale, John Lonsdale, Steve Mallinder, Jim Marsh, David Max,  
Bob Mentha, John Mercer, Belinda Miller, Tony Milner, Paul Mullen.

Sue Newton, Ray Owen, Eric Ogden, Sally Oosthoek, Graham Ostick,  
Ronnie Pactor, Geoff Pearce, David Pearson, John Pilling, Alan Pogson,  
Ian Pogson, Don Porter, Denis Pulman, Bob Ratcliffe, Charlie Rees,  
Steve Ridley, Peter Rostron, John Rostron, Christine Rostron,  
Trevor Rimmer, Arthur Rimmer, Brian Rimmer, Frank Rimmer,  
Stan Rimmer, Steven Rimmer, Dennis Robinson,

Alison Saunderson, Ian Saunderson, Trevor Seed, Brian Shorrock,  
Jim Stanley, John Seddon, Paul Sternberg, Chris Stitson, Geoff Stocker,  
Mark Sutcliffe, Simon Sutcliffe, Andrew Swettenham, Andrew Sweeney,  
Laura Taylor, Chris Threlfall, Harry Tunnicliffe.

Eric Usher, Brian Viner, Jane Viner, Louise Walker, Kevin Watkins,  
Russell Watkinson, John Wainwright, Michael Williamson,  
Barrie Whittaker, Stuart Wincer, Chris Wood, Chris Winnard, Alan Wright.

## NEWSDESK

### OGA ANNUAL QUIZ

On Friday 29th February, the OGA held its first quiz which turned out to be a resounding success!! The venue for our first venture was St.Patricks Church Hall in Marshside, where an assembly of OGA members, family and friends gathered to partake in the event. Our Chariman, David Lonsdale, introduced the evening and then handed over the proceedings to the MC and Quiz Master for the evening, fellow OG Jonathan Elliott. With a mixture of general knowledge and 'specialist' subjects (e.g. flags - so not that specialist), picture and music rounds and one or two spot questions, the evening flowed well - assisted by the excellent bar service from the in-house staff. With 12 teams and around 60 people contending, it came down to the final round with two teams - led by Chris Parkinson and Ian Kettle - one point apart. With the final round being the marking of the cartoon character picture quiz, Chris showed his excellent knowledge - some would say wasted childhood - by opening up the winning margin to five points and claiming victory in the end.

So the 'Norfolk and Chance' team of Chris & Debbie Parkinson, Dave & Mel Heslegrave and Mark & Wendy Causey, romped off with the first prize, presented by Dave Lonsdale and all in time for last orders and a momentous celebration!! We look forward to an even better attendance next year.



### 2009 OGA QUIZ NIGHT

SATURDAY 16<sup>th</sup> MAY

Following the resounding success in 2008, the Social Committee are pleased to announce a fun event for members, family and friends.

There will be

- SPOT PRIZES – during the evening
- GRAND PRIZE - for the Champ team
- SUPPER - served half way through
- £10 per person (inc. food & prizes)
- BAR - open till midnight

SOUTHPORT & BIRKDALE CRICKET CLUB,  
TRALFAGAR RD.

Please contact Jonathan Elliott for enquiries & tickets.

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Please include payment , cheques payable to Old Georgians

### SNOOKER ,DARTS & CARPET BOWLS

A homogenous and competitive group of OG's gathered to enjoy the popular annual evening of indoor sport and hot-spot supper and Southport and Birkdale Cricket Club. Each round of every competition was fiercely contested. With a shortened list of 16 attending this year , each event had a open draw with a straight knockout. The fantastic ( some would say fanatical) organising skills of Stan Rimmer saw the early rounds move through to the quarter finals. With those rounds completed the regulation hotpot supper was served.

Once everyone had feasted, the merrymen of the onlookers seemed to excel. Guile and dedication once again paid off to Tony Milner. A dastardly snooker scuppered Andrew Malley's hopes of regaining the coveted prize he won two years ago. In the Bowls Final Alan Bond once again had the winner's trophy



snatched from under his nose when, at 6-6 Stan Rimmer found the requisite accuracy to secure the prize. Jon Elliott and Stuart Wincer battling through a tight game until "Whirlwind" Wincer closed out a 53 with treble 7 and a double 16, going on to astonish Alan Bond in the final with another fine finish - 71 with a treble 7 and bull (double 25 for those not in the know).



**Tony Milner, Stan Rimmer Stuart Wincer**

Mike Hyde featured among the winners, arriving too late to display his sporting talents but gaining excellent gastronomic value from his negotiated ticket payment. Jonathan presented the trophies. Others attending were:- Bob Abram, Stephen Bond, Eddie Cowen, Roy Elliott, Martin Fearn, John Hepworth, Gary Hughes, Ian Kettle, Chris Parkinson, Mike Hyde and Andrew Maxwell.

## **REUNION 2009**

This is the Official Unofficial KGV Reunion Website for those Lads who will be (or are just) 60 years old in 2009-ish.

**Starting in 1960 or 1961 and leaving in 1965 (at 'O' level) or 1967 (at 'A' level) then this site is for you.**

Do you remember the old school? The picture makes KGV look like a prison, but to us it was home for the formative years of our lives - good old King George V.

(I can't believe I just wrote that!)



Do you recall the teachers, their nicknames and pranks we got up to? Do you remember John Fozard and Paul Bilton? Great! that's the class year we are talking about. John & Paul are organising a **reunion on June 12, 2009 in Southport**. The venue will be advised when we have an idea of the interest and how many will be coming.

### **Who can come?**

The old lads from our year plus wives, ex-wives, partners, girlfriends, boyfriends and hangers-on. But just one of the aforementioned each, OK?

### **What will it cost?**

Depends. When we have a venue and some feedback on what you would like, then a firm price can be quoted.

### Where will it be?

In Southport - that seemed obvious and was the easy bit. The venue will depend on what we agree to do - sit-down meal, stand-up meal, no meal just drink, no drink just talk, no talk and so on.

### Why register?

You'll see on the left of the page you can register and then log in. This will make sure that the right people are seeing the 'private' part of the site. Once you have registered and been accepted, you can log in and then you will see additional menu items appear and you can enter the members' section.



**This is how we looked in 1964** - register and see how we look today. See the photos in the 'Now and Then'. There is also a chance to have a bit of fun: help us to **name all the lads** from our year using the 1964 school photo. You can also download the 1964 KGV school photo. We have a long-running competition to **Name that Master** - along with their nicknames. Plus some great **links** for old KGVers and **old photos** and a chance to chat and reminisce on a **forum...**

*For all those coming, contact Paul and John. Go to [www.kgvreunion.co.uk](http://www.kgvreunion.co.uk) (which is the same as the advert), click on 'Contact us' and send an e-mail to them. Ed.*

## OBITUARIES

### Professor Bryan Jennett CBE.

Professor Bryan Jennett, CBE, died on January 26<sup>th</sup> of 2008, aged 81. William Bryan Jennett was born in 1926 in Twickenham and evacuated north early in the war. He attended King George V School, went to Liverpool Medical School and finished top of his class in 1949 and became president of the British Medical Students Association. He met his wife, Sheila, while both were studying medicine at Liverpool. Experience with Sir Hugh Cairns in Oxford and an RAMC posting to Wheatley Hospital triggered his life-long preoccupation with head injuries.

He became a lecturer in neurosurgery at Manchester from 1957-62. Appointment to an NHS/university post at Glasgow in 1963 allowed him to combine clinical work with laboratory research, resulting in a chair which was established in 1968 and to which he was appointed. His enthusiasm for mechanisms of acute brain damage and the long-term consequences of head injury engaged scientists from a wide background. In 1972, he coined the term "vegetative state" and followed this with the Glasgow Outcome Scale in 1975.

Jennett took a leading role in 1980 in the response to a BBC Panorama programme in which his courage was first class. He was Dean of Medicine in Glasgow, 1981-6 and his interests spread across medicine. His honours included a Hunterian professor of the Royal College of Surgeons in 1962, the presidency of the clinical neurosciences in 1986 and from 1988 to 1995 an Honorary DSc from St. Andrews.

In 2007 he was the first recipient of the Medal of the Society of British

Neurological Surgeons. Sheila and Bryan enjoyed sailing and their second home in Lochgoilhead was the base for cruising on the west coast of Scotland.

He is survived by his wife, Sheila, three sons and a daughter.



**John Murie Cree Davidson****1932-2008**

John was born in Mortlake, Surrey and his family moved to Southport when the war began. He joined KGV in 1943, was in all the teams and finished Headboy, Cricket First XI and Rugby First XV captain in 1951. He joined the RAF and selected for Services Language in Russian. In 1953 he went to Gonville and Caius where he studied Russian and Norwegian.

In 1957 he took a post at KGV teaching Maths, French and coaching Rugby and cricket. He married Bunty in 1957. The City of London offered a position as Chief Examiner in Russian A-Levels in London University. He worked also with the BBC and the Nuffield Centre until 1972 when he was appointed head of the Educational Services at Bristol Polytechnic.

In 1989 he became a consultant and project developer for the National Curriculum Council until 1993 when he retired. They moved to their old house in Brittany and came home in 2005 to Bradford-on-Avon. He suffered from Alzheimer's disease and died in June this year. He is survived by his wife, Bunty, a son and a daughter.

**Audrey Price****Born 16 / 02 / 1926; Died 09 / 05 / 2008.**

Audrey Price taught Physics at KGV College from its first year of opening, in 1979, until her retirement at the age of 64 in July 1990, latterly as Head of Department. When she first joined the staff, there were still three years-worth of grammar school boys using the old school buildings, then in a dire state of decay, as well as the newly-coeducational sixth form, with its explosive mix of previously-separated boys and girls. Audrey transferred from Southport Girls' High School (now Greenbank) joining Peter Richardson and Frank Large from the "old" KGV, a line-up in the Physics department that was not to change for the decade of Audrey's service. The students in her charge soon realised that as well as being a teacher of consummate skill, patience and adaptability, Born Audrey Hargrave, she was an only child, born in Hull in 1926. Her family was relatively impoverished but she thrived at school, despite a childhood that took in the Depression and wartime evacuation. In 1944 she won a state scholarship to Cambridge University, one of very few

offered during the war, and graduated with honours three years later. She trained as a teacher, and took a post at a prestigious girls' school in Birmingham. She again excelled, but the horizons were not wide enough for her, and in the summer of 1952 she sailed from Liverpool for a new position at Fourah Bay College, Sierra Leone. She found a new surname, Price, courtesy of the Elder Dempster Lines' passenger manager.

After Sierra Leone she moved to The Gold Coast (now Ghana), and after a short spell in the capital, Accra, she became the Head of Physics at the new government secondary technical college in Takoradi. Before a lesson could be taught, she had to design and oversee the construction of her own department, on land won from the surrounding bush. Audrey and her husband returned to England in 1959, and set up home in Southport. Trinity Hall School in Trafalgar Road was her first post, until she started her family in 1965. Later followed a distinguished spell at the girls' High School, then led by the redoubtable Celia Evans, teaching alongside the equally formidable Mavis Hale. And so to KGV...

Audrey leaves two sons, Perry and Julian, both ex-KGV boys, and their growing families, in which she took great pride. They remember a mother and grandmother who was a truly remarkable woman, with boundless energy, intelligence, courage and wit, and a fiercely independent spirit. She was unique, one of life's genuine originals, and her passing at 82 years leaves a void that even the healing hand of time can do nothing to fill.

**James H. Marshall****1926-2007**

James Marshall died on November 27<sup>th</sup> 2007. He lived in Epsom, Surrey. He is survived by his wife, Joan.

## Lynden Hulme Emery

1940-2008

Lynden Hulme Emery died on 27 January 2008. He was born on 2 January 1940 and went to KGV in 1951. He left in 1958 and attended Hull University where he gained a B Sc in Botany and Zoology in 1961.

Lynden began his teaching life at Hull Grammar School in 1962 and two years later became Head of Biology at Kingston High School. Which teaching ,he took up a part time M Sc degree in Paleontology and was awarded it in 1977. He stayed at Kingston until 1988 when new sixth form colleges in Hull were set up and he became Professional Tutor at Wilberforce College in charge of training for the staff. He retired from teaching in 1992 through ill health and his dementia started to show in 2000. He died of advanced dementia and a brain tumour .He was a keen model railway enthusiast well known in that field . He is survived by his wife, Ann, two daughters and 5 granddaughters.

## William Alfred Holden

1910- 2008

Born in Southport on 6<sup>th</sup> April 1910 into a Wesleyan Methodist home. He was educated at King George V Grammar school .His first job was in the printing industry. Regular attendance at the Young Laymens' Conferences at Swanwick led to his call for the ministry. He trained for the ministry at Handsworth College, where he met his beloved Hetty Hodson, the Leader of a Young Peoples' Group at a local church.

During World War II he was moved to Ceylon to act as Principal of Wesley College, Colombo. At the end of the war he was commissioned as an army officer serving the Burma Civil Affairs Service. He was ordained and married to Hetty in Mandalay, where their son William was born.

His contribution included the translation into Burmese of the Methodist order. He was a genuine scholar whose preaching was thought-provoking and instructive.

On retirement, they moved to the Somerset Mission circuit where he continued to preach until well into his nineties. He was regarded with respect and affection. Bill died on 16<sup>th</sup> March 2008 in the ninety-eighth year of his life and the seventy-sixth year of his ministry.

## Stuart Green

21<sup>st</sup> November 2006

I guess one should never make assumptions. I learned of Stuart's sudden death through a message left on my phone last March from his wife Margaret to tell me of his memorial service. Following up on that bombshell, I learned that he died suddenly following a severe stroke on 21st November 2006 - shortly after returning from a family holiday in the USA. I didn't consider it my place to alert Red Rose - after all, my contact with Stuart was generally limited to the exchange of Christmas cards - between, as we delighted in observing, a Jew and an atheist; surely someone among his closer acquaintances would inform you? Seems I was wrong.

Possibly Stu escaped KGV without life membership of OGs (not an easy feat back then!) - I don't know if you 'obituarize' members only; probably he got a few lines in the Visiter - but of course that doesn't reach the majority of us who no longer lived in Southport.

I can't give you many other details: following KGV Stu was at Trinity College Cambridge. I don't know where he then completed his medical degrees, but I do know that he spent most of his career at the Birmingham Children's Hospital where he was a consultant and, I believe, a professor.

Many thanks to all those who DO put in the effort to keep us non-contributors informed about those we remember with varying degrees of fondness. As husband of a Balshavian, I was intrigued (as was my wife) to learn of another connection between Balshaws & KGV -though neither of us ever came across 'Big Ted's' son John - before my time at KGV and after hers at Balshaws.

*David Lewin.*

*Oxford*

## Stuart Wilby

1926-2007

Stuart Wilby died in August 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2007 aged 81 years. He went to KGV from 1940 to 1944 and was in Mason's house. Following his service with the Fleet Air Arm , he was demobbed in 1947 and pursued a career as a Tanker Broker, eventually becoming a Director. After retirement he was involved as expert witness in many disputes concerning litigation problems with oil tankers. He and his wife lived at Caterham, Surrey. He is survived by his wife, Jean, a son, five grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

*I am grateful for the obituaries by James Honeybone. Jim Thornley was a good scholar at KGV whilst his firm friend, Bill Grace, went to school in Norfolk. The story of Jim is told in The Thornley Society elsewhere in the magazine.*

*Ed.*

On 1st December 1950, two black specks were seen moving upwards at about 18,000 feet on the Rakhiot spur of Nanga Parbat. This was the last time Jim Thornley and Bill Grace were ever seen. The three of us were the closest of friends, and as they died together, it is perhaps fitting to write an appreciation under a joint heading. A boyhood spent tramping the lonely Norfolk marshes was the seed from which Bill Grace's enjoyment of the open air grew into a deep love for mountains. He was educated at Oundle and in 1944 left to join the 3/8 Gurkha Rifles. On leave in Kashmir he was introduced to the hills, and a little later when he met Jim Thornley the two of them spent their spare time climbing near Quetta. Jim had been an outstanding school-boy at both work and games. He too joined the army and was eventually posted to the 3/8 Gurkhas, where he later became Adjutant. On leave in Sikkim, he climbed alone above 22,500 feet searching for a man who had been lost some months before.

In 1947, the three of us returned to Sikkim and made an attempt on 24,000 foot Kabru. At 20,000 feet the Sherpa porter who was with us fell 70 feet into a crevasse. Jim at once climbed down after him, and Bill spent several days alone with the injured Sherpa, while we went down for help. In July 1950, we again sailed for India with plans for spending a year surveying and exploring in the Karakoram. The Society had kindly helped us with money and instruments. After we had been in the field three weeks, the Pakistan Government withdrew the permission they had given us a short while previously when we were still in England. Rather than return home at once with everything lost, we decided to make a reconnaissance of Nanga Parbat. And it was on this mountain that my friends lost their lives.

Bill's kindness, fine courage and easy-going temperament made him an ideal travelling companion. He would happily have spent his life in

exploration and there can be few people more suited both in disposition and physique for such a career. In the mountains of Wales, Switzerland or the Himalaya, Jim was always in his element. He was ever the leader, no matter who was in the party, and he would gain that position by a combination of competence, strength of character and extraordinary powers of endurance. They were very fine friends and it is tragic that two lives of such promise should have ended while both were in their middle twenties; but I am sure that the manner of their death they would not have changed.

*R. M. W. MARSH*

**Rev. Hollis Hughes****1929-2008**

This is to inform you of the death of the Rev. Hollis Owen Hughes (Leech's 1940/44) who died suddenly on January 30, 2008, just two days after his 80<sup>th</sup> birthday. After leaving KGV he first worked in the civil service, then after national service with the RAF he trained for the ministry within the Methodist Church. He and his wife served in a number of circuits throughout the country his final appointment being in the Otley (Leeds) area where he had pastoral charge of Bramhope, Yeadon and Leathley. After retirement in 1990 he retired in Cookridge, Yorks where his wife predeceased him in 2002.

*Philip Broadbent*

*Early this year, I received school photographs spanning twenty years from 1935 to 1955 from Mrs Doreen Woodham. Very kindly, she sent me the obituary for her two sons, Peter and Christopher. Claude retired in 1955, married Doreen in 1956 and they moved to Derby. He died in 1961.*

*Ed.*

**Peter Hardy Woodham****1917-1990**

Born 1917, the elder brother of Christopher (Kit) Woodham and eldest son of Charles (Claude) Woodham, KGV's Chemistry teacher, House and Careers master. After leaving school Peter worked for a while at a bank in Liverpool and, closer to his heart, became involved in the Southport Drama Society (he had been a keen member of the drama society at school). In 1940 he volunteered for the Navy and found himself being trained as a Navigator/Observer in the Royal Fleet Air Arm. He joined 815 Squadron

serving in N. Africa flying Fairey Swordfish on a great variety of sorties, and was decorated with the DFC in 1943.

After a spell in Arbroath training Navigator recruits, and marrying actress Kathleen Michael, he was posted with the newly formed 1701 Squadron of Seaplanes to the Admiralty Islands in the Pacific and subsequently Hong Kong, where he completed his military service as Squadron Commanding Officer.

After the war he began working in the Theatre, doing anything and everything, directing, becoming much involved in the technical side and travelling the country. He joined British Council Theatre tours to Europe, and moved to the Royal Academy of Dramatic Art in London where he later became Production Manager. He remained there some twenty years during which time he and his wife, who continued her career, raised a son (now working in education) before moving to the post of Technical Director of the then new University of Wales Sherman Theatre in Cardiff. Peter retired in the early eighties and he and his wife moved to Suffolk, a county he had got to know and love in his teens, and where he died in 1990.

### **Christopher Malyon Woodham**

**1929 – 2008**

Christopher (Kit) attended KGV school from 1938 to 1947. On leaving school he did his National Service in the Army mainly working on Radar. After the Army, he won a place at Caius College, Cambridge where he gained an M.A. in engineering. He joined Rolls Royce in Derby where he was a graduate apprentice and moving to the Performance Department. Under Kit's direction the Tyne was released for production. He then transferred to the Research group until his retirement. He had made many trips abroad on behalf of Rolls-Royce. Kit was married and had two daughters. The elder daughter was an engineer but died in her thirties. Christopher was twelve years young than Peter. Both of these sons survived their father Charles (Claude) Woodham..

## **BOOKSHELF**

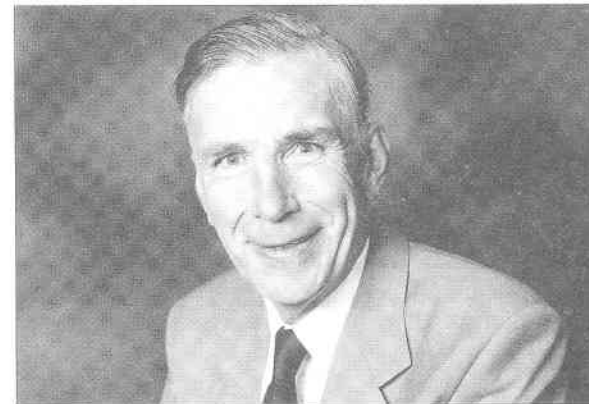
### **HARRY FOSTER**

*Having seen the advert in the Southport Visiter, I went to Broadhursts to meet my hero. Harry told me that his new book is the seventh of his series called "Southport, a History". I have listed his other books and his background.*

*He was on view, signing the new books in a fine shop of Broadhursts in Market Street* *Ed.*

HARRY FOSTER'S family has lived in Southport for at least five generations. He was born there, attended local schools and taught in the town. Later as Head of Department at Edge Hill College, in nearby Ormskirk, he -was involved in teacher education. For over thirty years he has lectured on many aspects of local history and has obtained both a master's degree and a Ph.D. for local research from the University of Liverpool. Since retiring he has been able to concentrate on writing local history. His six major books include studies of Birkdale and Ainsdale, a general pictorial history of Southport, and more specialist books on the local fishing industry and golf.

A family man, Harry shares his hobbies of walking and bird watching with his wife. An enthusiastic sportsman, Harry was a member of the successful championship winning Lancashire rugby team of the early 1950s, an England trialist, and a reserve for the England XV. He is a past captain of the Hesketh Golf Club, and is also a member of Southport Rotary Club.



### **Southport, A History**

Harry has examined evidence from prehistory and traces the manors, townships and parishes that occupied the barren coastal strip of North Meols in medieval times. Southport first developed as a bathing resort before becoming a desirable place to live. It was a product of the 19<sup>th</sup> century and it

is no surprise that this period has been the most extensively reported of the town's history, but the opportunity is taken here to consider areas and issues that have previously been relatively ignored.

The 20<sup>th</sup> century, during which time Southport became established as a high-class residential town, has attracted less attention. The post – 1974 chapter 'Southport into Sefton' brings the story up to the present day. This new study also deals with all the various parts of the town. The suburbs of Birkdale and Ainsdale have their stories woven into the whole town's history.

Other books written by Harry Foster and include:-

- **New Birkdale:** Growth of a Lancashire Seaside Suburb. 1850 – 1912 (1995)
- Southport:** A Pictorial History. (1995)
- Links Along the Line;** The Story of the Development of Golf Between Liverpool and Southport. (1996)
- Don E Want Ony Scrimps?** Story of the Fishermen of Southport (1998)
- New Ainsdale:** The Struggle of a Seaside Suburb 1850-2000. (2000)
- Crossens:** Southport's Cinderella Suburb. (2002)

## PAUL BAGSHAW

*I didn't know where to start with Paul. He served his time as an excellent teacher. He turned his skills to making films and then he took over the Editor of the Red Rose and produced a special edition in 2001 called 'Stories Of KGV'. He gave up the Editorship in 2002. Then I was an 'extra' in his first film '4 Days' which required a lot of doing in the Park Hotel. Now one of his films and his final book brings me to say something about Paul. Ed.*

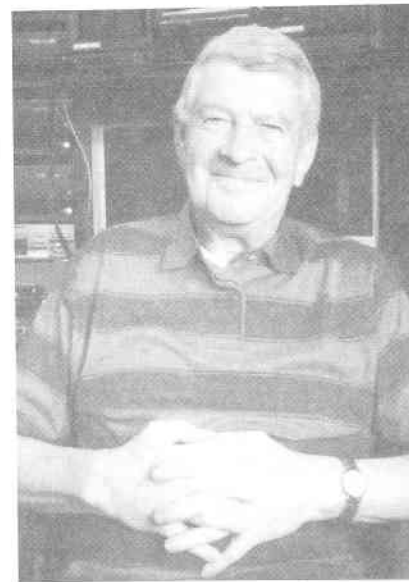
Paul Bagshaw was born in Southport, attending Farnborough Road School in Birkdale before boarding for three years at Alderwasley Hall Prep School near Matlock in Derbyshire. After taking O and A levels at King George V School, he attended Southport School of Art and Crafts for the National Diploma in Design, and Liverpool Regional College of Art for the Art Teachers' Diploma. Later in his career he completed a Master of Education Degree at University College, Cardiff.

Paul's teaching career began in 1960 at the John Rigby Grammar School in Orrell, where he was Head of the Art Department. He also taught part-time at Upholland College, a junior seminary for the training of priests. He became Deputy Head at St Richard's High School in Skelmersdale, and later served eighteen years on the staff of Ruffwood School in Kirkby, where his main role was Director of Sixth Form. Paul coached Rugby from 1961 to 1976 and was a selector for Merseyside, Lancashire and North of England Schoolboys under 15 groups B. Between 1970 and 1985 he wrote 7 musicals and 230

songs for secondary pupils, some performed on radio, TV and at the Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Hall.

In 1989, Paul founded the Channel 10 video production company, originally specialising in educational programmes, but later expanding to include medical productions, and those for business, music, visual art, leisure and accommodation. With four colleagues, he set up Artworks in 1998, in order to produce prints of views in and around the Southport area. He served as a governor at two local primary schools, Woodlands, Formby and Norwood, Southport and, in 1996, returned to his roots as a governor of King George V College. He is a member of the Old Georgians' Association Committee, editing the Red Rose magazine from 1998 to 2002 and 'Stories of KGV in the 75th anniversary year of 2001. He is an occasional public speaker to organisations such as Rotary and Probus, as well as to various Charities, Writers' and Moviemakers' groups.

Paul is a member of Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Birkdale, a supporter of Manchester United and a member of the Labour Party. During 2003 he produced '4 DAYS', an 84-minute widescreen feature film set in the Southport area, and in 2004-5 worked with colleagues on a second film, 'The Mirror'. Further productions followed, including 'Head in the Sand', 'Behind The Wire', 'The Secret' and 'Background Figure', whilst forthcoming productions will include a musical and a documentary on evacuation from Liverpool in 1940-41. The first two volumes of his autobiography were published in 2001 and 2002, and this is the final part.



THE third and final part of Paul Bagshaw's autobiography, **Four O'clock...You're Dead! - The Last Diary of a Southport Man**, will be on sale from today (Wednesday) @ £4.99 from W H Smith in Chapel Street, and Broadhurst's Booksellers in Market Street.

Parts 1 and 2 were published in 2001 and 2002, but the third one has been delayed because Paul found there are not enough hours in the days to produce films and to write books simultaneously. The period covered in the book is 1971 to 2008. The first section deals, amongst other events, with teaching at Ruffwood School in Kirkby.

The second part begins when Paul founded his production company Channel 10 in 1989, where a number of local films have been produced for Artworks Pictures, including *4 Days*, *The Mirror*, *The Secret*, *Behind The Wire*, and *Background Figure*. In these and other films,, local actors, camera crews and locations have been used, and several have won international awards.

The book is easy to pick up and put down, as it is written in 94 parts, accompanied by 50 photographs. Subject matter is varied, including the description of an emotional visit to Auschwitz, the unusual mixture of grandeur and poverty as St Petersburg entered the market economy, appraisals of Margaret Thatcher and Tony Blair, coaching schoolboy rugby, studying in Cardiff for a Masters degree, and the demolition of King George V School.

*So when we've next met in Paul's Atrium and we are drinking his wine, it will be good to tell the tales on all his exploits.*

## RON ELLIS

*Southport Faces* is a social history of the Lancashire town showing the sort of lives that the residents lived in the latter part of the 20<sup>th</sup> century and told in the words of forty-eight of the town's best known citizens. I had previously written ten crime novels, two books of poetry and a comedy book entitled 'Journal of a Coffin Dodger' but I had always been interested in the history of Southport where I was born and bred.

Writing fiction is a lonely task for somebody who likes to socialise. Sitting alone in front of a computer all day living in a fantasy world can be stifling and I found that promoting my books was always much more fun than writing them. The idea of *Southport Faces* came to me via Gyles Brandreth. Gyles used to invite me on his radio show whenever I had a new book out and one day, over dinner, he told me about a new book he had written called 'Brief Encounters'. It was a series of interviews he had conducted with various celebrities but the interesting thing was that all these people were friends of his so he involved himself in the conversations.

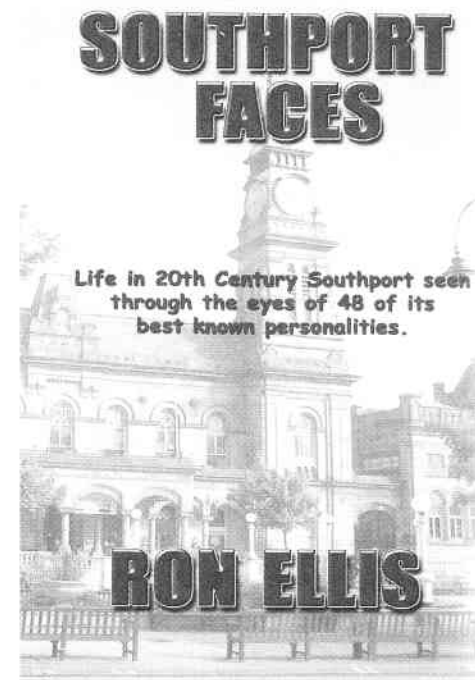
I thought, I know a lot of people in Southport. As a D.J. in the sixties and seventies, I'd played at virtually every golf club, sailing club, hotel, social club and function room in the town. Previous to that I had worked in the

Library and when I went into property, I got to know a great many people who lived in my flats over the years. And so, I phoned up these people and asked if I could come to see them and let them tell me about their lives. Nobody refused and for the next two years I had a most enjoyable and sociable time. These people graciously invited me into their homes and over innumerable pots of tea, talked candidly about their experiences. I would loved to have been able to read similar accounts by people who lived here from the late 18<sup>th</sup> century, when Southport was first developed, right through to the pre-War years

Out of all the people I interviewed, seven were Old Georgians. Bob Abram had returned to teach there, John Rostron became a governor of the Sixth Form College, Harry Foster is a fellow historian, Ronnie Fearn represented the town in Parliament, Geoffrey Ellis ran the Christian Bookshop, Alan Pinch edited the local paper, *The Southport Visiter*, and Mike Halsall founded Halsall Heating. All successful men with an interesting story to tell.

And John Rostron had a special tale to tell other Old Georgians. His father, Ken, attended the very first day of King George V Grammar School in Scarisbrick New Road in 1926. How about that for a piece of history.

**'Southport Faces' is published by Nirvana Books at £20 and may be obtained from Broadhursts Bookshop in Market St, Pritchards in Formby Village or direct from Ron Ellis's website, [www.ronellis.co.uk](http://www.ronellis.co.uk)**





## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Alan,

Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup> 2008

While sifting through 35 years of junk accumulation, prior to moving, I came across a letter of commendation from the principal of a technical school. The course was a 2-year instruction in Machine and Tool Technology. The letter shows that the basic efforts by "Lettuce" and "Laddie" Mason were not **wasted on me!**

STATE OF CONNETICUT  
STATE DEPARMENT OF EDUCATION  
Box 2219                      Hartford Conneticut

Dear Mr. Lodge,

January 22, 1960

The high quality of your academic and laboratory work at the Waterbury Evening Technical Institute during the past year has been brought to my attention by the administration of the school. It is my understanding that in competition with other students in your class you have achieved the distinction of being named the top man in that class, by reason of your academic proficiency and contribution to the total program of education.

On behalf of the Connecticut State Board of Education, I am happy to extend to you heartiest congratulations and best wishes for continued success in your chosen technology.

Cordially yours,  
Joseph T. Nerden  
Chief  
Bureau of Technical Institutes

I noticed in the 2008 magazine a letter from an "Everett" and I wondered if it was the same (or a relative) that was in my class.

Best Regards,

Tom Lodge

Leech's 1929 - 34

*Tom, if you left in 1934 and about 16, then you would have been born in 1918. The letter of commendation would have been given to you at 42 and now you have made it to the 90<sup>th</sup> birthday! Wow!* *Ed.*

Slingsby Barn  
Cowgill Sedbergh,

Dear Alan.

You may find these two photographs interesting. One shows myself in 1938 soon after starting at KGV School. I appear to be wearing various items of approved school iform probably purchased from Bradleys the Outfitters. Note the short trousers which would be acceptable for an eleven year old in 1938 but doubtful if that would be so today! The cap, complete with KGV badge, was a must for me and seldom went anywhere without it as can be seen from the other picture.

The other photograph shows three KGV School pupils who featured in a news item in the local newspaper after managing to catch a tope (a species of shark) in a channel on Southport beach. This picture is thought to date from August 1939. Each of us would set a line fastened between two stakes in a shallow channel left when the tide went out. The lines would have about fifty fish hooks attached which we baited with pieces of sand worms which we had previously dug out of the wet sand. On returning to the lines next time the tide went out we usually found that we had caught a few flatfish or whiting but on this occasion my catch included a "fierce" shark which took all three of us to remove from the hook. My father happened to know a photographer who worked for the local newspaper and so the incident was reported and the photograph arranged. The photographer chose the tallest boy for the honour of holding up the shark.



I am the boy on the right of the picture, I think the boy in the middle is Fred Ball who was my best friend at that time. I cannot remember the name of the boy in the KGV blazer who is holding up the shark. Although this was a leisure activity various items of official KGV wearing apparel are evident especially the ubiquitous KGV headgear.

If any reader can identify the boy holding up the shark I can be contacted by email at [ghgriff@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:ghgriff@tiscali.co.uk). I disliked cutting up sand worms to bait the hooks and the often early starts to suit the tides so soon after this incident Fred Ball and myself embarked on a new project to design and build a two man canoe. This was eventually tested on Fine Jane's Brook with very limited success. But that, as they say, is another story.

**George Griffith**

**Woodhams-1938-43**

Dear Alan,

I have some fond memories of my days at KGV. There was an interesting fellow pupil there during my years by the name of **Frank Thewlis**. He was quite a character. Whenever a general election was held, the school ran a mock election with certain boys selected as party candidates, Returning Officer and so on. In the mock election held during my time at KGV, Thewlis was chosen to be the Labour candidate. During lesson breaks, he would stand on a soapbox outside and deliver a very loud speech, full of socialist dogma, to those gathered around to listen, hoping to persuade as many as possible to vote for him. In the event, Thewlis won the election for Labour whilst I was at KGV.

Being a year or two older, he left school before me but he had decided to qualify for the Methodist ministry and was waiting to go to a theological college. There being no grants in those days, Frank had to find a job and, being interested in soccer, he applied and was appointed as assistant to the Secretary-Manager of Southport FC, Gordon Hunt. It was in the days of Southport's membership of the old Third Division North when players were paid the equivalent of £2.50 a week, with an extra £1 if playing in the first team, another £1 per match if they won or 50p more for a draw.

As a minister, one of his appointments was in Brighton where he still pursued his love of football, often going to matches with a minister friend, Rev. Bill Motson, father of John Motson, the former BBC senior football commentator. Bill Motson used to get

very excited and at one game when Brighton scored he jumped up, threw his arms aloft and shouted, "Hallelujah!". They were sitting in the front row of one of the stands and, always out for a spot of fun, Frank leaned over, tapped a policeman on the shoulder and said, "Officer, will you kindly stop this man from using obscene language?"

Thewlis, a frequent traveller, was to make his first visit to America. It was in the witch-hunt days of Senator McCarthy when it was quite difficult to obtain a visa. He had to attend the Consul's office for interview where he was asked a lot of personal questions and required to give assurances that he was not a communist, would not take part in any political demonstrations whilst in the US and, in the event of his death there, that the cost of returning his body would be borne by his family. Frank's sense of humour nearly led to him being refused a visa. Towards the end of the interview, he said to the official, "For years I have preached that the hardest place to get to is heaven - and now I'll have to say it's the United States of America!"

Sadly, Frank Thewlis died some 5 or 6 years ago but this old KGV boy from Birkdale had gained recognition as being one of the finest preachers in the country, as demonstrated by his successive ministries to three of the largest Methodist congregations in Britain - those at Eastbrook Hall in Bradford, the Dome in Brighton and finally at the Victoria Hall Mission in Sheffield.

**Andrew Seddon**

**Leech's 1934-39**

Dear Alan,

I am a life member of your association, but for many years now I have not received the red rose and assumed that the association had become defunct. Although I have moved home the old address still receives and forwards my mail so it wasn't because of the move. Anyway, would you please reinstate me in your records, some of my particulars are:- at KGV 1945 to 1947; Leech's house. Then we emigrated to Durban in South Africa. I attended a famous sports school called Durban Boys High (2 of my prefects went on to captain the springbok cricket, Sid - Hugh Tayfield and Trevor Goddard). Joined a shipping company who sent me to Rhodesia.

After 11 years, became bored with a shipping co. in a land-locked country so put myself through college and joined the teaching fraternity. Ended up as a top of the grade primary head, but eventually left what was now Zimbabwe as politics began to enter the schools in an insidious way. Went back to the coal face as member of staff at

an independent school in Pretoria and when I wished to retire they offered me the post of cricket professional as Keith Medlycott. The incumbent had been selected to play for the England squad to tour the West Indies, spent 5 super years coaching in S.A.during the UK winter and 6 months living on a narrow boat on the canals and rivers of the UK in your summer. I did fill in several of the news slips sent with the red rose but non were ever printed so I gave up bothering, I am at present in South Africa visiting a section of my family but would love to hear from you.

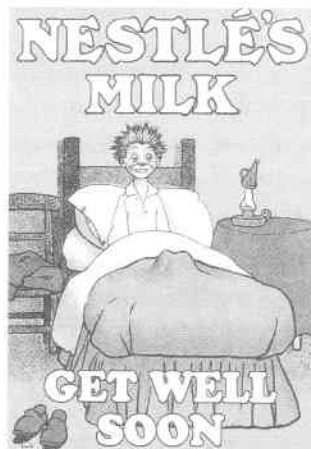
By the way, in the past I tried to contact an old school friend from KGV who also lived in Walnut St. Southport ,but his phone was unlisted. His name was Brian Sidderley. Do you have any records of him ? My present UK address when I return at the end of December, is 35 Marshal rd, Monkton, Pembroke, Pembrokeshire, Wales, SA71 4NF.

Kind regards , **Brian Kirkbride.**

*I couldn't find Brian Sidderley in the telephone book. Perhaps readers will let you know if they find anything. Will post the Red Rose to Wales in 2009. Ed.*

Dear Alan,

I hope that the convalescence is going well and you are recovering from the "summer setback" .



The advent of the foot ball season reminded me of your support for Southport and the attached report about the efforts of Telford appeared in our local evening paper. I am most impressed with the "spin" particularly the final paragraph - watch out "Port" they're on the trail ! I hope Southport continue with their early "winning streak" and, perhaps promotion will be the outcome. Meanwhile to Red Rose matters. I have recently bought and read a new publication -"SOUTHPORT in the age of the tram" by James Dean and Cedric Greenwood (one of a series called "The Nostalgia Collection" ) and have thoroughly enjoyed it.

All too often books on transport get bogged down with technical details but this is an exception; it is both scholarly and readable. Sadly Mr Dean died just as the

typescript was being completed but Mr Greenwood has done an excellent job in seeing it through to publication. Neither of the authors was an OG but I'm sure that among our older members there will be some (like me) who remember the trams and perhaps one or two who actually travelled to school on them.No doubt some OGs who live in Southport will have noticed and perhaps even read the book but those of us who are in exile tend to find out about such publications by accident rather than design and are often pleasantly surprised when we run them to earth. I feel that a "mention" in Red Rose might be a useful service to the wider readership.

Tomorrow is an important date in the Shropshire Sporting Calendar when the County Mens Hockey Tournament takes place - unfortunately there are only four clubs entered so the action starts with the semi-finals at 1300 hrs followed by the final at 1450 hrs . Weather permitting I'll be able to watch Bridgnorth Cricket Club's 2nd XI for the rest of the afternoon !

**Brian Whittle**

**Bridgnorth, Shropshire**

*Thanks for my milk- it takes a lot you know! I was doing fine with Southport F C when your Telford F C scraped in by a lucky goal on December 6<sup>th</sup> I'm going to the Docs to get the tablets and then I should feel better.* Ed.

Dear Alan,

Firstly, Happy New Year for 2008. Secondly, I for one enjoy having *The Red Rose* come through the post here in Sunny Thailand. The last time I was back in Southport the Twin Towers were still standing! The Red Rose is, strangely, a tangible connection.

In my work I have a large library of books and journals. But there is a small corner where *The Red Rose* resides. On (in?) my computer I have about 3000 PDFs of research articles. This is not the same as having the real thing - even when they are printed out. The PDF is, to me, the next level in the evolution of the photocopier. It does not replace the real thing.

Thirdly, I enjoy the Old Georgians' Guestbook but I am also surprised at the low number of posts. I would like to see more reminiscing from others. I download these also to my computer. One suggestion I have is that every so often these are bundled together in a PDF that can be down-loaded. Is that possible?

Finally, I was sad to read of TBLD's passing - especially as the brief obituary

coincided with my reminiscing about him, rugby and my failure to learn French from Mrs Davies. If you feel it appropriate, and if you are in contact with Mrs Davies, I would be grateful if you could either give me her e-mail address or pass on to her that posting and my most recent one where I recall finally having to give up rugby.

All the Best

**Nigel Hywel-Jones**

Dear Alan,

I want to beg your apologies for my long silence, and thank you very much for your efforts looking for mentions of my Dad in the Red Rose and taking the trouble to scan them for me. He retained his interest in photography to the end, although to my knowledge he could never bring himself to replace his old Voigtlander Rolleiflex pre-war box camera.

He got me started at it at the age of about 2 by buying me an old Voigtlander Bellows Camera that I still have! Horribly expensive prints, since they were half postcard size, 8 on a roll. Many of my old negatives were destroyed when I lived in Houston because he had printed them up for me using old nitrate film stock, which melted while stored in an upstairs room. They must have come close to self-ignition and burning down the house!

On the "Salvete" list I also saw the name E. Price. Dad often talked about Eric Price, who was his best friend. He died in Burma in WWII, either in battle or on the Burma Railroad. I think I have some photos of him, if your Association ever starts collecting photos of old boys.

Thank you very much again for your efforts on my behalf, and good luck to you and to the school

**John Berry**

**Austin , Texas**

*Thanks for your email John. If you haven't looked already, Eric Price is listed in the Roll Of Honour of Old Georgians. Open the college website [kgv@ac.uk](mailto:kgv@ac.uk) and click on "Visit the OGS Website" in the bottom LH corner. Then look in the Roll of Honour. Sadly, the chap who did such an immense amount of work compiling it in the first place, couldn't find a verifiable trail to Eric Price. If you have any information we could willingly look again.*

## O.Gs WEBSITE GUESTBOOK

Dear Alan,

Having corresponded with each other over the years, it was quite by chance that two of his parishioners came across my address and notified me of the death of Rev. Hollis Owen Hughes. My thanks to you and all those who make the Magazine possible. It is three years since I last visited Southport, but hearing of the many changes taking place in the town (and the college) I hope to plan a visit next year.

Regards **Philip Broadbent**

**Leech's 1939-44**

*Thanks for the obituary. See you next year.*

*Ed.*

John Fozard and I are organising a reunion for all in our 'year' who somehow have all reached the age of 60 – and all at the same time. JUNE 12 2009 is the date. More info at [www.kgvreunion.co.uk](http://www.kgvreunion.co.uk)

**Paul Bilton (Edwards 1960-2008)**

**Bertschikon, Switzerland**

Having moved around the country since starting as a maths & PE teacher in Surrey, I moved to Chemsford in 2006 from Hartlepool and I now find myself as the head of a large inner London School in Barking and Dagenham. How did that happen, as I am sure those who know me would ask?

Would love to make contact with friends of old. I do get up to Southport to visit my brother and family so will try to make it to an OG event in the future

**Ken Jones (Mason's 1964-71)**

**London**

I am as perplexed as Roy Smith about the low number of people who visit and/or post comments. There were just eighteen last year! Not surprising then that my March 2007 post concerning Blod Davies and Ma Blod made it into the Red Rose, which has just fallen on my doormat in Far Flung Bangkok! Reading the Red Rose at work, at my microscope with a cup of tea, it was with some sadness that I learned that Mr. T.B.L.Davies passed on in December of last year. My condolences go to his family and especially to the best French teacher I had.

I enjoyed rugby under a number of teachers, especially Blod. It was with some regret that I gave it up at sixteen. But an eight stone stick insect could not rely on the speed and dash that worked when everyone else was as weedy (even the forwards). One of my last memories of rugby was lying pinned to the grass staring up at the blue sky that somehow floated above me and at a circle of faces that seemed also hang beneath my face. The World then righted itself and Blod pushed his way through the crowd to see if I was still alive and to determine how much of my nervous system was still in command of which parts of my body.

I concluded that it was time for me to give up rugby before it gave me up. I had one more stab at it when I attended a training session as a twenty year old and a half stone stick insect. That was my last at rugby and I took up the far less dangerous pursuit of rock-climbing.

**Nigel Hywel-Jones**

**Bangkok**

In looking through the website, I was interested in the photos from the early '50s (G Dixon w/cricket captain and 1<sup>st</sup> XV from 1953) as I was there 1951-58 (Grears). I recognised some of the faces esp. Topping (Geoff?) as he was a great sprinter (100yds). I caught up with another from my time – John Rowntree who now lives in Swanage after the death in the mid 90's of Roy Aldred (Edwards 51-58). John Belcher (Spencers ? 51-58) now lives near Manchester. I was at our golf club a while back and bumped into another Englishman. It turns out he was at KGV in the 60's. His name is Eddie Robinson. I have only been to the Old Boy's Georgians dinner once (1991) when I happened to be in England for business. At that time I saw a photo of the 1<sup>st</sup> XV from 1958/59 season which included Brian King..He was in my class 1951-58 so I assume he was doing Scholarship papers for Oxbridge. Any news of him? (then Jack) Adams.

**James D Adam**

**Williamsburg VA USA**

I attended KGV in the early 1950's. The teacher names I remember were obviously Big Taff and Little Taff and of course Rubber Neck in the gym ! I retired from the UK four years ago and now live in Sunny Spain.

**Ken Anderson**

**Penisicola, Castellon, Spain**

I had no idea this website existed. I was at KGV from 1975 to July 1979, a senior prefect and against all the advice of old Fairburn (if I remember correctly) went to sea in the merchant Navy and sent him a postcard from the QE2 telling him I was quite enjoying myself. I am now a captain of a cruise ship and live on the other side of the world. Is a maths master called Wohlers still around? Thank him for me if you see him. He was right. I did make something of myself. Cheers.

**Mark Dexter**

**Christchurch N Z.**

While looking through the KGV 1939-1945 Roll of Honour I came across the name of Kenneth Craven Oswald. He was the navigator of a Halifax bomber who was killed along with my uncle Sgt N.M.Harrison (mid – upper) on 25<sup>th</sup> April 1944. I am currently researching the crews operational history and would appreciate any information or photographs.

**Michael Harrison**

**Nottingham**

I was at KGV from 1963 to 1970, and am now living in Houston, Texas. For details of what I have been doing since I left KGV see <http://www.linkedin.com/in/cmsayers> Is there anyone who was at KGV 1963 to 1970 out there?

**Colin Sayers**

**Houston, Texas**

London, Jeddah, Boston Mass. Now Manchester....for good. Lovely to stroll down memory lane whilst reading the blogs. Enjoyed my time at KGV...but did it enjoy me? Nevertheless, learnt some great lessons in life there and will be forever appreciative. Hello to anyone who remembers me from either Woodvale Primary or KGV from 1968-80. Take care.

**Steve (Junior Wilk) Houghton**

**Manchester**

I lived in Birmingham, Liverpool, Toronto and Vancouver. I'm addicted to 'Guest Books'. Here I am again. Attended KGV 1955-61. Played on rugby teams because I was a good hooker – but never really understood the rules. Every time I touched the ball the whistle went and the other side got to kick it or something. What amazes me, however, is that although thousands of men

passed through the school, very few have found this guest book or bothered to write some drivel in it. Been retired for 6 years. Taught primary school in the Vancouver area for 35 years.

**Stanley Roy Smith (Smithy)**

**Vancouver**

Thoughts on an electronic Red Rose : During my time at KGV the Red Rose meant one thing – freedom. My memories of its contents are non-existent- I'm not sure I even read it. But its distribution heralded the end of the year. Call me an over-sentimental, nostalgic, old fart if you like, but the OG version that arrives each year brings back that feeling of liberation. Somehow I don't think an electronic version would have the same impact. A further use of it is generated by the fact I now live in Yorkshire. I take a great and perverse delight leaving it lying around for any visiting Tykes to see. It's a bit like my insistence on always responding to the loyal toast with "The Duke of Lancaster". Something I am proud to have achieved in the members' dining room at the Yorkshire County Cricket Club in Headingley Stadium (There were two of us as well!). From the above it will probably be clear that my vote is for the continuation of the current paper version

**Neil Hunt**

**Yorkshire**

Dear Alan,

I would like to set up a group on Linked In for ex pupils of KGV. If you would like it to be administrated by the Old Georgians then that is fine however I still have contact with many ex school mates who are on Linked In. Please let me know if this would be appropriate. Many thanks.

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*Sorry I only just spotted your email in March 2008, I was under the weather until now!*

*Ed.*

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**Speaker:**

**David Reardon**

**KGV 1981-3**

David arrived at KGV from Merchant Taylor's School as part of the new sixth form college. He studied sciences and then went on to do Hotel catering and Institutional management in Cheltenham. He joined the prestigious 'Manoir Aux Quat' Saisons' in Oxfordshire. After establishing a small restaurant in London, he came back to Southport to join the family business in plastic injection moulding. The original company folded in 1999 and in 2000 a new company was set up and now manufactures unique products.

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## COLLEGE REPORT

**Spring Term** Young Enterprise students attended the area finals in Bootle and won the best business awards. Economic students attended a 1 day conference at Manchester Metropolitan University. Theatre Studies students attended an evening production of *End Game* at the Everyman Theatre. Accounting students visited Champion Accountants in Southport.

BTEC Media Studies students went to Lord's Cafe Bar in Southport to complete their 12 short film project. Government and Politics students attended an evening lecture by Senator George Mitchell at the Royal Philharmonic Hall. Economic students visited the Liverpool dock area to see regeneration of the docklands. Biology students visited Ainsdale sand dunes as part of their coursework requirements. Drama students worked with Ormskirk Police on role play scenarios.

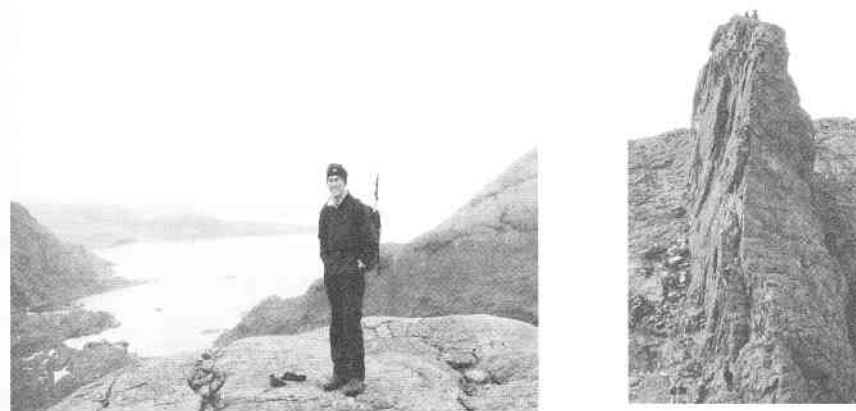
**Machinery of Government** Sixth form colleges will no longer be FE colleges under the remit of the LSC : instead they will 'return to the fold' of Local Authorities, while retaining significant independence. Local authorities will have to determine funding allocations to all 16-18 providers, although there will be a national formula which drives most of the funding. The new formula is not very helpful to KGV.

**New Building** The new building project has now been submitted to the Planning Department in Sefton. We are still working with our Project Managers and the Design Team to finish off "Stage D" and need to bring the costs down before we sign that phase off. See KGV college website.



## THE THORNLEY SOCIETY

It began with an email from James Honeybone asking for details about Jim Thornley. Jim's obituary and photos are attached. The obituary appears in the relevant section and the photos were taken on Skye in 2005 and in the Lake District in 2008.



The one on the left is Tom Marshall now living in Australia. The "Inaccessible Pinnacle" was at the top including Tom Marshall, Doug Mellor, Pete and Jim.

In reading the Red Roses, James Thornley's young boyhood is as followed:- Born in 1923 in Ormskirk. He was mentioned in the "Salvete" in 1934 (aged 11). In 1936 and 1937 he was reported in Red Rose as a good bowler in the Colts XI. In 1939 he was listed in the School Certificates and James played for the cricket second XI. In 1940 James was Vice Captain of Edward's, played for the cricket first XI and rugby 2<sup>nd</sup> XV. James was in the Upper VI Modern He passed History, Geography and Economics at HSCs and Economics and History which enabled him to get a Borough Scholarship and Ed. Rathbone scholarship for Liverpool University 1934.

Later he joined the 7th Gurkha Rifles where he became Adjutant. His obituary tells the tale. However, in 1955, the "Thornley Society" was formed at KGV named after Captain J.W. Thornley. Along with Bill Crace and Sherpa Tenzing they attempted to climb Nanga Parbat where the two Englishmen lost their lives in August 1950. Tenzing, in the book, "Man of Everest", refers to his labour and hardship. "I think he was the most powerful climber I have

ever seen". He also refers to him as his friends as "two of the finest men we have known". The Thornley Society is honoured to name itself after such a man. The first officers in 1955 were *President* - The Headmaster, G.F.Dixon *Chairman* - J. W.Gatiss ; *Secretary* - J.K.Grundy

Then in the 1970 Red Rose there was a staff change : "Mr J. A. Honeybone who had been in the History Department for the last six years also left us. Mr Honeybone's service to the school has been considerable: as founder Housemaster of Honeybone's House, as master in charge of the Thornley Society and as founder of the Fox Society for the Junior boys, as well as the Joint Sixth Form Film Society. In all these aspects of school life his leadership has been invaluable to us.

Moving on to the report on the Thornley Society in April 1971 Red Rose, here the officers were Chairman - N Knowles, Treasurer - E J W Seddon, Secretary - P Frampton and Toastmaster General - R.A.Fletcher . The report said -

"We struggle on without a leader but nevertheless come August 1970, Max Dow belayed on the roof and a wary Graham Tighe at the wheel , the Festermobile ( a brakeless van resembling a wartime Red Cross ambulance) was to be seen burning up the Langdale road. Rising at 11-00 a.m. to greet the mid-day midges we concluded it was too hot to climb. Hence in twos or threes we strolled along to the Old Hotel where suddenly, the site of those brave people edging up the sheer crags above stirred something inside us. Off came the shirts and off the boots in preparation for a Thornley siesta. Standards rose considerably through the meet and our climbing also improved"

Another paragraph followed :-

"Three months later the old FEBs, PAs, EBs, RDs Cherry Reds and what have you again came off in Thornley unison, only this time in a wet, dismal North Wales. Doug Mellor (late of Mason's) smell out a barn in the Ogwen valley, which Knowles obligingly enriched despite the presence of other naturalists. The weather having been so kind the Thornley got down to a piece of good old-fashioned festering, as at Chtistmas when we braved sub-zero temperatures to sup coffee in the Old Dungeon Ghyll."

Finally, and with the time available, The Thornley Society was found in Red Rose of July 1971. The officers were unchanged.

"The Thornley Society is alive and well and living in Langdale. Having been left leaderless since last summer when the great 'Bone left us and frightened off another prospective candidate we have fallen on hard times . However , despite this miserable lack of material for the van the Thornley has been active. Standards have been raised to unprecedented heights and even our illustrious chairman honoured us with his presence on a meet in Wales - complete with kilt - though no climbing was actually done due to heavy precipitation and a cardiac job on Dick Powell."

*Well, James, the information from you ,makes the Thornley Society a good read. It will be helpful if I add your email and let's hope that more news will be in the 2010 Red Rose. I looked back as far as 1998 and there was no mention of a climbing society. I did not try to look back even as far as 1971. Your email is :- jameshoneybone@btinternet.com*

Alan,

This is so exciting for us. You say you did some delving and thank you very much. We'd like to help you with something for the 2010 Red Rose. We held a Climbing Meet of The Thornleian Mountaineering Club which is a continuation of the Thornley VI th Form Climbing club at KGV in the 60's. It took place at the Robertson Lamb Hut in Langdale, Cumbria from the 23<sup>rd</sup> to the 26<sup>th</sup> October. Our participants would certainly ring a few bells with Red Rose readers Two were teachers: Jim is 'Tony' Honeybone who taught History there for six years and became a Housemaster; Bob is Bob Hardwick who taught Religious Studies for three years and the others are Doug, Geoff, Joe, John, Keith, Mike, and a ghost of GFD.

Isn't it all fascinating?

Cheers,

**James Honeybone**





John & Mike Pavey



Lakeland Retreat



Top of Jack's Rake



Stickle Tarn

*This year the Club is going to Glenbrittle, Skye. Good Luck to you all!*

*Ed.*

## The O. G. Association Accounts for 2008

The accounts for this year have been audited by Duncan Burton. Thanks to Duncan for his free time.

<i>INCOME</i>	2007 £	2008 £
Life Memberships	100	101
Donations	410	596
Profit on Annual Dinner	910	1243
Profit on Quiz night	-	80
Profit on May Reunion	-	190
Profit on Snooker and Darts night	3	39
Profit on sale of Photos, Prints & Ties	98	69
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 <i>EXPENDITURE</i>		
KGV Projects -	200	-
Student Prize	126	100
Production & postage of Red Rose	1128	1173
Printing, stationery, postage	76	67
Donations	30	-
Deposit for Dinner in 2009	500	500
Bank charges	-	48
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	2060	1888
 <b>Excess of Income over Expenditure</b>	<b>(539)</b>	<b>430</b>
 <i>ASSETS</i>		
Cash at Bank	1930	2936
Stock of Ties	466	427

## Overview

This year has seen a better performance in the overall accounts with a profit of £430 compared to a loss of £539 in 2007. The profit on the Annual dinner was up by a third whilst the Quiz, Snooker and May reunion all contributed. This year it has been necessary to save money. After the next annual dinner we will look again at any worthwhile projects.

## Donations

There was an excellent contribution from the donates, including the following: Mike Alexander, John Ashcroft, Robin Bowen-Williams, Phillip Holland, Brian Knowles, Tom Lodge, Stephen Salt and Brian Whittle. Well done chaps!

## The Electronic Red Rose

The conclusion is that a few members would prefer the Red Rose to be put on the website and they would be happy to read it. Quite a number I've spoken to and I have read their letters and emails, would be very unhappy to have to down-load it. A very large number of the members have not made any comment. The fact remains that the older members still wish to have a copy of Red Rose delivered through the post.

As an alternative, the written Red Rose can be handled in such a way that it can be put on the website and downloaded. This would give members a choice of reading. It would require anyone wanting an electronic copy to send us an email so we can deliver the download to their email address.

The email from Adam Dinwoodie suggests he will have a go. Perhaps he would contact me and we could discuss it.

## THE ELECTRONIC RED ROSE

You will remember the subject that I tabled last year, on page 52. The opening remark said that if a member did not want a change to the electronic Red Rose, (ERR), they need not reply. Of the emails and letters I've received, there were eight in favour of change and there were four members who had written to say that they wanted the original Red Rose. The vast number who want it to stay the same, amounts to about 1225 members.

### *Those in favour...*

Dear Alan,  
I'm happy to receive The Red Rose online. I am probably also able to convert it to online format without too much difficulty, and/or manage an email list to let people know when a new edition is out, if either of those help. I know you mentioned the time to convert it to a suitable format as something that might prevent you doing this.

If you want, send me a copy of the latest Red Rose, and I'll convert it to an electronic format suitable for sending out, so you can see what it would look like. I think you said you wrote it in Word, so if you could email me that file, that would be perfect.

Warm regards,  
**Adam Dinwoodie**

**U.K.**

Hi,  
Having just read the latest Red Rose I would be happy to receive it by email or just receive notification that it was on the website as it is more environmentally-friendly.

Regards,  
**Dr Ann Sainter**  
1993-95

**Southport**

Greetings Happy to receive an e-mail version  
**Edward J Bond**

**Worsley**

Hi

Have just received my posted copy of the 2008 edition. I would be happy to receive the red rose via email or be notified when the latest edition was available to read/download via the net. I receive many of my journals/newsletters in this format already and see it as a step in the right direction for sustainability and a 'paperless' World.

regards

**Joanne Edgar**

**Cannock**

Alan,

Re your enquiry on p 52 of the latest *Red Rose*, yes I'd be quite happy to receive future issues by email, to cut costs and delivery effort.

Regards,

**John Eaton**

**Southport**

Hello

I am happy to no longer receive the newsletter by post but get it by email instead

Thanks

**Mrs Shiromi Davison**

**Darlington**

I'd be very happy to forego the hard copy if the Red Rose was available online

**Nigel K Waring**

**Cowan, Australia**

### ***Those against...***

Hello Alan and a Happy New Year

The cost of the Red Rose is a problem which is likely to escalate but I have some doubt about putting it on line. No-one will want to sit at the computer to read it and not many will want to suffer the time and expense of printing it all out. It is a publication for reading and the written word still has a long way to go. Given that the marginal cost of putting it on line is negligible (ignoring, of course, the effort which goes into it!) then it is certainly worth having a go.

Thank you again for all the effort you have put in to the essential task of providing information

**Eric Ogden**

**Cheadle**

Hi Alan,

My thanks and congratulations for a better than ever magazine. Re your question about the Internet, I must be getting old fashioned as I find that I can't relate to lengthy documents on the web, but if you feel that putting it on the Web is the way to go I could live with it. Using the web would cut out the need for overseas postage! An alternative may be to get an up front payment (for a few years) to cover the cost of members overseas postage.

Kindest regards

**Brian Shorrocks**

**Formby**

Dear Alan

Received my copy today. I left the school in 1956 and I still find it an interesting read. Amazing how many names I can recognise. Please keep it in this traditional format. On Internet only I would never read it!!

**Allan Brookfield**

**Birmingham**

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**Neil Hunt**

**Leeds**