

# THE RED ROSE 2011

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## EDITORIAL

Hello and welcome to the Red Rose 2011.

I am delighted to see that the annual newsletter that I took over in the mid- 90s and turned into more of a magazine/periodical, has developed even further under the editorship of Paul Bagshaw, Alan Bond and again, last year, Paul Bagshaw. It is now a fine document that provides history, current affairs, reminiscences and events information for the Association Members and I trust this issue will not disappoint.

As many of you know, Alan suffered a second stroke in 2009 and the road to recovery has been longer than hoped. Paul and I have been gathering information for this year's edition and we have collated it into what is about to unfold before you. Alan – good luck with your recovery!

Unfortunately, having offered to undertake the job on, both Paul and I have been extremely busy at work and as I 'own' this edition, with Paul's kind support, I hope that the content I have been able to provide this year is still up to scratch and continues to inspire, inform and involve our readership.

I would like to appeal in preparation for next year's magazine – please, please, please will you continue to send me updates about yourselves and fellow Old Georgians. The news section this year is somewhat thin, despite efforts having been made to solicit information. So please, any snippets, please email (preference) or send your input to myself at the contact addresses.

In addition to my thanks to all who have helped and contributed this year, not least the team who fastidiously place the magazines in envelopes and circulate the RR by hand.

I would like to mention both our Association Presidents of the past year. Hilary Anslow left the College this year after some 18 years of leadership and maintaining the College's position in the upper echelons of Sixth Form Education in the country. I would like to thank Hilary for all of her help during that time and would welcome her back at any point as she still has a place on the OGA Committee.

Adele Wills has now joined the College as the new Principal and on behalf of the OGA, I would like to welcome her to the ranks of the Association as our President, in addition to her position as Principal of the College. Adele has kindly contributed to this RR edition (see next page).

***Jonathan R Elliott – RR Acting Editor***

## **PRESIDENT'S LETTER**

Dear Old Georgians

I am pleased and honoured to be writing my first President's Letter for The Red Rose – and not a little in awe of the line of illustrious forebears who have previously held this position! I remember very clearly my first visit to the College before my interview – in December 2009, almost a year ago now – and my first impression was one of a real College community with wonderfully polite students (I lost count of how many doors were held open for me, quite a novelty in a busy environment of young people) and a real buzz for learning. And nothing has happened during my first term to counter those first impressions.

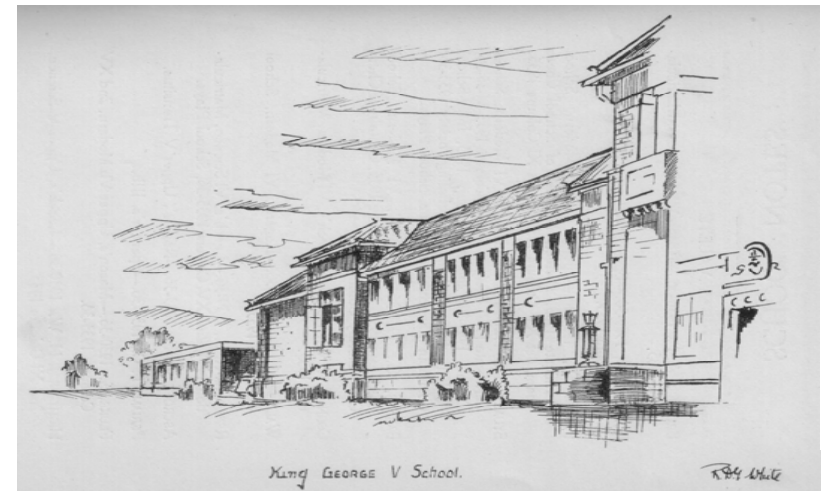
Results remain outstanding with A Level at 97.4% and an impressive 100% of BTEC students achieving a qualification. This year, our best subjects at A Level include: Ancient History, Computing, Electronics, History, Applied ICT, Leisure Studies, Further Maths, Media Studies, Music and Travel and Tourism. In the BTEC Diploma courses, our best subjects were Business Studies, IT and Sport. Once again, in spite of predictions that there would be fewer University places and a scramble for places, 76% of KGV students have gone on to a place in Higher Education, including 5 at Oxford or Cambridge and a high number at a range of other prestigious institutions, both locally and further afield. I was also honoured recently to attend the graduation ceremony for some of our own Foundation Degree students at Edge Hill University and pleased to celebrate their outstanding achievements.

In addition, the dedication and commitment of our talented staff has ensured that students are enthused in their learning by being able to participate in a range of extra-curricular or extension activities. To name but a few: English Language students visited Dr Johnson's house in London to give them a better understanding of the context against which his English dictionary was created; Media Students visited the London Film Festival and the BBC; Art students visited the Walker Art Gallery in Liverpool and the Whitworth Costume Museum in Manchester; Geology students travelled to the Isle of Arran to study rock formations; Religious Studies students visited the Liverpool Zen Centre; Classical Civilisation students attended a performance of 'Lysistrata' at the Rose Theatre at Edge Hill; the College's Sports Ambassadors attended a conference in Manchester.

These are difficult times for anyone working in the public sector and the changes are coming thick and fast. The Comprehensive Spending Review announced a reduction in our unit of funding as well as the abolition of the Education Maintenance Allowance, both of which are likely

to have a serious impact. The recent Schools White Paper indicates further changes with another review of A Levels on the cards (it feels as if these reviews are almost an annual event) as well as vocational learning and another new Ofsted inspection regime. There will be much belt tightening at KGV as we prepare ourselves for some lean times ahead, but the most important consideration must be to safeguard the student experience. However tight money becomes, that should not detract from the joy of learning that is so evident on a day to day basis. And I look forward to working with you all to ensure that we remain true to KGV's mission: Discover, Enjoy, Achieve.

**Adele Wills, KGV College Principal**



**A Sketch of the School**  
Red Rose, Vol.XV, No. 3, July 1936

This appeared in the Red Rose, but other than his name, R.D.G. White, the artist is not known. Can anyone shed any light? – Ed.

## **CHAIRMAN'S LETTER**

Dear Old Georgians,

I was delighted and honoured to accept a second term as Chairman for the Old Georgian's Association and it has been a continuing pleasure to have been invited to various events at the College and experience something of the outstanding nature of KGV and the wide range of talent and skills the students there have. It has also been my pleasure to meet and work with the new Principal of the College, Adele Wills.

Being 'in post' for a second term has afforded me a further chance to renew acquaintances with friends from long ago, many of whom like me, cannot believe just how quickly time has passed since being at KGV. I joined the College in September 1979 and was part of the first intake of female students. To remind you just how long ago that was, 1979 was the year when Margaret Thatcher began her first term as Prime Minister.

The Principal of the College at that time was Mr. Arnold (and at that time I did not know he was called David and certainly would not have addressed him as such!) This year I was so pleased and proud to receive a letter from him which arrived out of the blue as a direct result of last year's letter in the Red Rose. His correspondence meant a great deal to me and demonstrated the influence of the OGA in making connections with others from earlier times.

It was David Arnold who oversaw the change from the 'Old Boy's Association' to the 'Old Georgians Association'. The ultimate aims of which were to

- **Promote interaction between former pupils of KGV School and former students of KGV College.**
- **To actively support the work of the College.**

The continued hard work of the Committee to ensure that various social functions take place for members of the OGA is testament to this. This year we are looking at ways of strengthening the links between the OGA and the current student body, a partnership which we hope will help support the College as it faces new challenges as a result of the current economic climate.

One way we hope to do this is by launching the 'Red Rose Appeal' as outlined following my letter.

It only remains for me to thank all members of the Committee who have been on hand to provide me with much help, support and guidance throughout the past year. I mention particularly Jonathan Elliott and Paul Bagshaw who have once again dedicated so much of their time to ensure the production and delivery of the 'Red Rose'. The arrangements for the Annual Dinner are in the safe hands of Jonathan and my guest speaker will be Old Georgian Roger Shaw who very kindly contacted me with his offer to share recollections of his life at KGV and his career since then.

I look forward to seeing you there

**Janice Darkes-Sutcliffe 1979-1981**  
**Form Tutor: Dr Skinner**  
**OGA Chairman, 2009-2011**

## RED ROSE APPEAL

The increase in university tuition fees has caused anxiety amongst those students hoping to apply for degree courses in the near future. However, this news has tended to overshadow another cut, which may prove to be equally damaging to the prospects of many young people. It is the ending of the Educational Maintenance Allowance (EMA), which provides means-tested financial assistance of up to £30 per week for 16 to 18-year-olds from poorer families who hope to continue their education in sixth forms or in further education colleges.

In the most deprived areas of the country, up to 75% of young people qualify for this allowance. Although £30 may seem a small amount to many, for some it can easily make the difference between continuing in education or dropping out, and that at a time of rising youth unemployment. Such money provides the means to pay for books or travelling expenses, and it might be the crucial difference for families struggling to afford the basic necessities of bringing up children.

The Old Georgians' Association therefore proposes to set up an appeal, in partnership with King George V College, in an attempt to assist the continuing education of those who might otherwise face financial difficulties, either in continuing their courses, or in planning to stay in education beyond the age of 16. The total amount that will be lost to KGV students who qualify for EMA is estimated at about £600,000 per year. Although we cannot possibly replace that loss, we are asking Old Georgians to contribute whatever they can to this worthwhile appeal.

***Do you feel able to respond, either with a one-off donation, or with an annual commitment of, say, £10?***

If so, please make cheques payable to **King George V College**, and post them to:

Red Rose Appeal, King George V College, Scarisbrick New Road,  
Southport PR8 6LR.

Money raised in this way will be used to provide financial assistance to the most vulnerable students, decided on a case by case basis in partnership with the College. Your help will undoubtedly make a difference to someone.

## FORMER CHAIRMEN OF THE ASSOCIATION

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T P Spencer (24) W Beetham (25) R E Sanderson (26-7) C I Minshull (28)  
S J Hargreaves (29) A V Cunliffe (30) W M Towers (31) A V Cunliffe (32)  
R E Sanderson (33) A D Sawyer (35) P Slater (36) G K Bridge (47)  
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K Rostron (57) J R Edwards (58) R A Lloyd (59) H E Nettleton (60)  
G Barnes (61) G Walton (62) H H Long (63-4) M B Enright (65)  
H Evans (66) A V Langfeld (67) A Fairclough (68) H J M Royden (69)  
D Brown (70) R Abram (71) S B Rimmer (72) A J Chandler (73)  
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C W Jerram (77) E G Cowen (78)

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J C West (83) J J Marriner (84) G T Seed (85) M J Waring (86)  
R A Barnett (87) B M Rimmer (88) J R Pilling (89) P D Bagshaw (90)  
R C Fearn (91) E A Ogden (92) J R Elliott (93) R O Jeffs (94)  
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Catherine Lapsley (08) Janice Darkes-Sutcliffe (09-10)

## ASSOCIATION OFFICERS

PRESIDENT	Adele Wills
VICE PRESIDENTS	Former Chairmen & Presidents
CHAIRMAN	Janice Darkes-Sutcliffe
VICE CHAIRMAN	Catherine Lapsley
SECRETARY	Martin Fearn
TREASURER	Stan Rimmer (Acting)
RED ROSE EDITOR	Jonathan Elliott (Acting)
MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY	Jonathan Elliott
SOCIAL SECRETARY	Jonathan Elliott
COLLEGE REPRESENTATIVE	Pam O'Shea
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## OLD GEORGIANS' NEWS

### **PAUL BAGSHAW (Spencer's 1949-1955)**

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Paul continues to produce films with director Dave Town (Edwards 1951-58). Their most recent project was The Wargame, which had its première last November. One planned for 2011 is a sequel to 4 DAYS, their first featurefilm made in 2003.

### **MARK DRANSFIELD (Lunn's 1973-1980)**

Mark now lives in Brighton, though commutes regularly to France, Canada and many other countries. He recently caught up with the Ed:

*I am currently working out of 3 offices, one in Montreal, one in Toulouse and one at home in Brighton in my new role as VP Strategy for Mechtronix World Corporation, still in the flight training and simulation business. Just in case I am not busy enough my erstwhile colleagues have also made me Chairman elect of the Royal Aeronautical Society Flight Simulation Group which is fairly prestigious. As usual too much time spent on airplanes (94 flights in 2010 – aagghh) and not enough time keeping in touch with you guys.*

*Finally gave up playing senior rugby this year after 37 years straight since starting age 11 at KGV – the old bones can't take it anymore but the drinking arm seems to still be fairly unaffected.*

### **JOHN GATISS (Woodham's 1949-1956)** [john@johngatiss.f9.co.uk](mailto:john@johngatiss.f9.co.uk)

John earned his bread and butter as a mechanical design engineer and latterly by training graduates for a life in industry. He has been married 3 times, with 8 children and 11 grand children. His brother, Roger sadly died some 8 years ago after a life in forestry. John would be pleased to hear from anyone.

### **JOSH GWYNNE (2008-2010)** [gwynneee@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:gwynneee@hotmail.co.uk)

Josh followed A level courses in Film, Theatre and English Literature, during which he was introduced to performance and narrative. This led to film-making, which he pursues as Chairman of Southport MovieMakers. He has also won trophies for Latin American and Ballroom Dance, and is currently on the first year of a degree course at Edge Hill University.

### **MIKE HARROP (Woodhams 76-81 and P2 81-83)**

In trying to compose a few notes for the Old Georgian I look back at my time at KGV and I feel that the world has turned full circle as we recently watched our son depart for his first day at grammar school. My KGV memories are dominated by an awful lot of sport (some may argue that my

contribution was a lot of awful sport) and very little obvious effort in the academic arena; too much time spent doing the minimum amount of work that I could get away with and the perennial dread of parents' evenings where the enemy (my parents and teachers) would compare notes regarding my lack of progress. For me though it was easy. I knew exactly what I wanted to do from a very early age and school, sixth form and university were simply my route to joining the Royal Air Force.

I duly joined the RAF, as a Fighter Controller officer, in August 1987 after an academic career lacking in sparkle but full of fun times and fond memories. I had no aspirations to be a pilot as, to paraphrase the medical officer during my selection interview, without my glasses it was unlikely that I would find the airfield never mind my aircraft. Over the last twenty or so years I have followed an atypical path for a Fighter Controller – whose main responsibility was traditionally seen as a cold war warrior involved in the air defence of the United Kingdom. After fulfilling a number of core air defence roles I have since been involved in: crisis management operations across Whitehall, commanding an initial officer training squadron at the RAF College, a detachment commander for both Tristars and Nimrods during the build up to the invasion of Iraq, arms control and more recently system of systems engineering in the Ministry of Defence's procurement centre in Bristol. Interspersed throughout my career have been times away from home in support of operations in the Falkland Islands, Bosnia, Iraq and Afghanistan where the skills acquired from dodging Stan Rimmer's board rubbers taught me the value of keeping your wits about you and your head down! I have not regretted a moment of my time in the RAF but with events like coming face to face with Russian 'mafia' in Tashkent there have been times I wished I was elsewhere – a story for another day I fear.

I am now a poacher turned gamekeeper as our son is a chip off the old block in terms of academic effort and sport; it's very difficult to castigate someone for imitating you! To complete my reformation I am now undertaking a part-time masters degree in defence leadership. In looking back the biggest lesson I now realise that KGV taught me was not necessarily how to pass exams and gain high academic honour (just as well as I was not very good at either) but rather the ability and desire to enjoy what you are doing and learn in the process.

#### **TONY KAY (Evan's, 1945-53)**

Tony is now semi-retired, reducing his hours to a 37 hour week from his previous 60! His company, DANLERS Ltd, recently won a Queen's Award for Enterprise.

#### **DANIEL LEWIS (1988 - 1990)**

Daniel attended UMIST and then became an IT Trainer. Following employment, he has now spent the last five years in self employment, running training for a wide variety of companies including BT and Microsoft. During the last few months he has travelled to Portugal, India and Singapore delivering courses.

#### **BRIAN MARSHALL (1945-1947)**

Brian doesn't have much news to impart, but he does have an invitation for....

*any old boys of my era ie. 1945 to 1947, are welcome to contact me in Pembroke especially during sailing season. I have a small sailing craft moored in Milford Haven. A lovely place to visit.*

Email: ourwinnieuk@yahoo.co.uk

#### **DAVID MARSHALL (Grears 1973-1979)**

Mash too was a fellow x-streamer with the Editor and now resides in Canada. He recently emailed the following update:

*I am now working for JT International as an itinerant Finance Director. After 3 years in Luzern, Switzerland have just completed a year in Toronto with 2 or 3 more to come. There are enough Bolton Wanderers games on cable TV to get through the dark, freezing winters and in fact (ice) hockey is more exciting than I ever imagined. Have taken up running lately and completed a first (and only) marathon but will stick to the half-marathons from now on, trying to beat the elusive 2 hour barrier. Married to Carol (almost 20 years now), no kids, no dogs (the last one lived 18 years) and no Facebook page either – I'm holding out. Will try to get to occasional KGV event on trips back if possible.*

#### **PHILIP McLEAN (Spencer's 1949-1956) [padhmcl@aol.com](mailto:padhmcl@aol.com)**

Philip and Dorothy - daughter of Robert Kirkby who taught Latin at KGV - celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary at the Oxford & Cambridge Club in Pall Mall, London last autumn. A number of Old Georgians attended the event, including Darrell Farrant, Mark Dalby, John Hoyle and Paul Bagshaw.

#### **ALEX MORAN (2006-2008) [alexander\\_moran@hotmail.com](mailto:alexander_moran@hotmail.com)**

Since leaving KGV Alex has been involved with writing, acting, film-making and music, playing keyboard in a group. He plans to travel to the USA with Camp America this year, and has recently been accepted onto a screenwriting diploma at the London Film Academy for 2012.

### **STUART PARR (1988 - 1990)**

Stuart attended Aberystwyth University on the Environmental Sciences course. He now works for the National Environments Agency, following early career steps with Atkins and then BNFL. He is a consultant advising on nuclear matters, from power stations to submarines.

### **JOHN ROSTRON (Evans 1956-1964) [governor@cybase.co.uk](mailto:governor@cybase.co.uk)**

John has recently been awarded an honorary life membership of the British Dental Association at a ceremony in London. Peter Ward, Chief Executive of the BDA, said that the awards celebrate the successes of the whole dental team, and recognise the hard work carried out to improve dental care. John's award is one of only three given out in the UK this year.

### **JACK SHAW (2006-2008) [jack.shaw4@btinternet.com](mailto:jack.shaw4@btinternet.com)**

Jack is currently in his final year of a degree course in Journalism at Edge Hill University. His ambition is to forge a stand-up comedy career and to be a professional comedy writer. After graduation he has planned a year in New Zealand to broaden horizons and to continue writing.

### **DAVID SUTCLIFFE (Grears 1955-1962)**

David wrote to us recently, with an update on his current and past 'life'.  
*I am in Portugal involved in wines, golf and holiday rentals. Following a career in aviation (12 years in the Fleet Air Arm then 25 years world wide in commercial flying, I have now settled in Cascais for a less stressful life.*  
If you have any interest in wine, golf or holidaying, please contact David at [davidsutcliffe840@hotmail.com](mailto:davidsutcliffe840@hotmail.com).

**Ed – Please send through any small detail about yourself or other OGA members for inclusion in next year's Red Rose.**

## **DID/DO YOU KNOW?**

### **PROFESSOR SHF JOHNSTON**

The Cameronians (Scottish Rifles) Trustees recently wrote to the Association, requesting any information about Professor SHF Johnston and his surviving family. Professor Johnston died in 1991, but spoke at an Annual Dinner in 1952. He attended KGV before attaining a First Class Honours Degree in Modern History at Exeter College, Oxford. If anyone knows any more of his past, or specifically of his current relatives, please contact Jon Elliott.

### **SERGEANT PILOT F WATSON**

A history of 41 Squadron in the RAF is being compiled and any information relating to Sergeant Pilot F Watson is requested. He joined the RAF Volunteer Reserve in May 1940, but it is not known when he attended KGV or his first name. Again, please pass any information to Jon Elliott.

### **RICHARD TAYLOR**

The local museum in Geffen, Holland, is seeking information about Richard Taylor and any surviving relatives.

In October 1944 Geffen was liberated by the British Army. Unfortunately 5 soldiers were killed by the Germans, one of them being Richard, a trooper from Southport, Lancashire.

The museum is now trying to make an exhibition of WW II and would like to include information and photographs of all deceased soldiers in Geffen.

## **OBITUARIES**

### **DAVID HOWGATE (Roger's, 1948 – 54)**

David passed away in October 2010, aged 73 years of age. As an obsessive football fan, he was a member of the UK Programme Collectors Club and the Association of Football Statisticians, amongst other.

### **KENNETH JOWETT (c. 1926 – 29)**

Kenneth passed in January 2009, just before his 94<sup>th</sup> birthday. His daughter, Maureen, wrote to us to inform us of this sad news. He is survived by his wife of 69 years, Eileen, and daughter.

Kenneth attended KGV from 1926 to 1929 before moving to London. He gained a First Class Degree in Electrical Engineering. He spent his working life with the Post Office/BT, rising to Deputy Director level. On retirement, he moved to Worthing and spent his time pursuing his many interests and the local church.

### **BRIAN DAVID ORMESHER (Masons's, 1948 – 55)**

Brian passed away suddenly on November 8<sup>th</sup> 2010. Brian had been a prefect at school and attained his school colours in both rugby and athletics. He is survived by his wife Anne and children Ian, Karen and Linda.

### **BILL SHORROCK (1945-1952)**

Bill passed away in 2010 and his cousin, Brian, wrote the following:

*Bill was one of the second generations of Shorrocks who were fortunate enough to attend KGV, in that his Father (Leonard) was moved from*

*Woodlands to the prestigious new building housing KGV Grammar School, when it first opened.*

*Bill made excellent progress academically and went on to Manchester University to study Law. After he graduated, like most boys at the time he had to do National Service for 2 years in one of the Armed Forces, serving as an Officer in the Military Police*

*When he was demobbed he spent a short time with a firm of Solicitors in Southport, but like many Old Georgians, he had to look further afield to find more gainful employment, and moved to Sutton Coldfield where he soon became a partner with a fellow Solicitor and remained there for the rest of his working life.*

*Bill was an avid Lancastrian, but typically he was equally determined to play an active role in his new community. Among many other things he joined Round Table and set up and managed a Junior Football Team. He and his family even became active supporters of Wolverhampton Wanderers. Above all Bill was a loving family man with his Wife Eve, son Stephen, daughter Anne and eventually four Grandchildren.*

*Some 6 years ago, in spite of his healthy diet and love of long walks, he developed a mysterious wasting illness for which no cure could be found. Despite his failing strength he remained cheerful in the care of his devoted family and passed away peacefully just before Christmas at the age of 74.*

*He will be sadly missed by all who knew him, and there were many. At a Tribute Service at his local Chapel in spite of the snow and ice the Chapel was packed to capacity with nearly 200 people wishing to pay their respects. There is a lot more that could be said, but perhaps he would be happy just to know that he was considered to be 'A TRUE GENTLEMAN'*

#### **TREVOR STAFFORD (c. 1942-1949)**

An article was passed to the editor regarding the passing of Trevor Stafford, aged 79. It is not clear when Trevor passed away or the exact years that he attended the school (presumably leaving around 1949). He read English at Queens College, Cambridge. After successful work as an English teacher, Trevor became a Headmaster in 1970 and worked in three schools until his retirement in 1994. He was chairman of Shropshire Community Health Council and the Shropshire branch of Mind.

He is survived by his wife, Jan, three children and four grand children.

#### **DR NORMAN COULSHED (1933-1940)**

Born 9.1.1922, died 9.2.2009

Norman Coulshed attended KGV from 1933 to 1940 and was an outstanding pupil. He was Head Boy in his final year and Captain of both Cricket and Rugby. On leaving KGV he attended medical school in Liverpool and qualified as a doctor. He became a member of the Cardiac

Unit at Sefton General Hospital in 1954 and was appointed consultant cardiologist in 1960, where he remained until his retirement in 1987. He developed new techniques of cardiology which laid the foundations for modern practice and played a lead role in the creation of the Regional Cardiac Centre at Broadgreen Hospital.

He was a keen railway enthusiast and a meticulous artist with a particular penchant for watercolours featuring old buildings and landscapes of Liverpool and the Lake District. He was also a member of Formby Golf Club for many years and an enthusiastic follower of Lancashire Cricket Club. He is survived by his wife Olive whom he married in 1950 and leaves three sons and two grandsons

### MEMORABILIA

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

Paul Bagshaw, 46 Lyndhurst Road, Southport PR8 4JT. 01704-565075  
Ties: Stan Rimmer, 361 Liverpool Rd, Southport PR8 3BT – 01704-576713  
Cheques payable to: Old Georgians Association. All items are Post Free.

KGV REMEMBERED DVD – Video programme featuring OG's £7  
Reminiscences and photographs from 1920 to 1979 – 81 mins  
Also available from Broadhurst's Booksellers, Market St, Southport.

GEOFFREY DIXON REMEMBERED DVD – Video of Geoffrey £7  
himself, with tributes from colleagues & former pupils – 87 mins

AERIAL PHOTO of KGV School & College 1980. (A4 Colour) £5  
AERIAL PHOTO of KGV School in 1950s. (A5 B/W) £5

PHOTOGRAPHS of Southport Pier, The Marine Way Bridge, £5  
Lord Street, KGV College in the Snow. (A4 Colour)

75<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY RED ROSE BOOK – Stories of KGV (1920-2001) £7  
A very small number of this 160-page book now available.

KGV SCHOOL PROSPECTUS 1930. (A5 Facsimile) £5

OLD GEORGIANS TIE – Black, 2 Red & White Stripes, Red Rose £9  
1930s VINTAGE OLD GEORGIANS TIE – The is Silver, Red & Black £18  
and is similar to the Colours Tie.

Southport Photographs by Martyn Snape - smartpics@btinternet.com



## **SOCIAL EVENTS 2010**

**Reported by Jon Elliott**

### **ANNUAL DINNER**

The 2010 Annual Dinner was held on April 1st at Formby Hall. It was preceded by the Annual General Meeting of the Association, attended by 28 members, including the Chairman, Janice Darkes-Sutcliffe and 12 committee members.

The Dinner started at 8pm with a welcome from Social Secretary, Jonathan Elliott, followed by Mike Hyde saying Grace. In her final year of Presidency, the top table was headed by Hilary Anslow, together with the Chair, Janice and several Committee members.

We changed rooms at the venue this year to accommodate our numbers. The room provided are more intimate environment, although the PA proved slightly problematic. A fine meal was served to all attending, followed by preparations for the speeches and raffle. The side table was particularly brimming this year with prizes and gifts.

Hilary gave her final address as President of the Association, no less enthusiastic or inspiring than any of her previous speeches. The Committee presented Hilary with a silver bracelet, ably chosen (with thanks - Ed) by her assistant at the College Pam Shea. Paul Bagshaw also presented Hilary with a framed photograph of the College which he had generously provided.

Janice then stood for her inaugural Chair's speech (having been voted back in, she will be confident in repeating the feat next year). Janice went native – no, don't get too excited – deciding to move around the room and talk without the microphone – and to great effect. It seemed that she brought the speech 'to the people', rather than operating from behind a stage/barrier at the front of the room. Well played Madam Chair!

Our guest speaker, Mark Sutcliffe (Holland's, 1978-80) then presented his talk. Mark works in Sports Management and partakes in many charitable events and fund raisers. His talk covered both topics and was illustrated by an excellent slide show of his overseas travels supporting children's' charities was both emotional and inspiring.

Also attending as guests of the Association were Mr. Ray Clarke and Mr. Barry Mawer, both former masters of the School and who retired in 2009 after more than 40 years of service each.

The evening closed with the raffle and plenty of hearty discussion and liquid consumption!

During the course of the evening, the organiser was approached by several people enquiring about a change of venue. Let it be known that the Formby Hall has done us proud over the last few years and change for change's sake is not always correct. However, to ensure we do get variety

and cater for all, the decision has been made to move the dinner into the centre of Southport for 2011. This will assist many attendees with travel and accommodation.

### Attending in 2010:

Bob	Abram	Mark	Fletcher	Don	Porter
Derek	Adams	John	Gatiss	Bob	Ratcliffe
Hilary	Anslow	Dave	Harrison	Charles	Rees
John	Anslow	Mike	Harrop	Steve	Ridley
Paul	Bagshaw	Bob	Hayden	Stan	Rimmer
John P	Baird	Des	Hughes	Trevor	Rimmer
Frank	Ball	Peter	Hulme	David	Roberts
John	Ball	Barry	Hurst	Dennis	Robinson
Tom	Booth	John	Hyde	John	Rostron
Robin	Bowen-Williams	Mike	Hyde	Peter	Rostron
Richard	Bretherton	Barry	Jones	Roger	Rothwell
Adrian	Brown	David	Karsa	John	Seddon
Paul	Bullock	John	Kendrew	Brian	Shorrocks
Duncan	Burton	John	Kermode	Keith	Shorrocks
Mike	Chalk	Ian	Kettle	Derek	Steele
Lynda	Clarke	Catherine	Lapsley	Chris	Stitson
Michael	Clarke	Sarah	Lapsley	Geoff	Stocker
Ray	Clarke	Gordon	Lees	Mark	Sutcliffe
John	Cotterall	David	Lonsdale	Rachel	Sutcliffe
Andy	Coughlin	Steve	Mallinder	Simon	Sutcliffe
Janice	Darkes-Sutcliffe	Jim	Marsh	Andy	Sweeney
Alun	Davies	Barry	Mawer	Prof JJ	Thompson
Alan	Dickinson	Christine	Mawer	Geoff	Topping
Peter	Dickinson	Belinda	Miller	Brian	Viner
Jonathan	Elliott	Tony	Milner	John	Wainwright
MGA	Elsen	Amaryllis	O-Lindsay	John	Webber
Don	Evans	Graham	Ostick	Barry	Whittaker
Martin	Fearn	Ray	Owen	Stuart	Wincer
Ronnie	Fearn	John	Pilling	Sean	Zee

### **CHAIRMAN'S WEEKEND**

Although the Weekend event did not take place this year, it was not for the want of trying and a good deal of hard work was put in by our Chair, Janice to make it happen. In order to secure a quality venue at a reasonable price, a date had to be set in advance. Unfortunately, this did not prove to be the most suitable date for the candidates to attend and the event fell by the wayside not once, but twice. The Social Secretary and the whole Committee would like to apologise to Janice and those hoping to attend this year. Sometimes square pegs don't fit into square holes, regardless of how hard you try. Janice hopes to re-visit this in the New Year, so please keep in touch and watch the OGA web pages on the College web site.

### **QUIZ NIGHT 2010 – Spud 'u' Like**

“What a Cracker” – best said in the accent of Frank Carson, if you can manage it. ‘What is he on about?’, you may well ask.

Following on from last year's fine evening of intellect, humour and sometimes pure guess work, we once again engaged John Nelson to formulate and deliver our quiz night for us and if possible, this time with even more success, enjoyment and further requests for a repeat event.

The decision was taken to theme the evening this year and we went for John's “Irish Night” (hence the previous comments). The questions were themed (name the two capitals!), challenging though not impossible (name the Eurovision winners) and full of wit and humour (too many for me to recall).

Over 100 people arrived, many taking the theme to heart and dressing in various shades of green. Prizes were carefully selected (a bag of spuds) and sought after (Jameson's 25 year old Malt) to maintain the theme of the evening. Even the food provided was soda bread and Irish Stew.

Last years winners returned to defend their trophy, but the opposition was better prepared this year and the final marks were much closer from first to last than previous events. The final result was a matter of 5 marks in 150 being the difference between the first and second placed teams, but the winners trophy this year changed hands, going to the team led by Old Georgians Ian Kettle and Graham Cox, with a little help from their friends.

The OGA must thank all those attended and especially those distributing tickets for the event. We will be going again in 2011, the date and venue being FRIDAY 13<sup>th</sup> MAY, 7pm for a 7.30pm start, at the S&B on Trafalgar Road.

### **SNOOKER EVENING 2010**

Whilst this event has been perceived to be ‘by invitation’, OGA members are welcome to enquire and attend if we can manage the numbers. Clearly there has to be a limit, or we would never finish the competitions in time, but whilst we aim for 16, we can cater for preliminary knockout rounds and manage 20 or so contestants. This, of course, should not discourage anyone from coming down to spectate, enjoy a drink and partake in the supper!

So it was that amidst poor weather and failing health, 13 members strode into the venue this year, each determined to better last year's performance, or at least fade in the first round with some dignity.

To that end, the event was very enjoyable. No-one was eliminated in the first round of all three events and only a couple in two. So everyone had at least 4 competitive challenges this year across the darts, snooker and carpet bowls.

In the snooker, our premier event (only 'cos it was the first event we had back in 1992), Gary Hughes triumphed over guest, Simon Shrouder. Both burst through their semi-finals at the last minute from seemingly untenable positions, to generate a well fought final.

The darts was possibly fought out more heavily through the rounds this year, with Mark Day and Nigel Walsh reaching the final. A sprint towards the doubles took place, with a ding-dong emerging around the wire as the count down went from 16, to 8, to 4, to 2 and finally to double 1. Nigel eventually triumphed with a despondent Mark taking solace in a pint of S&Bs best bitter.

So to the last event, the carpet bowls. Mike Forster under took some very precise ground level bowling to reach the final (Mike's a pilot). But, either the ILS was switched off, or his pitot head was frozen, as his ability to land on the spot deserted him in the final and Gary Hughes stepped up to take his second winners trophy of the evening.

Attending were: Jon Elliott, Andy Malley, Ian Kettle, Stuart Wincer, Derek Steele, Simon Shrouder, Mark Day, Gary Hughes, Stan Rimmer, Nigel Walsh, Mike Forster, Tony Milner and Roy Elliott.

## **KGV COLLEGE NEWS**

Students at KGV are fortunate to be able to participate in a variety of out-of-classroom activities each year. This year over 80 visits took place and included:

- ⊗ Year 2 BTEC National Diploma Business Studies students visited Jaguar Landrover to analyse and review health and safety within a manufacturing environment.
- ⊗ Ancient History and Classical Civilisation students attended performances of Euripedes' Medea, Lysistrata and a one man production of the Odyssey.
- ⊗ Art students visited exhibitions in London, Liverpool and Manchester
- ⊗ Historians visited the Holocaust Exhibition at the Imperial War Museum in London and held a series of events during Holocaust Memorial Week to remember those whose lives were lost during the Nazi genocide.
- ⊗ Duke of Edinburgh students participated in expeditions in the Yorkshire Dales, Peak District and Snowdonia.
- ⊗ Geologists went to Shap, Ingleton, Anglezarke and Arran.
- ⊗ Archaeology students visited the Archaeological laboratories at Liverpool University and undertook practical work to enable them to complete theoretical studies in the analysis of archaeological remains.
- ⊗ Spanish students went on an exchange visit to Madrid and German students visited Berlin.
- ⊗ Leisure Studies students spent the day at Farmer Ted's at Haskayne! They organised and supervised the visit of a group of Year 3 students from Kingswood College as part of their course requirements.
- ⊗ Business Studies students travelled to London to visit the Coca Cola Education Centre and the Tower of London to observe real life business situations.
- ⊗ Chester Zoo continued to be a popular destination for students from different subject areas. Students from Business Studies observed different business strategies used at the Zoo; Psychology students studied animal behaviour for comparison with human behaviour; Biologist studied biodiversity and conservation and observed evolutionary relationships.
- ⊗ Young Enterprise students competed in the North West YE Final in Widnes and won the Best Company Programme, the Most Innovative Product and Best Company!
- ⊗ The Business Administration and Finance Diploma group went to Rock and River for a teambuilding day of activities.

- ⊗ English Language students visited Dr Johnson's House in London to help develop their analytical skills and to get a broader view of English, in study and practice, outside the classroom;
- ⊗ Business Studies and Travel and Tourism students attended a marketing seminar at Alton Towers.
- ⊗ Applied ICT students visited Blackpool Pleasure Beach for a talk on the use of ICT in running an amusement park.
- ⊗ Media students attended the recording of 'Countdown' at Granada Studios to gain an insight into the recording and production of a TV show;

## **IN THE PRESS**

A couple of recent articles appeared in the Southport press. Our thanks to the Champion newspaper for their kind permission to reproduce (in part) these items...

### **New KGV Chief promises first class learning facility** **15<sup>th</sup> September 2010 by Natasha Young**

The new principal of Southport's KGV is determined to be "at the front of the queue" when any funding opportunities arise, after the college's multi-million pound rebuild plans collapsed last year.

She's only a few weeks into her new role, but Adele Wills has already begun to pick up where her predecessor left off in the fight to provide first class learning facilities for KGV students... Adele told The Champion: "We've already been looking at an alternative strategy and we're looking at some of the areas of the College that were disappointed last year.

"We need to keep an eye on the national agenda and when there is funding, make sure that we are at the front of the queue. We want to make some improvements immediately. Where we can we're making small scale investments and waiting for the bigger things.... Outside of her work she said that she is keen to get involved in local theatre groups, learn more about local history and taking walks to explore the area...

"I've come here from a very ethnically diverse area and Southport doesn't have the same degree of that, but it remains important that we offer a curriculum for the individual. Hilary Anslow was a very successful principal here and it would be unwise to start from scratch, so I hope to build up what she had established already."

## PILOT OF THE FUTURE

Comics in my day were of some interest, but I cannot recall any burning enthusiasm for them until, on 14th April 1950, the Eagle was born. Until then I had worked my way through Chicks Own, Tiny Tots, the Dandy and the Beano, as well as Rupert Bear and Babar the Elephant. Older boys read Rover, Hotspur and Wizard, as well as American comics, but I was never drawn to them. The Eagle, which called itself a magazine rather than a comic, was inspired by the Reverend Marcus Morris, Vicar of St James Church, Birkdale, who received support from the Reverend Chad Varah, the founder of the Samaritans. Frank Hampson, the chief illustrator, had studied at Southport School of Art and Craft in the late 1940s, and his style was notably more innovatory and polished than most others in the field. Because of this, and the vision of Marcus Morris, this new publication represented a major advance within its genre and, at one stage, Arthur C Clarke was adviser to the scriptwriting team. Parents who had previously frowned upon the content of most comics were pleased to welcome higher quality reading for their children, and so the Eagle enjoyed greater acceptability than any of its predecessors.

The first few editions were lighter in colour than the rest because there was apparently some technical difficulty with the advanced photogravure printing process that they had chosen to ensure high quality. Thus, the watercolour originals were not as strong as required, but the strength and style of Hampson's fluent line-drawings held the designs together successfully. Within a short period, inks were used instead of watercolour in order to address the problem. Unlike other comics, where the pictures were produced in a story-board style of identical squares, the Eagle sometimes divided pages into a variety of shapes - circles, triangles, parallelograms, and so on. The artists worked from an improvised studio in a former bakery cookhouse on Botanic Road, Churchtown, at the northern end of Southport.

The main character in the Eagle was Dan Dare, Pilot of the Future, and the stories were set in 1995. He was a rakishly handsome officer with a large chin and eccentrically angular eyebrows, and he wore the green uniform and cap of a Colonel in the Interplanetary Spacefleet, an arm of the United Nations World Government. Dan's boss was Sir Hubert Guest, the Controller of the Interplanet Spacefleet, based loosely upon Woodvale Aerodrome to the south of Southport. Dan's batman was called Digby, whilst his leading female character was Professor Peabody, a constant thorn in Sir Hubert's side. Her character was based upon one of the team of artists, Greta Tomlinson, whilst Sir Hubert was modelled on Robert, Frank Hampson's father, and several of the other personalities, including Tommy Walls - the Boy Wonder, resembled Southport people of the early 1950s.

The Eagle was printed by Eric Bemrose of Liverpool and published by the Hulton Press, whose titles at the time included Picture Post and Lilliput. It was immediately recognisable because it was larger than its competitors, was printed largely in colour, and was, quite simply, the best. Although the cost of three pence was a penny more than other comics in 1950, it enjoyed an average circulation of over two million copies.

Dan Dare's ingenuity and courage were tested to the full by his main enemies, the Treens, who came from Venus. They were green with angular features and wide mouths, and they wore a flexible golden armour, something like a broad shower hose. The Mekon, their leader, had an enormous head, presumably to contain his massive brain, and he spent most of his time floating in a cross-legged position. Sondar, the friendly Treen, leaked secrets to Dan and his associates, and it is a wonder that he was never suspected of being a double agent, in view of the Mekon's huge intellect. Populating the other end of Venus were the Therons, with blue skin, blond hair and Roman soldier-style skirts. They had a power-bulge on their foreheads, which spoiled an otherwise elegant appearance. When Col. Dan Dare and the Interplanetary Spacefleet were locked in heavy conflict with those Treens, the Therons were the late arrivals on Dan's side, rather like the Americans in two world wars and Blucher at Waterloo. There were other adventures, such as that when Hank and Pierre, two of Dan's colleagues, ran out of fuel in the asteroid belt, but they were fortunately rescued after a fading radio signal was picked up by Digby.

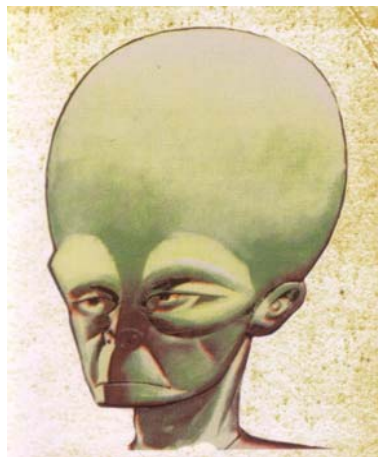
The Eagle contained quite a number of strip cartoons in addition to the main story. There was Harris Tweed, a rather bumbling detective with a boy helper, Tommy Walls, the Boy Wonder, who made a W-sign with his fingers - a risky gesture today perhaps - whenever he needed to fly. He was something of a junior superman, dressed in the corporate colours of Walls Ice Cream, with yellow shirt and blue shorts, wisely avoiding the cape, mask and red underwear of the real thing. PC 49 of radio fame appeared at some point, as did Riders of the Range. One of the most spectacular sections was where Professor Brittain explained how things worked, often accompanied by large, highly-detailed sectional views of ocean liners or express steam locomotives.

The front of the comic had a red square with the Eagle - Every Friday<sup>1</sup> printed in golden yellow, with a stylised picture of the bird of prey. It was unashamedly male in style, but a sister comic, the Girl<sup>1</sup>, appeared later. It is sad to record that the Eagle was eventually taken over and suffered a drop in quality, but nothing can erase the memory of the excitement it provided for boys across the country in the 1950s...every Friday.

*Extract from The Diary Of A Southport Boy<sup>1</sup> by Paul Bagshaw (2001), available from Broadhurst's Booksellers, Market Street.*



The cover of the first issue of the Eagle comic, 1950



Dan Dare and The Mekon



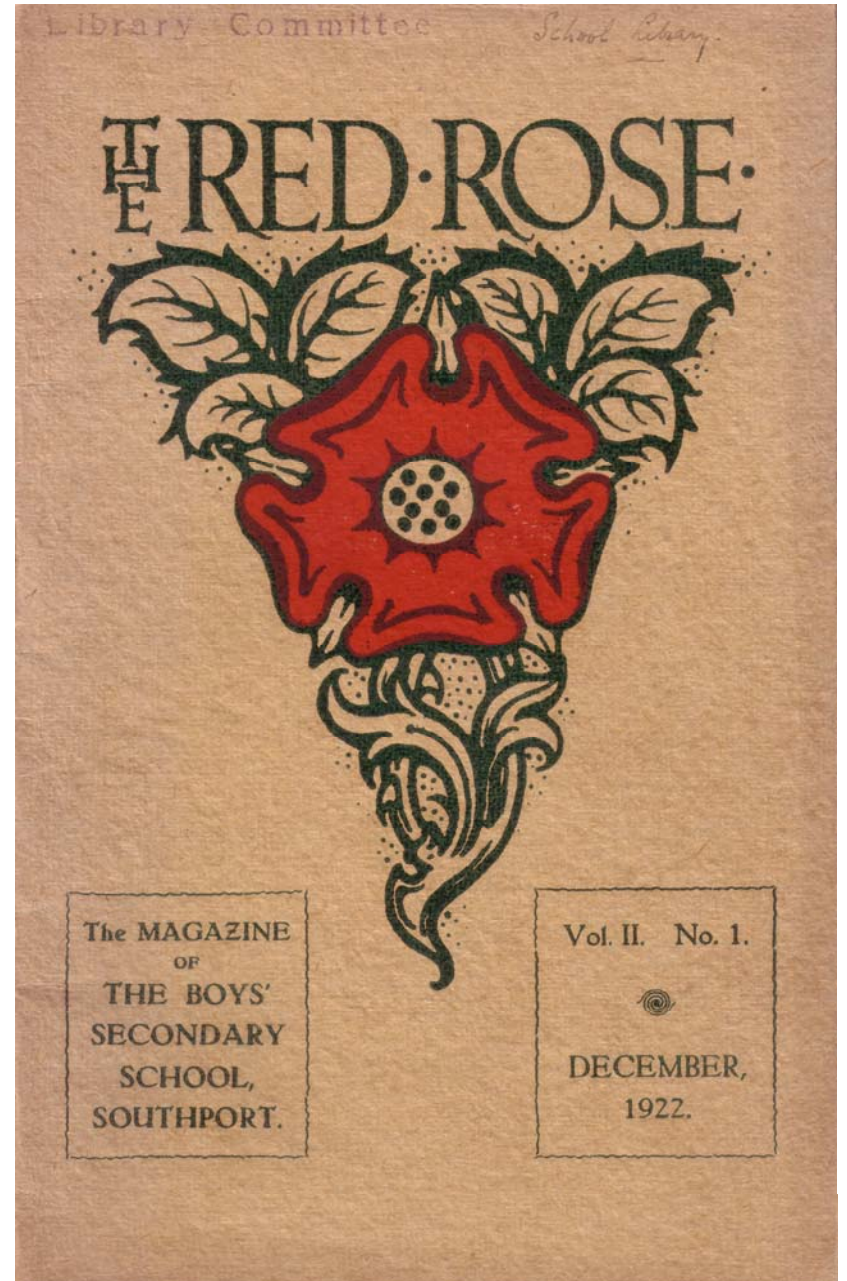
**King George V**  
Coronation Portrait, by Sir Luke Fildes,  
1911

Right>>>  
**The Silver Jubilee Medal**





**Adele Wills – KGV College Principal**



## **ARCHIVES**

The School magazine, the Red Rose, was published most terms from 1921 to 1979. 'The Georgian' was then produced from 1980 to 1984, followed by the 'KGV College Magazine'.

Following the first meeting of the Association in July 1947. it was two years before the Old Georgians Annual Newsletter was first issued in 1949 and picked up by Stan Rimmer in 1965. It was re-named the Red Rose in 1995.

In carrying out this initial research, I realised that we may not have an index of the information that we have available to us. This includes publications, photographs meeting minutes and other items. I (- Ed) plan to compile this for the next Red Rose.

Last year, Paul Bagshaw kindly researched information from previous issues of the Red Rose. There follows further extracts on a similar theme, running through 75 years ago, 50 etc. The information given below is from the 1935/36 and 1960/61 years. Further extracts are then from the original magazines in 1921/22.

### **75 YEARS AGO**

The School has been honoured with the gift of a bronze bust of King George V, kindly presented by one of the parents, Mrs M.B.Schofield. This has been installed in the vestibule and, on Founders Day, after the ceremony in the Hall, the School paraded by Houses and moved past the bust as a mark of respect to his late Majesty.

The much debated union between the Southport Rugby Club and the Old Georgians has now taken place, and we hope that it will have the desired effect of generally improving the standard of play in the Town. The School will be able to provide the club with a steady stream of well-trained players to help improve the status of the Town in the Rugby football world.

A few days ago we had the most humiliating experience of running our punt high and dry while we were demonstrating our efficiency to a fellow Old Georgian. We were stuck fast on a tree trunk, and were only able to refloat the vessel by removing our apparel and lifting the punt clear, while

we stood wet and shivering in the cold, dark Cam. It was unfortunate that we had not taken towels with us that day.

*Cambridge University Old Georgians*

KGV Boy Scout Kenneth Bridge, aged 15, was one whose proficiency had been the means of saving life. He had just finished bathing at Rossall Beach when he heard a cry for help. Two girls, aged 11 and 12, were in difficulties and were being dashed against a breakwater. Bridge jumped in, swam out to the girls, and succeeded in bringing them to the shore. The Chief Scout recognised Bridge's bravery by the award of the Silver Cross.

*Southport Visiter, March 21st 1936*

### **50 YEARS AGO**

#### **THE TELLY COMES TO KGV**

Before old die hards cry "decadence", or prospective new entrants rub their hands in anticipation of education without tears, we must point out that our TV can be used only within narrow limits. The handsome light-oak cabinet, with its thirty inch screen, is placed in the all to the right of the stage and is shortly to be raised on a platform to be visible to a larger group.

As the hall is also used for music lessons, choir etc, viewing is sometimes carried on under difficulties... we cannot over come this difficulty, as we can in the case of sound transmission, by using a tape recorder. Perhaps the visual tape recorder is on its way... We offer this advise to the transmitting end: "Don't try to do what a teacher with chalk and blackboard, one who knows his audience and is in close touch with them, can do much better than you... Television has a great future in education and we welcome its modest arrival in our midst.

#### **BEE CLUB**

The school Bee Club has had a reasonably successful summer, about fifty pounds of honey being obtained from the two hives we now have.

Our stand at the Open Day exhibition once more attracted many people, the main exhibit being the observation hive, well supported by a selection of bee-keeping equipment and our honey. A well strained jar of honey with not quite one pound in it was awarded 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize at the Ainsdale Flower Show.

*These three extracts are from the Red Rose, Vol. XL, No.1, November 1960*

### EDITORIAL

Every generation must have its conventional forms; but the attitude of one age is definitely not the attitude of the next. There has tended to be a certain smugness about manner of the last two decades... "How can we be wrong?" has been the attitude in which this generations social and individual codes of behaviour grew up. Conventions like these are very hard to throw off; and they produce in its youth a vague apathy of acceptance. But unless they are thrown off, and unless the present generation does some real thinking and some very fast building on an attitude of its own, we are going to see grow up a race of people who are living corpses, and who will be perfect examples to later sociologists of what a stagnant and decaying mass attitude can produce in the way of individuals.

*(Ed – it would be interesting to hear the present day view of the Assistant Editor who wrote this Editorial. W. McKenzie, if you are still out there, please let us know!)*

### OBITUARY – MR. C. WOODHAM

One of the best loved masters that the school has ever had, Mr. Charles Woodham, died on April 21<sup>st</sup> at the Queen Victoria Memorial Home of Rest, Derby.

Known affectionately by the boys as "Claude", Mr Woodham, who was aged 70, served the school for 34 years until his retirement in 1955, and was both founder of the chemistry department and careers master. When the house system was established in 1923, he became the first housemaster of Woodham's house, holding this position until 1949.... The school has not only suffered the loss of a devoted master, but also a well known educationalist.

### SOCIETY REPORTS

This section of the Red Rose was the largest in this volume, producing reports on the following group interests within the school:

Prefects Report  
The Art Society  
The Bee Club  
C.E.W.C. and Literary Society  
Chess Club,  
Christian Union,  
Colloquium,

Debating Society,  
Economics Society,  
Gramophone Society  
Jazz Club  
Le Cercle Francais  
Philatelic Society  
The Railway Society  
Senior and Junior Scientific Societies

The Debating Society report opened with:

"The debating society plods ever onwards, oft starved of support, often maintained only by the slimmest of regulars and never packed with a lively interested audience."

*(Sounds like Parliament – Ed)*

The Gramophone Society wrote:

"Owing to the G.C.S.E. Examinations, there have been rather fewer meetings than usual this term. Nevertheless, the complete opera "Aida" by Verdi was played during three consecutive lunchtimes. A vocal score was previously read in order to understand the plot."

*(Did the Society consider that they possible drove their audience into the examinations! – Ed)*

*These extracts are from the Red Rose, Vol. XL, No.2, April 1961*



### 29 Years Ago

In 1982, the Grammar School building was finally demolished. Next year will see the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of this sad event. If you have any recollections, memories, stories etc that relate to the building, please can you send them to Jon Elliott, preferably by email. They will be included in next year's Red Rose, along with a selection of photographs to mark the anniversary.



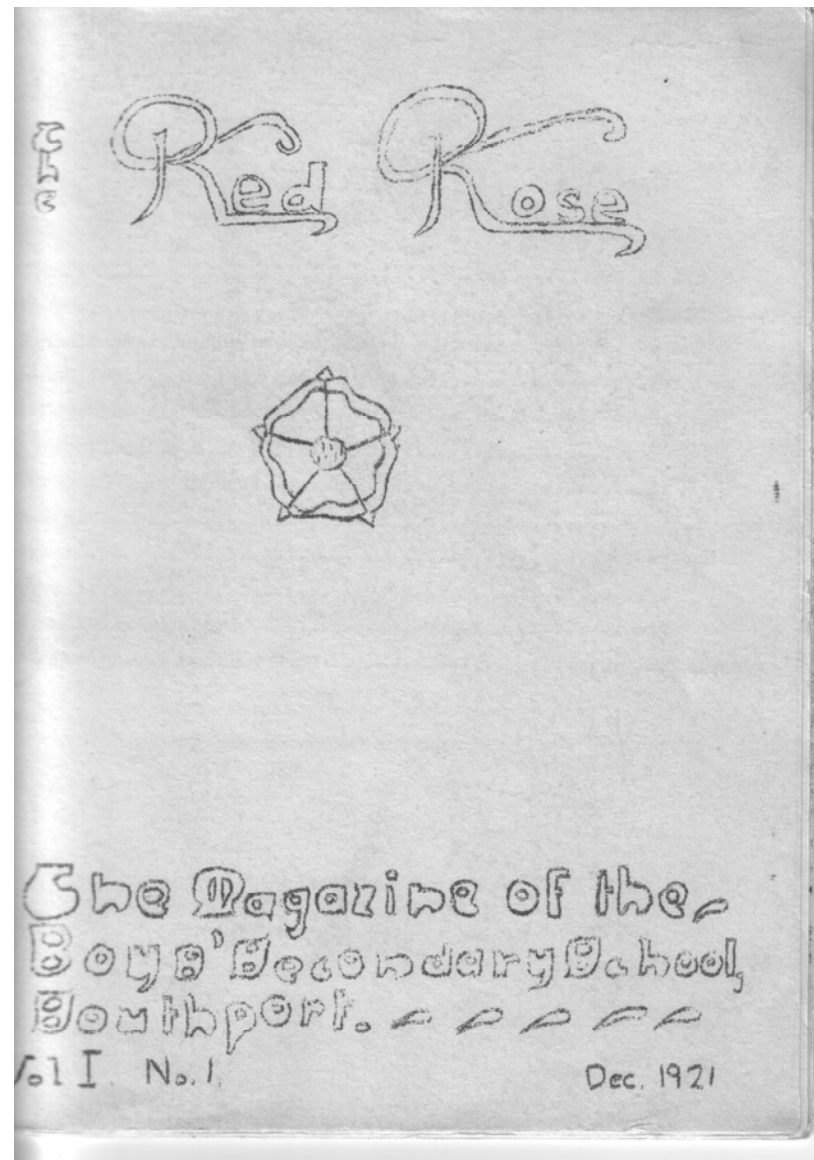
Photograph by Martin Lockyer

### ORIGINS

The first Red Rose was published by the school students in December 1921 and original copies are held in the College library. Extracts from the first three follow, with the Volume 2 No. 1 being produced in a more formal format, with the cover being re-produced on the front of the current production.

Rather than re-type articles from the original magazine, the Ed thought it would be more interesting to see scans of the original magazine copy.

Note the interesting comment about 'interfering with boys' in W.H.Smiths!



**Front Cover - Volume 1, Number 1, December 1921**

FOREWORD

This is the first number of our School Magazine. It is the direct result of a desire widely expressed in the School early this term. It marks the beginning of what we trust will speedily establish itself as a regular feature of the corporate life here.

At present we are constrained to be modest in our ambition and until success is assured we must produce the magazine each term in an inexpensive form. If the whole school supports the movement the time will soon be ripe for a well produced magazine, and every single boy in the school should therefore support the venture in the hope of establishing a permanent form of School Magazine, worthy of the rapidly growing school.

We certainly consider that to produce this first number within little more than a year of the school's opening is a great achievement. Our contributors deserve every congratulation for their work. They are young and untried but show enthusiasm. The Editors hope to be inundated with copy for future issues and any contributions of general interest will be welcomed.

A reading of this first number will suffice to show that activity abounds in all branches of School life. A public spirit is growing rapidly. House movements are flourishing and competition is keen in work and games. We are forming, in our present modest surroundings, the school which is to be worthy of a larger well equipped home. The present generation of older boys will set a standard to be maintained and improved upon if possible. It is necessary for them to take the responsibility seriously and to give themselves

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THE LIBRARY AND READING ROOM

The library is increasing rapidly in size: this term we have bought some sixty or seventy new volumes, and several boys, to whom we take this opportunity of giving our thanks, have presented both new and second-hand books. We should like to see others following their example, for we always have room for anything good. The new books consist of the best fiction, both classical and modern, and of works on science, history, literature etc. The library has been re-catalogued and new methods of issue introduced and, largely owing to the splendid devotion to their work of the library committee, everything is now in smooth working order.

As there are now plenty of books to go round, there is no reason whatever why every boy in the school should not belong to the library. Most have paid their subscriptions, like good men and true, but a few have failed to do so. We believe that this failure is due, not to considerations of worldly pelf, but to the fact that they have not realised the importance and significance of a school library. We would urge that a school without a good library is a poor sort of school, and that it is the duty of every boy to support the library and reading-room both by paying up and by using what he pays for. If all were to do this, as we hope and trust they will in future, the library could expand even more rapidly than at present, and a greater variety of papers could be obtained for the reading-room.

There are a good many old periodicals in the reading-room; these can be sold very cheaply to any one who cares to have them. Any boy who would like to take a periodical regularly can have the same at a reduced price at a certain time after the date of issue. Applications should be made to the Library Committee.

**Last Article - Volume 1, Number 1, December 1921**

OUR SUMMER CAMP.

One fine summer morning we entered the train at SHARPLES street station to go to HAMPSHIRE, although some had proposed CHESTER and some SELBY. Our journey lay through BOLTON and BERRY where we saw a COOP of WILD fowl on the platform. At last we arrived at the village of WALTON, and went to a restaurant where the WAITERS brought us a dish of salad with a dressing of peculiar 'OYLES. A CLARKE arrived, PRANCEING over the BRIDGES as if he had a FITT-ON. HOWIE did it we could not understand, as he had a LONG beard and WHITEHEAD. With his help we were MARSHALLED into lines and shown a site for our camp between APPLETON and WALTON. It was on the LEA of a HILL on a BROOKES bank. Soon after we arrived a TAYLOR visited us with his CARR and SHAFFER. The next day we went to the village SMITH, who showed us his bee-HIVES and the HARDIE ROOTS that grew in his garden. When we returned to the camp our mouths were AITKEN through eating NUTTS. We found a kind MASON bringing stones in a LEATHER-BARROW to make a stove so that we could always have the KETTLEWELL boiling: he wanted a BRADBURY for his work. At night we slept under the starry EVANS. One night the sentry, mistaking the stove for a box, saw or it and suffered from BURNS.

L.M.

Messrs. W.H. Smith & Son, Lord St.

Boys are invited to walk round the shop and examine the books etc., displayed for sale.

They will not be pressed to buy, nor interfered with in any way so long as they conduct themselves in a quiet and orderly fashion.

(Advt.)

A report - Volume 1, Number 2, April 1922

## RUGBY SHIELD.

One by one we are acquiring the trophies which we need for the various sporting events of the School year. One of our most pressing wants was a Rugby Shield, and this has been supplied by the generosity of the Southport Rugby Football Club. The Club had already shown its interest in the School by inviting several boys to play in their third team on various occasions. We are very grateful for the handsome Shield which they have had presented to us, and which we are sure will induce even keener competition in the house matches, and thus better the Rugby of the School as a whole.

## JUNIOR HOUSE COMPETITIONS.

## JUNIOR SHIELDS.

The Juniors of each House will have chances of showing their keenness in Rugby and Cricket, as Shields have been offered to the Games Committee for both these games. The Committee is at present engaged in drawing up conditions for the Junior House Competition in Rugby Football, for which a Shield has been given by Mr. Gear and Mr. Mayne, two of our Masters. The School is very grateful to them for their practical interest displayed in so generous a manner. By the time the next magazine appears the Shield will be resting on the wall of the fortunate House.

## NEW FOOTBALL FIELD.

Until this Term we had to be content with the public playing fields, but now we have a large field of our own at Blowick, where three Rugby pitches have been marked out. True, there are ridges and ruts of every description to catch the feet of the unwary, and cold baths may be had at all hours of the day. But, on the other hand, there are many delightful mounds which add not a little to the beauty of the scene, while in the distance the delicate spikes of barbed wire are silhouetted against the sky.

Already our stalwarts have begun to get the ground in order, but it will be a long and heavy task, and the help of every boy is needed if we are to have a sports ground worthy of the School. We hope to have a cricket pitch in a fairly respectable condition ready by the Summer Term.

Volume 2, Number 1, December 1922

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Alan

It was with regret that I saw in last year's edition of the magazine a notice of the death of Peter Longhurst. It reminded me of some happy memories. Peter joined the staff of King George V in 1954, the year I entered the Upper Sixth Modern. One of my chosen 'A' level subjects was economics (a subject suggested to me by Geoffrey Dixon as we couldn't think of a third subject for 'A' levels!!). This was a subject only available for study in the sixth form and it was Peter's task to "induct us into the mysteries" of the subject (even having progressed to study the subject at University, it is still something of a mystery to me !). Peter's classes were always enjoyable and made more interesting when laced with his humour.

I have two other, more personal, reasons for recalling Peter's memory with gratitude. Rugby was never my favourite sport. Peter suggested that I might take up hockey and for many years I played with Southport Hockey Club at S&B ground. Never, I should add, with the skill and prowess of Peter who played for the 1<sup>st</sup> Team and was also a County player.

Peter was also a graduate of Nottingham University and he made a significant contribution to my obtaining a place there – 3 marvellous years for which I have always been profoundly grateful.

So thank you Peter and may you rest in peace.

Peter Gladney (Woodham's 1949-1956)

Dear Jonathan,

I was very interested to read Alan Bond's "Letter from the Editor" in the 2009 edition of The Red Rose concerning the school photographs from 1936 to 1955 sent to him by Mrs. Woodham, particularly as I was also a pupil at KGV during the period 1944 to 1950, and was taught by the various masters in the section of the 1955 photo to which he refers.

The reason, however, for writing this missive is to mention that just recently in tidying out my study I came across a rather creased copy of the 1946 school photo and happened to notice that sitting cross-legged next to each other on the front row in front of Hubert Evans ("Little Taff") were four young pupils in Trans X, namely from left to right, Mike Hyde

(Roger's), myself, Dennis Robinson and David Roberts (all Grear's). Being the smallest and youngest pupil in the form at that time I am the unfortunate chap who was practically squeezed out of the photo by the three somewhat larger members of the class!.

It may be of interest that the four of us were all in attendance at the 2010 Annual Dinner, a matter of sixty four years since the photo was taken, and hopefully all of us will be present again next Maundy Thursday. Mike and Dennis still live relatively close to Southport while David now resides, so I understand, in Chester, having recently moved back to the northwest from Kent. I have lived in Surrey since 1959 when I was promoted to a City investment management job with a leading insurance company and moved south from my home in Ainsdale..

Two other Old Georgian friends, John Weber (Woodham's), who was a pupil in 2A when the photo was taken, and Mike's younger brother John Hyde (Roger's) both reside in Surrey not too far away from where I now live in Kenley. The three of us, accompanied by our respective spouses, are still very happy to undertake the annual 500 mile round trip to attend the Dinner, to meet other old acquaintances and spend a few days in Sunny Southport, which we all think is still one of the most delightful towns in the whole of the UK.

I actually met John Hyde by chance in 1976 when our respective eldest sons were being interviewed for admission to nearby Caterham School and I realised as we were sitting in the Masters' Common Room that he was Mike's younger brother. We are close friends, socialise a lot, and have many common interests.

Another Old Georgian I met by chance many years ago was Tony Stanton, OBE (Grear's). We were seated next to each other at a Livery Lunch in The City both being members of The Worshipful Company of Carmen. The conversation somehow came round to talking about Southport and schooldays and discovered we had been at the same School and House, although in different forms, during the same period of time. I understand Tony was the Chairman of The Road Haulage Association at the time of our City meeting.

Mick Glautier (Leech's) is another OG with whom I still keep in touch. Mick has attended one or two Dinners in the past travelling from his home in Lausanne on Lake Geneva but I very much doubt if I can persuade him to return to Southport in 2011. Among other things he is still busy writing

books on Accountancy and Taxation which no doubt many OG's now, or previously in the accountancy profession, may well have read or used for reference purposes.

My elder brother Trevor (Gear's) is also in the photo and apart from the normal problems associated with growing old is living contentedly in Horsham. He sends his regards to any old friends reading The Red Rose.

Douglas Ross (Spencer's) who I met on a couple of business trips to Toronto during my business career in the 1980's, came over from Canada to an OG Dinner at my instigation about ten years ago. Sadly Doug died in 2005 after a short illness. I have managed to pin-point him on the photo as well as many other old friends of those long gone, on the whole happy, schooldays, French lessons and being "clattered" by Froggy for not making the precise phonetic pronunciation excepted!

Gordon C. Lees.



## **RE-OLD GEORGIANS' MOUNTAINEERING CLUB**

Ken Edwardson's report on the OGMC reminds me of an incident which occurred in about 1051 when Geoffrey Dixon and I were climbing together in North Wales. It was one which I never felt able to talk about when he was alive in case it would embarrass him.

As a pupil I never found Geoffrey the easiest of men to talk to. Except, that is, when walking on and climbing a mountain. It was there, away from the constraints of our relative positions, when sometimes you depend on each other for your lives, that he showed a much gentler side to his character and a willingness to reveal his own vulnerability.

The particular weekend, the two of us were staying at Helyg in the Llanberis Pass. Geoffrey had said that he thought I should join the Climbers 'Club, pointing out that the then club rules stated that "only genuinely strong candidates" should be considered for membership. Naturally I was quite pleased that he felt that I belonged to that category. SO when he said that we were going to climb the Great Gulley of Craig Yr Ysfa together, I felt ready to show my mettle.

It was a long walk up to the foot of the gulley, but time went quickly and we began our ascent, taking it in turns to lead. Unfortunately, when I was following, we came to a chockstone (Ed - a metal wedge threaded on a wire, used for protection), in a cave (as I remember). I handled it so badly that I came off. This wouldn't have been a big deal if the leader had been delayed; but he wasn't and my falling had pulled Geoffrey's head forward on to a rock. Clearly he was in trouble for, when I eventually reached him, blood was pouring down his face from a nasty gash in his temple and he was somewhat dazed.

I can't recall how long it took for us to get back to Helyg, but with the Headmaster's arm around my shoulder and a bloody handkerchief around his head, we must have looked like soldiers coming out of the trenches. Fortunately the gash was not too deep and the next day we drove back home where he could get some treatment.

The next week at school I was subject to (I hope) joking comments from some members of staff suggesting that I "could have made a better job of it" – which even then I thought rather unprofessional.

From that day, Geoffrey never offered any criticism of my climbing efforts; in fact he went ahead with his proposal for membership of the Climbers Club which I joined in 1952. Nor did he ever mention the incident again. But each Summer, when he got a little sun tanned, a white scar on his forehead revealed itself to remind him – and me – of an incident which had brought us together and which only we could share.

*David Preston (Gear's 1944-1952)*

## ALL THINGS KGV

This may seem like an unnecessary question, but what do we know about the Monarch who gave his name to our School and College?

The following information has been collated from various sources, including Wikipedia on line.

King George V (George Frederick Ernest Albert; 3 June 1865– 20 January 1936) was King of the United Kingdom and the British Dominions, and Emperor of India, from 6 May 1910 through the First World War (1914–1918) until his death in 1936.

George was a grandson of Queen Victoria and Prince Albert of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha. From 1877 until 1891 he served in the Royal Navy. On the death of Victoria in 1901, George's father became King Edward VII, and George was made Prince of Wales. On his father's death in 1910, he succeeded as King-Emperor of the British Empire. He was the only Emperor of India to be present at his own Delhi Durbar.

As a result of the First World War the other empires in Europe fell, while his expanded to its greatest extent. In 1917, he became the first monarch of the House of Windsor, which he renamed from the House of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha as a result of anti-German public feeling. His reign saw the rise of socialism, communism, fascism, Irish republicanism and the first Labour ministry, all of which radically changed the political landscape. In 1931, the Statute of Westminster recognised the dominions of the empire as separate, independent kingdoms within the Commonwealth of Nations. He was plagued by illness throughout much of his later reign, and was succeeded by his eldest son, Edward VIII.

How many other items do you know of that are named after King George? Here are a few to reflect upon.



### **Statue**

This statue of KGV resides outside Westminster Cathedral, almost opposite the Monarchs Gate at the Houses of Parliament. It was created by Sir William Reid Dick.

The **King George V Reservoir**, also known as **King George's Reservoir**, is located in the London Borough of Enfield and is part of the Lee Valley Reservoir Chain that supplies London with drinking water. The storage reservoir is bordered by Seward stone and Chingford to the east and Brimsdown and Ponders End to the west, and covers 420 acres (170 hectares), making it the largest in London

### KGV Locomotive

This locomotive was the first of the "King" Class, and was built in June 1927. It was shipped to the United States in August 1927 to feature in the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad's centenary celebrations. After returning from the US it was allocated to Old Oak Common, but was moved to Bristol in 1950. It was subsequently withdrawn by the Western Region of British Railways in December 1962 after covering 1,910,424 miles (3,074,529 km). In 2008 no. 6000 moved from the Swindon 'Steam' Railway Museum, where it had been displayed for several years, to the National Railway Museum in a swap with BR standard class 9F 92220 "Evening Star".



### KGV Playing Fields

On 30 January 1936 upon the death of King George V, the then Lord Mayor of the City of London set up a committee to consider what form a national memorial to the King should take. In March 1936, the committee decided that there should be a statue in London and a philanthropic scheme of specific character that would benefit the whole country and be associated with King George V's name.

The King George's Fields were set up as a living means of remembering the late King George V. Today, over seven decades later, 471 sites remain at the heart of their communities, still being of key value for children and young people in particular. They are, in most cases, established on charitable trust and protected 'in perpetuity'. Local to Southport, there is one named playing field in Huyton & three in Lancashire



### Royal Navy Battleships

The first **HMS *King George V*** was a *King George V*-class of 1911 dreadnought, with a displacement of 23,400 tonnes and an armament of ten 13.5 inch guns in twin gun turrets and a secondary armament of sixteen 4 inch guns and had a crew complement of 870, though this increased substantially by 1916 to 1,110, and had a length of 597 feet. She took part in the Battle of Jutland, being the lead ship of the 1st Division of the 2nd Battle Squadron. *King George V* was decommissioned in 1919, used as a training ship between 1923–26 and scrapped in 1926. The second KGV Battleship was launched 1939 and decommissioned 1949.





**Bridge**

The King George V bridge was opened by the King, the chairmen of the railway company and Lindsey County Council on 21 May 1916

This Scherzer rolling lift bridge carries both road and rail traffic across the River Trent. It was built between 1912 and 1916 by the Great Central Railway to replace a previous swing bridge built by the South Yorkshire Railway in 1866. It carries a double track rail line on the southern side, and the two-lane, single carriageway A18 road on the north side.



**London Underground Station >>>>**,  
on the DLR, opened 2/12/2005

Almost adjacent to this is the, **KGV Dock**. Begun in 1912 by the Port of London Authority, this was the last of London's upstream enclosed docks to be built, construction was completed in 1921. The major feature of the dock today is London City Airport, whose single runway has been constructed the length of the north side of the dock.

The **King George V Silver Jubilee Medal** was a commemorative medal made to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the coronation of King George V. For Coronation and Jubilee medals, the practice up until 1977 was that United Kingdom authorities decided on a total number to be produced, then allocated a proportion to each of the Commonwealth countries and Crown dependencies and possessions. The award of the medals was then at the discretion of the local government authority, who were free to decide who got a medal and why. In general, this medal was awarded to the Royal Family, officers of state, officials and servants of the royal household, ministers, government officials, mayors, public servants, local government officials, members of the navy, army, air force and police in Britain, her colonies and Dominions. A total of 85,235 medals were issued

**King George V Memorial Hospital** was a former hospital exclusively for mothers located near the Royal Prince Alfred Hospital in Sydney, which closed down on November 14, 2002. King George V hospital was opened in 1941. About 263,000 babies were born in the hospital's 62 years in operation.

**Regiments** - the following regiments exist or existed:

- 19th King George V's Own Lancers
- 21st King George V's Own Horse (renamed *1st King George V's Own Bengal Sappers and Miners*)
- 1st King George V's Own Gurkha Rifles (The Malaun Regiment))
- 8th King George V's Own Light Cavalry

The **King George V Bowl** (commonly known as **The Bowl**) is a multi-use stadium in Douglas, Isle of Man. It is currently used mostly for football matches and serves as the home of the Isle of Man national football team. The stadium has a capacity of about 3,000.

**The Longines King Georges V Gold Cup** is competed for at the Show jumping Grand Prix of the 2010 Longines Royal International Horse Show, was the mayor show jumping competition at this event. The sponsor of this competition is Longines. It was held at Sunday, August 1, 2010 at 2:45 pm. The competition was a show jumping competition with one round and one jump-off, the height of the fences were up to 1.60 meters.



## **FORTHCOMING EVENTS**

### **THE CHAIRMAN'S WEEKEND**

**12/13 March 2011 (tbc)**

The 2011 Weekend will be held at Ambleside on Friday and Saturday, 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> of March. For further information, contact the Chairman, Janice Darkes-Sutcliffe at 20 Salford Road, Ainsdale, Southport, Tel.No. 01704 577339 e-mail: [sutcliffe.Janice@sky.com](mailto:sutcliffe.Janice@sky.com).

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### **THE OLD GEORGIANS' ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING & DINNER**

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2011 at 7 pm**

The Bold Hotel, Lord Street, Southport

#### AGENDA

- 1 Apologies for Absence
- 2 Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting
- 3 Matters Arising
- 4 Chairman's Report
- 5 Honorary Treasurer's Report
- 6 Educational Foundation Report
- 7 Election of Officers 2011-2012
  - Chairman
  - Honorary Treasurer
  - Honorary Secretary
  - New Committee Members
- 8 With new Chairman presiding: Date of next OG meeting
- 9 Any Other Business

The 2011 Old Georgians AGM and Dinner will take place at **The Bold Hotel, Lord Street, Southport** on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> April, with the AGM commencing at 7pm and the Dinner at 8pm.

#### **PLEASE NOTE THIS CHANGE OF VENUE.**

Over the last few years, requests have been made on several occasions to relocate the dinner in the town centre to ease travel and accommodation issues associated with a venue outside of Southport. For this year, we have selected the Bold Hotel, following research into its reputation for fine food and good service. We have managed to retain last year's ticket price and

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welcome back the return of the cheese course! We will gauge the success of the evening and consider this when choosing the venue for 2012. The OGA Committee would like to extend its thanks to the Formby Hall Hotel and Golf Resort for their fantastic hosting of the event since 2001.

#### Menu

Tomato & Basil Soup

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British Beef, Yorkshire Pudding in a Traditional Gravy  
Seasonal Vegetables

Vegetarian option – Aubergine & Red Pepper Tian

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Chocolate Fudge Cake with Ice Cream

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Cheese & Biscuits

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Coffee & Mints

Dinner tickets at £28 available from Jonathan Elliott or Stan Rimmer. Cheques payable to 'Old Georgians Association', in advance please, so that the organiser is not fully occupied pursuing late payers.

Please note that any cancellations made after 15<sup>th</sup> April may not be refundable and any unconfirmed bookings at that date will be withdrawn. This is due to losses of over £150 in each of the last two years.

### **CALLING THE OLD GIRLS!!!**

Ladies, 1979 saw the introduction of female students in to the newly formed College, with the majority of them on a two year tenure to complete their 'A' Level courses; thus departing in 1981.

In order to celebrate this 30 year land mark, Diane Bond, Janice Darkes and Catherine Lapsley would like to invite you to attend this year's dinner as a form of re-union event to mark the occasion. If you are one of the leavers from 1981 and would like to form or join a 1981 leavers table, please will you contact Janice or Catherine, or the Dinner organiser, Jonathan Elliott.

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**OLD GEORGIANS QUIZ NIGHT – Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2011**

Following the successful events in 2009 & 2010 when over 100 people attended, we will be hosting another night in 2011. This will take place on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2011 at the S&B Cricket Club. Tickets will be available from Jon Elliott & committee members, priced £10 to include a hot supper. Please confirm by Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2011.

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**THE SNOOKER NIGHT – tbc**

The 2011 event will take place at the S&B as usual. Tickets will be available from Jon Elliott & committee members.



**2010 Trophy Winners**

Simon Shrouder, Gary Hughes, Nigel Walsh, Mark Day, Mike Forster



**The front door of the Grammar School building**

Most boys only went through this door on one occasion, their very first day at school!