



# KOSA NEWS

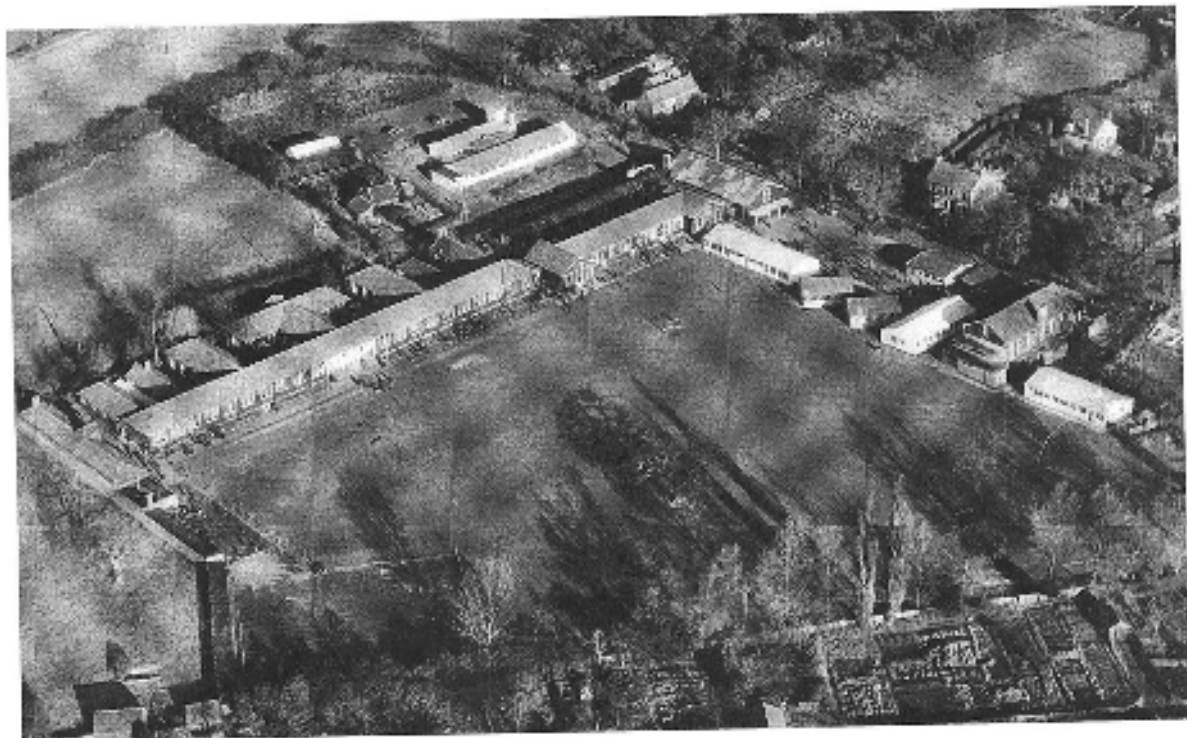


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KGS from the air. Believed to have been taken in the late 1950s.

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### **DIARY DATES...**

#### **REUNION DINNER, AGM & BIRTHDAY PARTY...**

As it's KGS' 80th birthday, having been founded in 1921, this year your Committee has decided to have a proper dinner after the AGM and this will take place at Lincombe Barn, Overndale Road, Downend on SATURDAY, 28 APRIL 2001. A short AGM at 7.30pm, followed by a meal at 8pm. The tables will each seat eight, so why not get a group of friends together for a very pleasant evening's nostalgia. Needless to say, there will be a bar and, of course, a birthday cake. Dress very informal. Send the enclosed form to our Treasurer, RON CLEMENTS, 5 Rangers Walk, Hanham, Bristol BS15 3PW Tel: 0117 967 2328

#### **AUTUMN LUNCH...**

Lincombe Barn has also already been booked for our very popular Autumn Lunch on Saturday, 13th OCTOBER 2001. We meet at about 12.30pm and sit down for lunch at 1pm. Please put it in your diaries now as a very pleasant occasion when you can come along to meet old friends. There will also be a bar.

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## OBITUARIES...

We are always sorry to report the passing of ex-KGS folk, and, sadly, in this edition there are quite a few:

VAL FOX (now PRETLOVE) (1951-58) has sent us the following tribute to MARION COOK nee LONG (1951-58):



'It is with great sadness that I report the death of MARION COOK on August 15th. She died from cancer and had been ill for some time. We first met at Staple Hill Primary School and then went to K.G.S. when we were 11. She had just joined the Salvation Army Songsters and I had become a Girl Guide. We were usually known as 'Foxye and Longie' and were friends for a very long time. She entered with great enthusiasm into a variety of activities such as singing and playing hockey and was always good fun to be with.

'After leaving school we lost touch with each other for a number of years, but since 1990 we met up at the Autumn Lunches and it was as though we'd not long left KGS. Last year we met up with JUDITH WINCHURCH (now Grant) and spent many hours talking about our school-days and what we'd done since. Unfortunately, this was to be the last time we saw her. Despite great pain, she achieved one of her ambitions and went to Oberammergau this summer. Unfortunately, after this journey, her health deteriorated and she died a few weeks later.

'Her funeral was a marvellous celebration of her life with joyful music and tributes from many people. The Salvation Army Citadel in Harpenden was so full that vast numbers of people had to stand and this was a reflection of how much she had meant to so many people and how much she will be missed. As the officiating Officer said 'She rests in peace and all is well with her soul' Dear Longie, You were a good friend and I am so glad I knew you.'



Above (left) Marion Cook (nee Long) when she attended KOSA reunions, and above, Longie and Foxye in earlier days as guides together.

RUTH FISHER (now RYDER) (1945-53) has informed us of the passing of FLORENCE GLORIA JOHN (6 June 1934-22 July 2000) KGS 1945 - 1952. Ruth writes:

'Florence (Mrs Rusty Chick) was born in South Wales and moved with her parents to Downend in 1939. She attended Mangotsfield C of E Infants and Junior School. In 1945 she won a scholarship to Kingswood Grammar School. She began her new school-life in 2c. Perhaps some of her previous class-mates may remember her? In looks she was mainly distinguished for her auburn curly hair. She progressed through the school via 4a and 5a to the Sixth Form. She achieved her First School Certificate in 1950 and her A levels in 1952. Florence made a late decision to go into Junior School teaching so she trained at Weymouth Training College, specialising in needlework and crafts. It was at the start of this training course that Florence became 'Rusty' for obvious reasons.

'Her first teaching post was in Evercreech, where she remained for three years. By this time she had met her future husband, Arthur Chick, and she returned to Bristol, taking up a post at Iron Acton. She married in 1958 and had two children, a daughter, Kathy, and a son, David, who tragically died in 1982, a few weeks before his 21st birthday. As her children became of school age, Rusty returned to part-time teaching at Staple Hill. Infants and Junior School, where she remained until she was redeployed to Bannerman Road Junior School. This was a completely new experience as Rusty was required to teach a mix of ethnic groups. Rusty remained there until ill health forced her to retire.

'Rusty developed rheumatoid arthritis before she was forty and over the years it became progressively worse. Her hands

were badly affected but she struggled to continue her handicrafts at the Downend Day Centre, where she went twice a week. She enjoyed going there, meeting other people and playing scrabble. Her mind remained as sharp as needles.

'Throughout her life Rusty had enjoyed all forms of ballroom dancing and she managed to dance even when she had begun to experience difficulty in walking. She had to give up driving her car and became more and more dependent on a wheelchair. We shall never know the extent of the terrible pain she suffered all the time. She always put on a brave face and kept cheerful for her visitors. At Easter-time Rusty began to experience more health problems and in July, after several days in the Intensive Care Unit of Frenchay Hospital, she finally lost the fight against her disease. Rusty leaves a sick husband, a widowed daughter and a grand-daughter aged twelve. Her circle of friends will greatly miss her.'

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We received a letter from MRS EVELINE DALZIEL informing us that her husband JACK BRIAN DALZIEL had passed away on 2 August 2000 at the age of 77. Jack started his career with teaching practice at KGS in 1947 and he returned as Senior Master in 1962.

We have had several tributes to Jack. This one came from his friend, BOB LEWIS (1933-40):

'JACK DALZIEL was a sixth former at St George Grammar School at the outbreak of the war in 1939, and the following year he won a scholarship to read History at Merton College, Oxford. His degree course was interrupted by war service which saw him commissioned into the RASC and serving with the first Airborne Division and the Second Independent

parachute Brigade in North Africa and Italy. At the end of hostilities he married and returned to Oxford where he graduated in 1947.

'Jack was not only a scholar but a talented sportsman. He played for his school at soccer, rugby and cricket and gained a soccer 'Blue' while at Oxford. He even found time to play occasionally for Oxford City!

'Following graduation he embarked on a year's PGCE at Bristol University, and did teaching practice at KGS, where he obviously made a good impression! In 1948 he secured a post as a master at Bristol Cathedral School where he taught History, Geography and PE, and coached Rugby and Cricket. Most weekends he was able to indulge in his love of sport by playing Rugby for Bristol. He played eighty times for the club, either as scrum half or as outside half, and became vice-captain. In Summer at weekends he played cricket for his local team, St George.

'I first met Jack in 1949 when I was appointed to a Modern Languages post at the Cathedral School. We both lived on the eastern fringes of Bristol and were traveling companions to and from school. I was privileged to have him as my best man at my wedding in 1953 and my wife-to-be was delighted to have his daughter as a bridesmaid.

'In 1959 Jack moved to Halesowen Grammar School as Senior History Master, but in 1962 he returned to KGS as Senior Master. He remained until his move to Elmhurst Grammar 1967 as Headmaster, and he retired from Crispin Comprehensive, as it then became, in 1982.

'In retirement his enthusiasm for sport never forsook him and he made regular

visits to Bristol and Cheltenham to watch Rugby and County Cricket. He was also churchwarden of his local parish church. He will be remembered as a fine schoolmaster and a loyal friend who set himself very high standards both in the classroom and in the world outside, and we extend our deepest sympathy to his widow and family in their great loss.'

Here's another one from someone who crossed Jack at KGS, NEIL (Bill) BAILEY (1960-1965):

'I have good cause to remember JACK DALZIEL's arrival at KGS in 1962. Joining as Senior Master, he immediately took on responsibility for discipline (I think they call it pastoral care these days). As I had historically spent more time standing inside and outside MR. RIDLEY's office than in the classroom, it was not long before I was shown the path to Jack's office. After one or two of his "counselling" sessions I realised I was being dealt with by one tough, no nonsense man. I was reprimanded very courteously but left in no doubt that any future trouble between us would be one-way. I immediately understood him.

'Our paths continued to cross but more as a result of a common interest in rugby. In a Schoolboys versus Schoolmasters rugby match, Jack, at the age of around 40, played full-back and despite some close attention from me and a talented, tough wing forward named DICK THATCHER also from Kingswood, his fleetness of foot and skill with the ball in hand were much in evidence. I think on balance he won the day (again, in my case!).

'JACK DALZIEL was an Honours graduate in History at the University of Oxford where he won a "Blue" at soccer. His mammoth sporting achievements contin-

ued as he was the regular scrum half for both Bristol Rugby Club and the Gloucestershire County XV; which in those days were arguably England's leading club and County.

'I learned a great deal from him. He was unfailingly polite to everyone and whilst he never taught me I understand he was a highly regarded teacher. I heard few pupils speak ill of him. I managed to catch up with Jack a couple of years ago when unfortunately his health was failing him. By major coincidence he moved to a care home in the village where I live and whilst at first he didn't know me, with the help of a few photographs he was moved to utter the words "Bailey! You were a bit of a rogue weren't you?" I knew we were on the way. We talked rugby, school and life and I left him in happy mood. Unfortunately he deteriorated quite quickly in the ensuing months and sadly he died a short while ago.

'I was very glad, after such a long time, to meet up with a man for whom I had huge respect. I am about six feet three inches tall and Jack was probably no more than five feet eight inches in his shoes but I always looked up to him.'

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NORMAN SHEPPARD's (1941-?) death at the age of 70 was celebrated by an article in the Bristol Evening Post.

The son of a Hanham bootmaker, he lived all his life in the area and went to Hanham Church School and KGS. He worked for Kleeneze where he rose from office boy to company accountant and was a keen member of the Sports and Social Club.

He had served as a member of the PTA of Sir Bernard Lovell School and as treasurer, secretary and auditor of several churches in the area. He played tennis

and cricket and was passionate about Bristol Rovers. He was also a keen gardener. Norman will be sadly missed by all who knew him, but especially his wife, children and grandchildren.

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KOSA have also been informed of the passing of JIM BRITTON (1951-56) who died last year, after suffering from emphysema. TONY ROWARK (1939-45), who also had emphysema, passed away just before Christmas 1999. We reported in KOSA NEWS 16 that Tony's wife, ENID BAKER had also passed away in 1999.

JOHN BISHOP (1952-57) informs us that DAVE EDWARDS died of a heart attack in Portugal last Summer, RON CLEMENTS (1939-46) tells us that VERA BOYCE (nee HASKINS), who was born in 1920, died in February 1999 after suffering from Alzheimer's Disease and RON SCUDAMORE passed away last year.

To all those who have lost a loved one we extend our sympathies.

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### **'67 LEAVERS' REUNION...**

A reunion of KGS pupils who started in 1960, who are now loosely known as the '67 Leavers', was held at the Talbot in Keynsham in October 2000. This, like other recent reunions, was to be held at The Griffin, but had to be switched at the last moment due to renovations undertaken without the cancellation of bookings! Luckily, no-one seems to have turned up at The Griffin.

This was the fourth annual reunion of the '67 Leavers, although minor reunions have taken place for the last fifteen or so years. The name '67 Leavers' seems to have emerged because a considerable proportion of the group only came to KGS for the sixth form, during which time KGS became Kingsfield. Interestingly, several



*KINGSWOOD GRAMMAR SCHOOL REUNION (1967 Leavers) 14<sup>th</sup> October 2001*



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of the late joiners have been pivotal in organising the reunions, notably ROBERT LARKHAM and his wife TERESA, who is not only an honorary member of the reunion, but was also an honorary member of the sixth form at the time! The name is further compromised by the fact that many of those who started in 1960 left after the fifth form in 1965, and other left in 1968, although not by design. In addition, several of the '68 (proper) Leavers attended the reunion, although they also held a stylish one of their own back in the summer. (Any KOSA reader from that cohort should contact Jenny Golding.)

This reunion saw a few new faces that had not changed since 1967, notably Claire Smith (now Panton) from deepest Dartmoor, a far cry from Castle Farm Road. Another new face, again little changed, was Geoff Walters - still playing rugby for Chipping Sodbury, although not for the Firsts. Photos on page 6 (from top l to r) Dave Panton, ??, Patrick Moules, Claire Smith, Rob Larkham, Peggy Wilkins, Claire (again), Chris Greenfield, Steve Punter, John Masters(2), Steve Mortimer(2), Peter Taylor, Claire (again!) Jennifer Hall, Linda Carnelley(2), Mrs Larkham, Liz Chandler, Leslie Donithome, ?, ?, Sue Bush, Geoff Walters and bottom left Roger Stanleigh.

The group photograph that was taken didn't come out with any faces recognizable.

It was decided to have a break for five years before the next reunion, but you never know. There may not be many better alternatives for a Saturday night out in October.

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### **GRETA'S MEMORIES...**

GRETA AMOS (now COOPER) (1949-55) writes:

I will pass on the KOSA mags to RITA WEBB for her mother who attended KGS in the 20s. Webb is quite a common name in the Warmley area so it might well be that you already have a Webb on your mailing list but not this one!

Enclosed is a photograph of JUNE DEMMERY (now HOOPER) (1949-54) (on the left) and me at the top of Cat Bells



(1490') on a school trip to the Lake District in our final year 1955. We were both in Commercial 6 and it was fantastic to meet up with her again at the reunion of the 49ers in September 1999. I wrote about that trip in KOSA NEWS 14, but when reminiscing with June she reminded me of when we were staying in Ambleside on that trip and DAVID FOICE (1949-56) (then Head Boy, I think) rowed the two of us across Lake Windermere. I know now that the lake is very deep and I'm glad everything went smoothly as I was a non-swimmer then and the situation could have been a bit tricky!

Many thanks for the details of my uncle



CYRIL FRANCIS LEAR, who sadly passed away at the beginning of 1999, but I believe his brother CLARENCE is still living in Doynton. He followed in his father's footsteps and for many years kept the Post Office and general store in Doynton. They are the younger brothers of HERBERT NORMAN AMOS LEAR mentioned on page 19 in KOSA NEWS 15. All these family relationships can be a bit tangled but enough to say that my father and Cyril Lear were first cousins and they married two sisters, one being my mother. Sort that one out - my poor husband has been trying to do so for over 40 years! Clarence Lear's son STUART LEAR attended KGS in the 50s and was a good cross country runner and was, I am sure, in Fussell House (as I was).

'I have noted ALAN BAINES' (1949-56) address in South Africa and will try and contact him when we hope to be in Cape Town in February 2001.

'Now for the archive information. My forms were:

1D Rosemary Willetts (herself an old scholar)

2D J. Johnson

3D E. Goodfield

4Craft H.W. Holford House Master/  
Mistress J.B. Ricketts

5(Oxford) H.W. Williams

Commercial 6th M.C. Bailey -

'I was Fussell House Hockey captain in this year. I left KGS in 1955 and my primary school was Wick & Abson C of E. In 1949 four of us passed to KGS, the three others being ANN HARDING (1A) JOHN BREDDY (1B) and SHIREEN ELLIOTT

(1C). ANN HARDING was the daughter of the headmaster of our primary school and they moved to Windsor in the early 50s.

'I enjoyed the video 'KGS Cameos' (still available for £8 - Ed) and especially, of course, the 1955 sports year. I must have been on it somewhere because I can remember being in the relay race opposing DENLEY PERRETT (now FORD) (1949-56). It was great to see JUNE WOOD (now WHITE) receiving all her cups - what a fine athlete she was, probably the best at that time with her sister BRIDGET. They gained KGS many valuable points when competing in the triangular sports against St. George and Chipping Sodbury. She was one of the few who had proper running shoes with spikes!

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### **BIRTHDAY BOY...**

MIKE ADCOCK (1961-68) writes about ROBERT PILES' birthday:

'A contemporary of mine at KGS was ROBERT PILE, who wrote in a recent issue. My reason for revisiting the area last year, when I was told about KOSA, was to attend a surprise 50th birthday party for ROBERT. Unbeknown to him, a crowd of ex-Kingswoodians(?) met up in the car park of Keynsham railway station for our own reunion and then drove to his home in Saltford on a 1948 single-decker bus in order to gate-crash his party, which we managed with great success!

'If you have any spare back copies, I would be pleased to see them - particularly the one with a letter from Eric Hilton which was mentioned in the issue I saw. I did O-level music with Eric, but not A-level, having to make the difficult choice between music and art and opting for the latter. Nevertheless after various career changes I now make my living through music and was interested to hear that he

was still going strong and thought I might contact him.'

(ROBERT PILE contacted me after I had carried out some training in London. One of the Nigerian delegates there gave my e-mail address to Robert when he got back to Lagos, and Robert's message included the fact that his letter in KOSA NEWS had been brought to his attention by LORNA OLSSON (1963-70), who lives in Australia. Small world! - Ed)

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### **MORE SPARKS...**

BILL BROWN (1936-42) whose book 'Sparks from our Blakeys' was featured in our last edition writes:

'Just a little note of appreciation for the items concerning 'Sparks' in the last two editions of KOSA NEWS. I have had a fair response in the post but the local sales have increased a good deal which proves, I think, that a good number of Old Scholars still live within the area.

'On page 6 of the edition 17 of KOSA NEWS mention is made of STEPHEN PHIPPS, (not v), he is the illustrator of my book and attended KGS at the same time as our daughter, JANE BROWN (1961-68).

'The simple answer, to the question 'Is Bill Brown here?' posed under the photograph of form 2C in 1936 on page 21, is NO. I do recognise BILL SANDOVER, 'TICH' TIPPETT, BOB DINHAM, M. LOVELL, GORDON CONNOR and I think BOB LEONARD, but my allegiance as a 'fag' was with 2B at the top of the stairs with the 'little people'.

'I enclose a copy of a letter from WILSON BARRETT, self explanatory, but his final remark has been echoed by many and this I feel is the essence of KOSA. Thank you.

'In closing could I just add that the three boys mentioned at the end of my book were BRIAN WHITE, who married MEGAN COOK, RICHARD PARK, now living in Failand, and myself. Brian was in tanks and served on the continent, Richard served in the Navy, and I had a spell in the Army with the I Corps, investigating war crimes on the Andaman Islands. Sadly Brian and Megan are now dead.'

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### **MONSIEUR BARRETT ÉCRIT...**

Here's an extract from WILSON BARRETT'S (1948-55) letter to Bill. My thanks to Wilson for letting us know that he retired from The Council of Europe last October after 29 years and a bit, but he will continue to live in Strasbourg. His alternative to the KGS motto is therefore 'To be and not to be seen'!

'Yesterday, Whit Monday, I finished reading 'Sparks from our Blakeys'. Thank you for having given me the opportunity to remember. Although we were born a decade apart, what you describe is very similar to my childhood memories. I too, along with my brother, collected horse manure for the garden. Our supply came from Collier the baker who stabled his horse next to his bread oven (what would the health inspector say today?) in Blackhorse Road (?) - behind the Douglas factory. My father planted Majestic and King Edward potatoes rather than Great Scots.

'Your book refers to people whom I would otherwise have forgotten for ever. For example, Dr Ridgway and more especially Mr Monks the shoe repairer. As for Mr and Mrs Carpenter (page 52), they were the parents of BRUCE CARPENTER, a school friend from Hanham Ab-

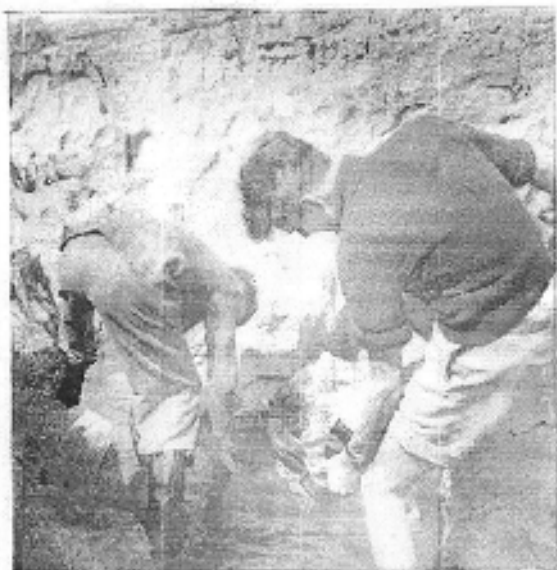
bots and KGS days. Bruce now lives in Vancouver...

'Our paths, yours and mine, undoubtedly crossed. The Barrett family home was in Cock Road, number 23, on the left going towards Warmley just before Pow's orchard. You went past our front gate on your way, to and from KGS, whilst I went past your front gate in Wesley Avenue on my way to and from Hanham Abbots (1944-48)....

'I can just remember the trams at Kingswood, but not at Hanham. Strasbourg is currently investing vast sums of money in a new urban tram system. The trams themselves are built in England! Thanks for the memories!'

### **BIOLOGY TRIP...**

BOB SLAVIN (1948-54) has sent us photographs of the 'A' Level Biology trip to The Gower Coast, either in 1952 or 1953. It took place in both years, but this one was under the leadership of MISS RICKETTS (Biology). Anyone out there remember this one? In this photograph



KEN? LANGDON on the right, and TONY LAWRENCE are searching for sharks on the beach! KEN and PAT BEESE are on

the next photo. Anyone recognise others?



### **CONFIRMATION...**

BRIAN PERRY (1945-50) dropped KOSA NEWS a line:

'Many thanks for KOSA NEWS 17, which had a lovely picture of my mob on the back page - Form 5c 1950 - what a collection of little angels we were.

'I can confirm the story by MAUREEN CLENCH (now O'NEILL) (1945-52) about teacher DAVID MORGAN because I was sitting behind her (probably pulling her pigtails) when he threw the blackboard rubber at her. I thought it was destined for me (and if she had ducked it would have hit me) but I thought it was so brave of her to take the missile full in the face - but we weren't so happy when it broke her glasses.

'In the back-page photograph, it was lovely to see MISS WATTERS, who, because I lived by the railway bridge on the common, would ask me to take her grocery list into Tanner's Store in Stanley Road. This, I was glad to do because I had a paper round from Stock's Newsagents which included Stanley Road - so it could be done without any inconvenience to myself. Incidentally, I was in the back row, 4th from the left, but seeing that picture published, took me back.

'You also had some photographs of the 'huts' and we billeted there for at least one year and we found that we could avoid morning assembler by staying quiet at 9 o'clock - until MAJOR EATON missed us and sent the prefects to winkle us out. Being experienced criminals, we found that we could hide behind the classrooms whilst the prefects were present but retribution was at hand when they sent the prefects 'mob-handed' and caught us. This episode resulted in a few strokes of MAJOR EATON'S cane and I am still sore!

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### QUINNIE'S MA...

MISS GERTRUDE EMILY QUINTON, who was Senior Mistress at KGS in the 40s and 50s, was awarded an MA after submitting a thesis to Bristol University in 1933. MARIE HARRIS (1926-30) tracked down the thesis at the university library by some skilful detective work, and as a result a copy is now in KOSA's possession. The title is 'The Development of the Idea of Personal Immortality in Pagan Rome, with special reference to the Metrical Epitaphs in Bücheler's Collection', and a cerebral work it is, too, being over 200 pages of closely-typed argument.

MISS QUINTON taught 'Divinity' (none of this 'Religious Studies' or 'Comparative Religions' nonsense!) at KGS, and in scanning the thesis it becomes obvious how strongly it links with her particular religious interests. The bibliography is extensive - nearly 50 books, including works in French, Latin and German - and she quotes the New Testament, including Paul's letters to the Corinthians.

This reminded me of a homework she set in 1952: learn 1 Corinthians Chapter 13 to be tested in the next Divinity lesson a week later. I remember being scared stiff that I would be picked upon to recite a verse or two, mainly because I hadn't

learnt it. To my relief my ignorance remained undiscovered!

To give you flavour, here's some chapter headings:

- I The Scope and concept of personal immortality
- II Literary and epigraphic evidence.....
- III Animatism - the group soul survives
- IV Animism - the individual soul survives
- VII The Di Parentes
- VIII The Di Manes - the collective concept
- XV Immortality in Lower World..
- XIX Pagan & Christian eschatological ideas

If anyone would like to borrow the thesis (after all, we have Vicars, Canons and Bishops in our membership) just contact the Editor. There's probably more than enough material for a good few sermons there! (Ed)

Recognising that QUINNIE was not all serious, MARIE HARRIS has written a poem in her memory. Apparently, in her time she taught Cary Grant at Fairfield Grammar and teased Bernard Shaw. Not a lot of people know that!

Eulogy to Miss Gertrude E Quinton MA  
Some called her Quinton - some just 'Quinnie'-

Theologian and teacher of Latin was she,  
She was volatile, versatile, full of vivacity;  
Everything came within her capacity!

In the year 2000 who would have guessed  
I'd be reading her thesis 'Immortality  
Quest'?

Seeking to come to conclusions Eternal,  
Searching the tome by day - and nocturnal!

The outcome is hidden, the secret is veiled;  
Not for our understanding can such be revealed,

But other diversions dear 'Quinnie' enjoyed

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With such 'joi de vivre' her life would be void.

She danced to the Polka like someone possessed,  
Sang with Gilbert & Sullivan's 'Mikado' –  
the rest.  
But there's only one thing not many have heard  
She teased Bernard Shaw by tugging his beard!

And then Cary Grant –our pride and our joy

Did 'Quinnic's' quirkiness brush off on that boy?  
Now whatever our status, whatever the outcome,  
The memories and influence live 'ad infinitum'!

Marie L Harris  
KGS 1926-30



### IS THIS A RECORD...?

KGS was a family school in the sense that many children and their siblings attended over the years, and we have featured in the past where grandmother, daughter and grand-daughter attended the school. Some family names come up time and time again as successive generations or those in the same generation took their place at KGS.

In the last edition, for example, we featured the BOYELDIEU family in which four children from the same generation attended KGS, brothers RENE, PIERRE ALEXANDER, GEORGE PAUL and sister LILIAN ELIZABETH were there in the 1920s.

However, we believe the YEOMAN family hold the record for the most from a single generation attending KGS. Between 1945 and 1960 JEANNE, LINDA, VIC, PADDY and YVONNE, were there, and the top photograph shows the brood around about that time. The lower photo was taken a few years ago on their Mum's birthday. She's now in her 90s! Can any family beat that?



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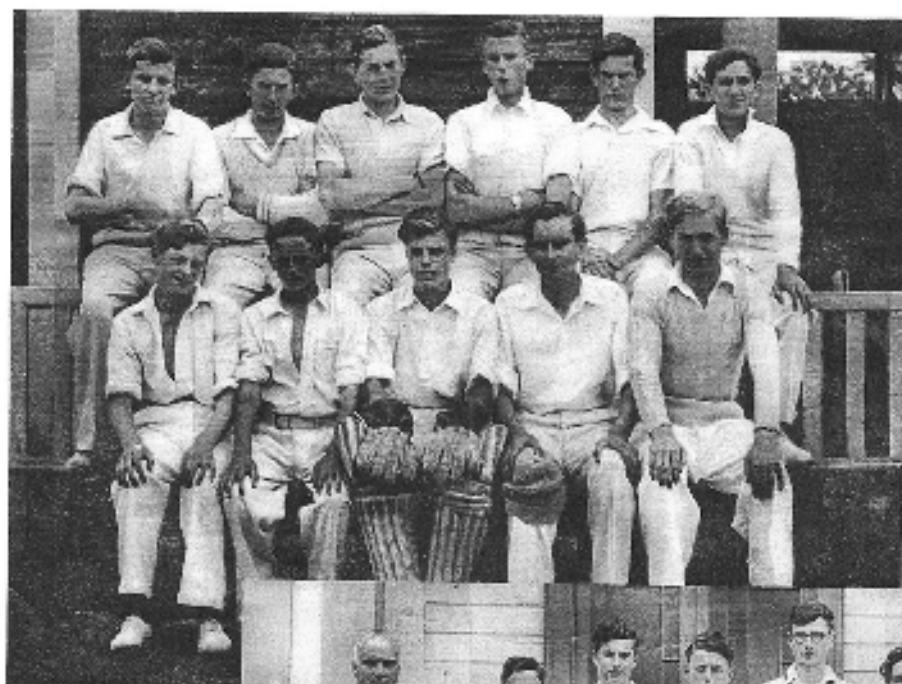
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## TWO DECADES OF KGS CRICKET...



Left:  
1947

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1951 under  
Maths Master  
'Ben' Hodson



Below:  
1967



## **DISCRETION AND COWARDICE...**

It's always interesting to hear from ex-KGS folk who have been caught up in historical events, as happened to JOHN PACKER (1933-1938):

'After serving in the RAF for 24 years I worked in the Guided Weapons Division for 20 years, two of which were spent in Iran. There I was instructing at the Meherabad Defence Academy in 'I'ehran, between 1977 and 1979.

'You will of course know all about the events of that period when the Shah was overthrown and replaced by Ayatollah Khomeini. About a week before the Shah left, the Army virtually took over the country; petrol (produced by the Abadan Oil Refinery) was suddenly rationed and the journey from our accommodation to Meherabad was equally suddenly changed from a company car to a company diesel bus.

'On Wednesday, 17th January 1979, the Shah flew out to join President Sadat in Cairo, but we were at work and didn't know that had happened until the bus arrived to take us home. The Iranian driver told us the news -there were about ten expats on board, all instructors - and then came a moment in life which called for 'discretion' for as we drove towards the Shahyad Tower roundabout the bus was halted by the density of traffic and people, and a man jumped on board. A mixture of joy and relief was written on his face and he kept punching the air and shouting 'the Shah has gone, the Shah has gone'.

'Inasmuch as we were employed by the Shah and the Iranian Air Force, it could be assumed that the final departure of the Shah might not be the best thing that had ever happened to any of us. But

when life calls for 'discretion' you have to use all the 'discretion' required so we stood up in the bus, clapped and tried to look really happy. Eventually we got through the milling throng - people and traffic - and returned home - in my case an empty flat as owing to a further burst of 'discretion' my wife had sensibly left for the UK at the beginning of December when it became obvious the political situation was worsening.

'And now for 'cowardice' bit:

It became common knowledge that Ayatollah Khomeini was going to return to Iran from Paris one day in the following week so the Company decided we should pull out but not before all equipment had been secured and filing cabinets chained up as well as locked. Time was of the essence,

'We (instructors) had to go to work as usual in order to secure all equipment, but when the diesel bus picked us up it boasted enormous pictures of the Ayatollah draped across the front and back with just enough room for the driver to be able to see. Oh well, our orders were to get to work: hold the bus for as long as it would take: secure the equipment and return to Company H.Q.

'The only reason the bus was allowed on the streets carrying expats who had been invited into the country by the Shah; had been paid by the Shah, and had done the training of his Air Force, was because of the enormous portraits hung on the bus. You might call travelling like this 'discretion' but it didn't feel like anything other than sheer 'cowardice', pretending to the Iranian people who saw us and, worse, pretending to ourselves that the return of the Ayatollah was better than sliced bread.



'Three days before the Ayatollah did return we left Teheran by KLM to Amsterdam, and then were unable to leave Schipol for Heathrow because of the dense snow. We were there for three days before the runways could be cleared sufficiently for take-offs.

'Many times I have been glad to see my wife, but never more so than the day we landed at Heathrow, especially as she met me with a brand new car that I didn't know we had.'

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### **DARKE(S) DAYS AT KGS...**

PHILIP DARKE (1948-52) responds to some comments on his letter in No: 16:

'I am sorry my letter caused Mrs. Painter's - PAM FURBER (1935-42) blood pressure to rise, but it was an honest attempt to state my impressions of KGS. schooldays. After all, the editor of KOSA NEWS did solicit an alternative view to the shades of exalted achievement and nostalgic euphoria which tint these pages. That I disliked mixed gender classes was true, but I never implied that the education of girls was a waste of time. Admittedly, my comments on Major Eaton were based on a transitory encounter, yet I found KGS. more tolerable after MR. RIDLEY became headmaster. Surely I am not alone in holding these heretical views ?

'Regarding JIM WITHEY'S (1945-53) kind remarks about my letter, may I enlighten him on the term 'wobler'? It is a slang expression for 'tantrum' and is applicable to animate or inanimate objects (e.g. 'the generator threw a 'wobler'). I was very interested in his comments on pulse jet engines as I have a

'Red Head' Dynajet installed in a replica of the Berkley 'Squirt' control line speed

model aircraft - last flown about two years ago for demonstration purposes.

'The noise generated by these engines (it is audible for a radius of two miles) is not acceptable these days, so my jet is not used very often. I cannot remember the lads Jim mentions, but I am quite sure that MIKE(?), DAN and PETE(?) WYATT attempted to fly a Juggers 'Juggernaut' powered model on the playing fields in front of the school. however, the 'Juggernaut' refused to fire and the proposed flight was aborted. The Juggers engine was a British copy of the American 'Dynajet', but not so reliable as the latter, which is a fine example of 'eyeball' engineering and superior manufacturing technique.

'As these units operate on the principle of residual flame igniting the incoming charge of petrol vapour there is always the risk of a conflagration, so I am surprised a test run was permitted inside the school. There is a very good chapter in 'Control Line Manual' by Ron Moulton on all aspects of these impressive power units.'

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### **PAM'S PEOPLE...**

PAM FURBER (1935-42) (now PAIN-TER) brings us up to date on her wanderings:

'My brother, DON FURBER, who was killed in a flying accident on 26 May 1945, spent his early 11+ years at KGS before my family moved to Dursley. I was adamant and stayed as my Auntie Annie Sleigh lived almost opposite the 'Tenniscourt' pub. It was her daughter, NANCY SLEIGH, who married RON FRY...

'My early days at KGS were a nightmare. We had moved from Downend to Filton and I was bullied on the bus by one person. The prefects did nothing

(Pam was eventually to become one herself – Ed) and one day I was stripped, given back my dress, and all my other clothes hurled onto the tram lines. Needless to say, my parents did not sue the school! My answer was to submit to any teasing and laugh. Once 'spitfire' didn't explode, all was well.

'I remember when BONEY BRITTON married ALICE OLLIS (1923-30). MR BROWN (Maths) had twin sons. Two episodes: (1) Sons rebuked for no homework. Excuse: 'How could we do it? You had all the table.' (2) Announcement 'Only three people got this sum right – ROSEMARY WILLITS, JOHN KIDD and, strange to relate, PAMELA' Most people called me Pam.

'I would wear my gas mask in a white tin round my neck, and it was the class effort to sneak it, pass it round, and get me in a stew. Once in MR BRITTON'S class he hurled it out of the window. Shortly, it reappeared, put in by one of the gardeners!

'I took round the staff tases and coffees. MAJOR EATON was easy to trace – 'sniff, sniff' – for the aroma of his Turkish cigarettes. I did this job for seven years, once putting salt in the sugar basin by mistake and once smashing the whole tray of china.

'MISS OLIVE POWELL was Senior Mistress. Now she did frighten me, and everyone else – much to my father's delight. I last visited her when she retired to Torquay. Could this frail old lady have frightened us all? I was fond of all the staff. 'CHUCKLES' HOWARD was such a gentleman. 'POP' SEARLE (Art) said my bottles looked as though I had already consumed its contents. MR JONES (Chemistry), a great disciplinar-

ian, was found dead in a Swiss railway carriage when on holiday.

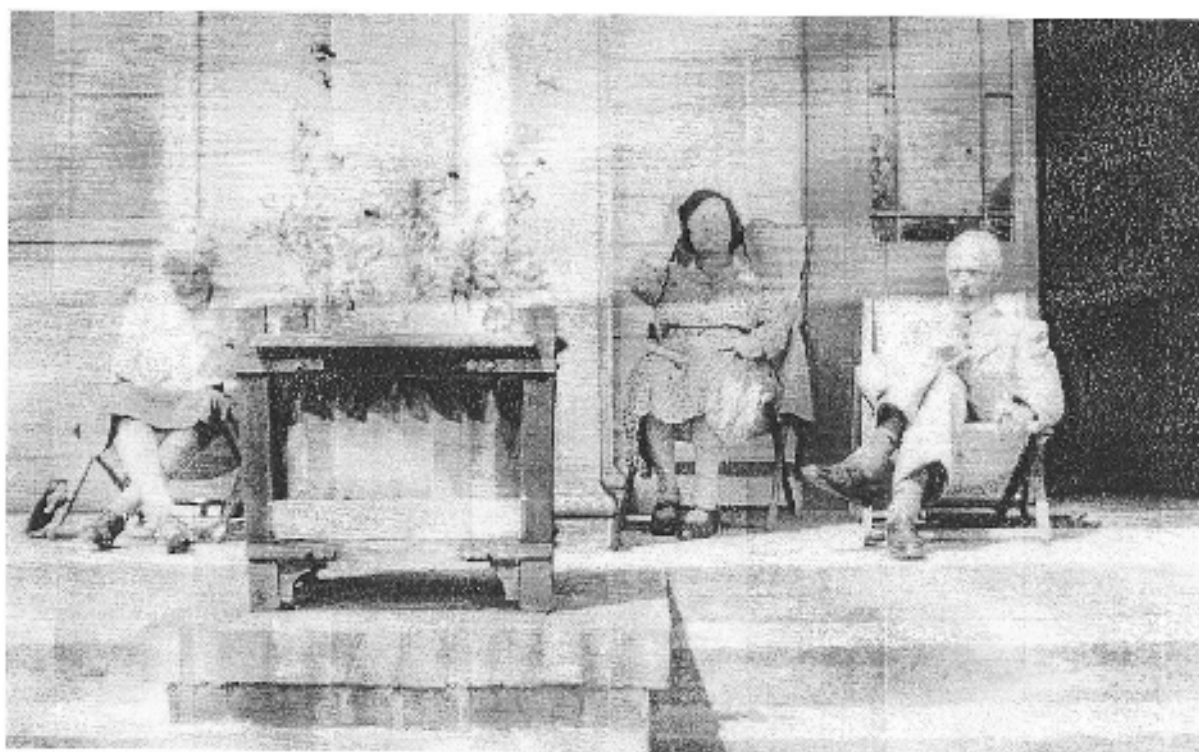
'Dear QUIN! I must have driven her mad. My untidy mind was no friend to Latin. She used to put one leg on a desk seat and, absentmindedly, undo her frock buttond from the bottom. Her beautiful fir coat was held together by safety pins. Her teaching was excellent and I never forgot one day a boy called PAUL, who didn't take Latin, but had to sit on the high chair in the class. Another boy, being low to translate something was admonished: "X, I could wring your neck!" "Glug! Glug! Glug!" went Paul. General collapse, but no comeback from QUIN. She used to get choking fits and she gasped "Water!". Someone ran to MR HOWARD, and the student got water, mostly spilled in her haste and fright. That student was OLIVE SMITH and her pal was GRACE BENNETT.

'QUIN and I became firm friends and I always took her out on her birthday. Once we went to Minehead, and best of all, to Newent, where one could pick the wild daffs in those days. We corresponded until she died.

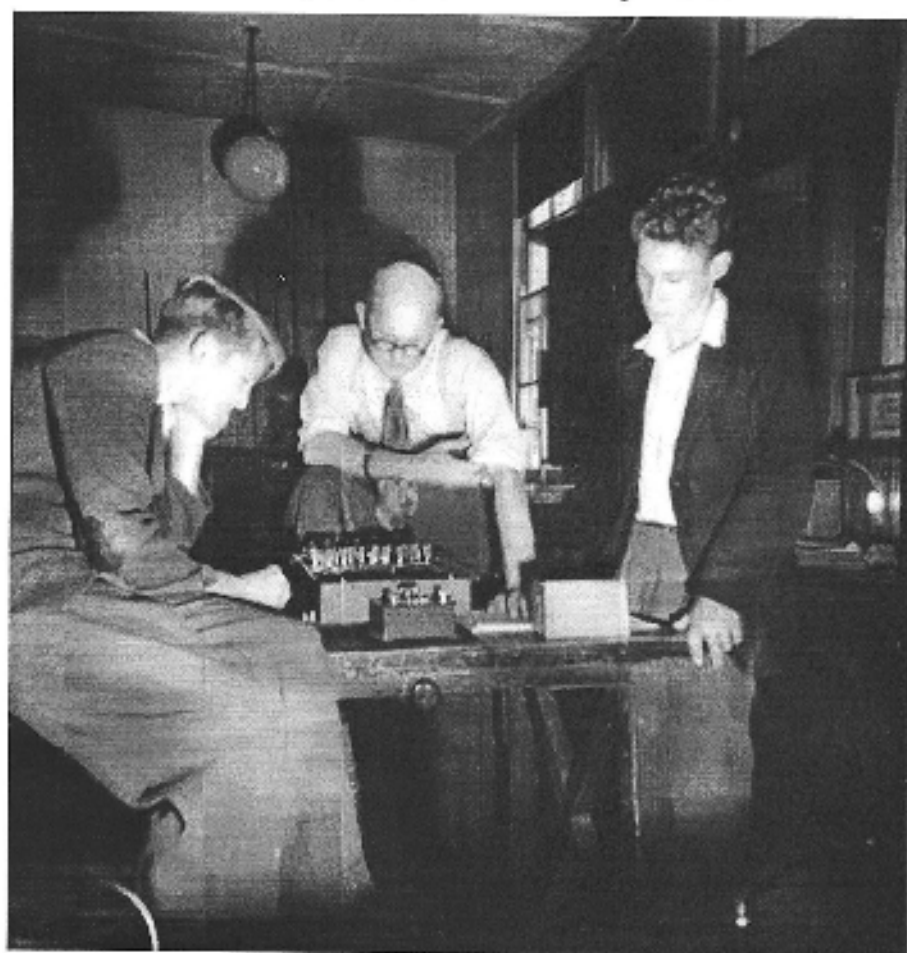
'When I left KGS I received the Berry Prize for my public spirited attitude, a prize in memory of the BERRY TWINS killed in the war. I was quite used to boys and girls in the same class and I was in a classroom from the time I started school to my retirement. I only once taught girls only, at Chalfont St Peter.' PAM'S letter continues, and we'll try to include more next time.

### **ANOTHER AGE...**

At the top of page 19 is a photo sent in by ANTHONY CURTIS (1939-46) of 'FLOSSIE POWELL, 'QUINNIE' QUINTON and MAJOR EATON (BUMMER)' around 1946 or earlier.

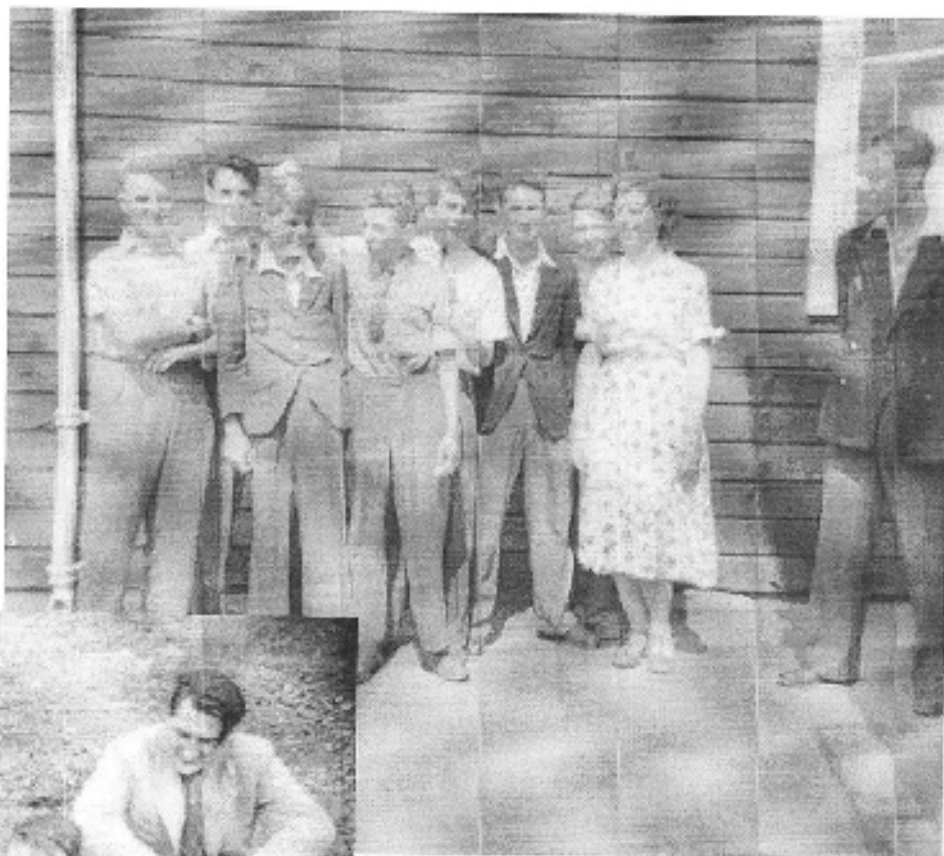


MIKE WHITLOCK (1949-56) has kindly sent us his collection of personal KGS photographs on a CD, and we hope to feature some in the next few editions. Some of the more interesting shots show the inside of the school. We find that these photos are few and far between. Anyone out there with any more?

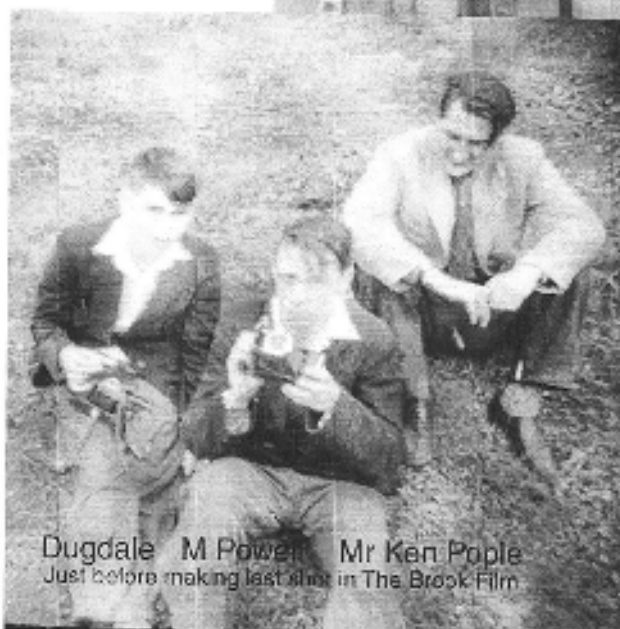


'BUNNY' AUSTEN and JOHN CULLIN (right) (1949-56) with another pupil consider the finer points of a piece of technology in the Physics Lab.

Right:  
MRS DIPROSE'S  
GROUP 1



Below:  
KEN POPLE (r)  
(Geog) before  
completing the  
Photographic  
Society's film on  
Warmley Brook in  
the 1950s



Dugdale M Power Mr Ken Pople  
Just before making last shot in The Brook Film



Top:  
MRS DIPROSE and KEN  
WILLIAMS (1952-59)



Left:  
NEVILLE KNEE and JOHN  
HILES (facing) (1949-57)

# Diamond couple



LOVE blossomed for Iris and Will Parsons as they cycled to work in 1936. Will asked Iris to meet him after his shift at a Co-op grocery shop and the seeds of romance were sown. Four years later they tied the knot at Holy Trinity Church in Kingswood. Now the diamond couple, who have two children, six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren, are celebrating 60 years of marriage.

Iris, 80, worked as a cashier before giving up work when she had her first child Sheila in 1943. Will, 84, returned to the Co-op as branch manager after serving in the army and later worked for Rolis Royce. They have lived in Kingswood all their married life and moved to sheltered accommodation at Alma Close ten years ago. The couple, who list their interests as whist, gardening and walking, will mark their anniversary with a get-together with friends and family.

● Diamonds are forever: Iris and Will look back on 60 years of marriage.

## NEWSY BITS...

CONGRATULATIONS! to IRIS WILMOTT now PARSONS (1931?) who celebrated with her husband WILL their Goden Wedding Anniversary last September. Above is the report from the Kingswood Observer. IRIS and WILL are the parents of SHEILA PARSONS (now WILLIAMSON) (1954-59)

## SKIDMORE'S SUCCESS...

ELAINE PACKER (now SKIDMORE) (1969-70) writes:

'My husband ROBERT SKIDMORE (1967-69), who came to KGS sixth form, received the Royal Academy of Engineering Silver Medal 2000 in recognition of an outstanding and demonstrated personal contribution to British engineering leading to market exploitation (see 'The Times' 12 July 2000).

'ROB graduated from Cardiff University with a degree in Engineering. He then worked as a Medical Physicist in the United Bristol Hospitals, obtaining a

PhD in Medicine (vascular blood flow). Following a career as a Consultant Medical Physicist he started to design and manufacture vascular ultrasound equipment, forming a company, 'Sci-med' 10 years ago. He has become a world expert in this field of medicine and technology.

'Rob came to KGS from Woodstock having failed his 11 plus. We met in the sixth form where he studied for his 'A' levels.'

## OUR MP...

DAVID DREW MP (1963-70), who is Chairman of the Back Bench Agricultural Committee, was recently on the early morning Radio 4 programme, 'OPEN COUNTRY' discussing the possibilities of reducing the tax burden on fuel. Like all these discussions, they came to no very firm conclusions...

The Editor welcomes news of KOSA folk who have contributed to the media.

## **TRAGEDY AT KGS...**

IVOR POWELL (1944-48) writes a sad tale from post-war KGS:

'Recently I met BRYAN MORTIMER, a contemporary of mine, after a period of 50 years. The old editions of KOSA NEWS which Bryan passed on to me certainly brought back many memories. I was particularly interested to see a picture of my sister EILEEN POWELL (1942-46) in No 14 on page 15, but especially I was very drawn to the sad story of BOBBIE HAYNES, who lost his life as a result of an explosion in the classroom in 1946. This is particularly poignant for me as I was sitting next to him when it happened.

'It was room D (the 4th classroom from the top of the corridor in the 'old' part. It was a sunny autumn day; the windows were open and TOM COOPER, the groundsman, was cutting the grass on the tennis courts by the terrace.

'MISS POWELL was taking us for English (we were in 4A) when suddenly this enormous explosion took place. At first I thought it was the grass mower outside which had exploded, but soon, through the black smoke, we began to see the full horror.

'Everyone ran quickly out into the corridor, but to her eternal credit MISS POWELL went to BOBBIE to offer help. Somehow he was taken outside wrapped in a blanket. We were still in a corridor. Eventually the boys in the class were asked to go back into the room to collect books and belongings. It was a sight which remains vivid today, 54 years after, and quite horrendous.

'The report you featured (P 19 No 14) was not quite right. It was not a hand grenade but a 20mm cannon shell, the

type used by RAF fighter planes. BOBBIE showed it to me beforehand. He had obtained it from a dump at RAF Colerne, where he had been with another pupil, BRYAN ARTHUR. They used to visit Colerne regularly to find 'souvenirs'. It was a common practice to collect shrapnel, bullets etc. I myself had quite a collection.

'The shell had a warhead which could be unscrewed and BOBBIE had been to do this on his lap under the desk. He was picking at it with a pen nib when it exploded. It was a tremendous shock to us all, especially as I had known BOBBIE all my life: we had been born in houses next door to one another in Moravian Road. I still have photos of us taken together when we were toddlers.

'I noticed also in another place that someone was asking about a list of winners of Samuel White Scholarships. Well, both my sister and myself won them, when we were attending High St. Junior School. Eileen won hers in 1942 and I got mine in 1944.

'In fact it was the only way we were able to go to KGS as it gave us free entry. I had been told beforehand that unless I won a free scholarship I would not be able to go. My parents would not be able to afford the fees of 2 guineas per term being charged at that time'.

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## **NO SMALL FRY...**

SHIRLEY FRY (now JONES) (1968-70) writes:

'I feel a bit of a fraud as I was in one of the first groups to 'migrate' from a secondary school to join the sixth form in 1968, and I was only a Kingsfield pupil for those two years. A privilege, but at the same time I found it a difficult time, being somewhat shy and arriving from

Page School for Girls.

'With the expert teaching of MR SWIR-FEN?, MR GILBERT, MR LEIGH and MISS HARCOURT I achieved Geography and English Literature at 'A' level, which were supposed to lead to a teaching career, but something stronger led me to a career in nursing.

'I trained at the BRI with ELAINE PACKER (now SKIDMORE) (1969-70), went on to study Ophthalmic then Operating Theatre Nursing, before moving to London in 1976. I became a Theatre Sister at St. Georges Hospital, Tooting before moving on to work in Harley Street for a short time in a Day Surgery Centre. I think that this was all made possible by the 'A' levels taken at Kingsfield (as I knew it).

'My mother-in-law, KATHLEEN PEACOCK (now JONES), was also a pupil at KGS. I cannot give her dates, but she has recognised many of the names of the early pupils mentioned. She still lives in Kingswood. My regards to all who read this and recognise the name.'

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### **SUZANNE'S SUBMISSION - PART 2...**

In the last edition we published the first part of a letter from SUZANNE PHILPOTT (now MARTIN) (1962-70). Here's the rest:

'BOMBER' HARRIS saved us int ime to pass our History 'O' level, putting much of his 'Biggles' type humour into descriptions of the Ottoman Empire making even the deadly interesting – amazing!

'The old science lab always had an accompanying smell and was, I found, a depressing place, and I never did finish

the apron I was supposed to make in needlework. I do seem to recall someone singeing off her eyebrows in cookery; and impaling my hand on a needle, requiring matron to remove it as the teacher had gone all faint on me.

'I was one of the pupils on the Austrian trip in the late 60s. We were accompanied by MISS LEVER and MR WILLIAMS, and the driver's name was Ted, but other than that I remember not. (This is probably the one filmed by 'WOODY' WILLIAMS now on the video 'KGS Cameos' available at £8 – Ed). I shared a room with LINDA WILLIAMS, who so sadly died several years ago after having arranged our initial reunion, so I am pleased that I made the effort to attend, as many friendships were rekindled.

'My only claim to responsibility was that of Fussell House athletics captain – and eventually hockey captain, the end result being that I followed my love of sport into teaching, firstly in Cirencester and then in Milton Keynes. Luckily after 17 years I was able to opt out and move into supply work, not ideal, but enabling me to pursue my hobbies. As I am a farmer's wife, the odd bit of tractor driving, animal work etc. seems to fill my day to capacity. No money, but peace of mind and job satisfaction, which was becoming harder to find in the teaching profession.

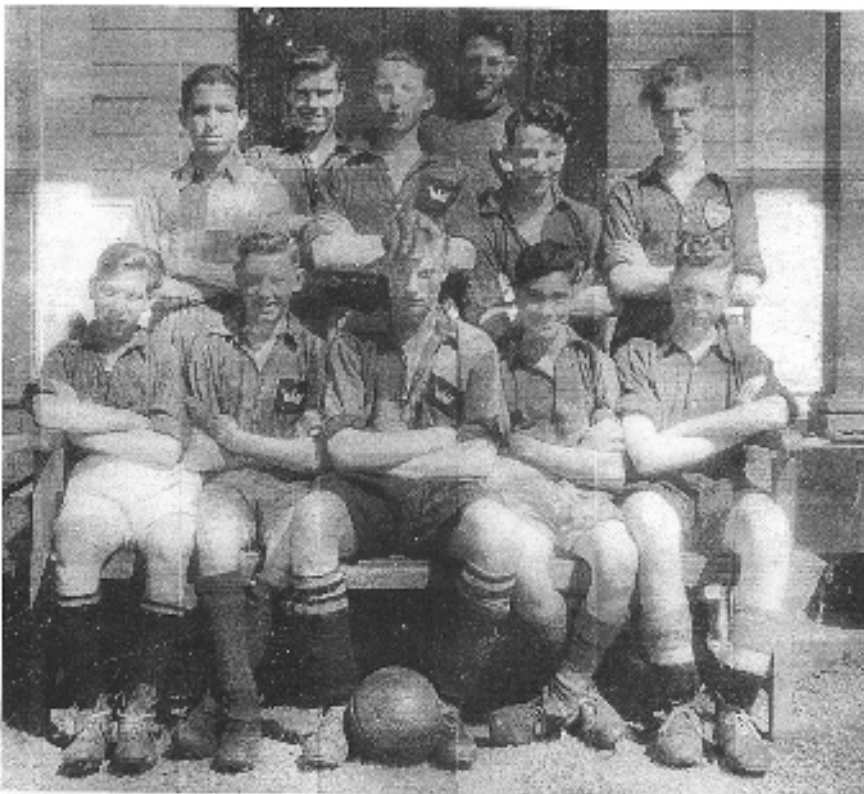
'We were so lucky in our own time at school, being allowed to grow up slowly, having time to play, without all the peer pressure that there is today. There must have been bad times, but I don't remember, all my reports reading 'could do better' so I must have been an average achiever. However, I am very grateful to all those who made KGS a secure, stable environment in which we

were able to learn about 'sex, smoking, growing up, boys in general' and a few academic subjects along the way. By the time I went to college I was ready to be challenged and I have not so far been disappointed in my life.

'Looking back I can honestly say that it was a good time. This makes it so much harder, seeing all the standards which were drilled into us slip by the generation of today without a pause – we call it progress!'

### DUPLICATES...

The same photo has been sent by GORDON WICKINS (1942-44) and HILARY WILLMOTT (now HEMINGS) (1952-57), the latter having been found



by GORDON HEMING (1939-43). It's the 1st XI for 1943-44 and are, back row: Richard Haycock (an American), Gordon Wickins, M Lovell, Gordon Heming, Bace?, Joe Stephens. Front row: Ford?, Don Oakes, George Palmer (capt.), G

Williams, Philip Stephens (brother of Joe). GORDON WICKINS writes:

'I'm told that DON OAKES, a most accomplished player, went on to be a professional footballer for a short time, but this information needs to be treated with caution. (Can anyone confirm? - Ed).

'You will note that some have KGS shields on their shirts and others a crown. The former were school half-colours and the latter full school colours.'

### 1956 - 3C...

Whilst we're on photographs, the 1956 - 3C was published in No 15 and JILL BROOKS (now HAYDEN) (1953-59) together with JENNY BENNETT (now BLAKE) (1952-58) identified Kenneth

Jefferies, Jeffry Hall, Edwin Davies, ? Sprackman, David McCarthy, Barbara Ball, Christine Lucas, Ronnie Fudge, Sylvia Allen, Kay Abery?, Ann ?, Carol Hallett, Wendy Skeene, Valerie Flower, and Beverley Durrant. They believe the teacher was MR 'PAUNCH' HAXTON, who had an unfortunate stutter which encouraged the class to count the 'umms' and 'aaahs' rather than concentrate on the

pearls of wisdom which were being despatched in his General Science and Divinity lessons. Why he was called 'PAUNCH' may be obvious, but Jenny offered that he was also known as 'Ummer', again for obvious reasons.



## **BETTER LATE THAN...**

Apologies to TONY CURTIS (1939-46) who sent some of his always interesting ramblings prompted by 'NEWS 14 which we have regretfully not published before. However..

'KOSA 14 has done it to me again. Life, it seems, evolves a structure of human relationships most of which recede into memory, available for recall. KOSA NEWS usually flicks on a galaxy-worth of memories. In KOSA NEWS 14 (p 14) AUDREY and RON PARSONS were photographed as Hitler invaded Poland and on p29 MISS WATTERS is quoted as MISS WALTERS, good old KOSA.

'I went to Slimbridge about 1943 or 44 (p28) and we were filmed at work for the epic 'A Spudding We Will Go', maybe by the Crown Film Unit. Memory tells me that it was more likely to have been a harvest camp rather than MISS WYCHERLEY'S arrangement, but anyway we never saw or heard of the film again!

'Poor BOBBIE HAINES (see this edition page 22 - Ed), we lived close by and I had occasionally helped him with his model aeroplanes. His venturesome inquisitiveness helped to kill him. I was by then in the Royal Navy and, shocked, read of it in another newspaper. I have always thought that the weapon was a cannon shell.

'In the 1945 photos on page 13, MARY MILES (now BENTLEY)'S house in N. Sydney was the base for my family on our visit to Australia in 1988. In the same photo, where is IRENE ASHURST now? IRENE and I dated for some months in 1953-54 when we were both teaching in Bristol. She gave me the brush -off, wise girl!

'HAROLD WATTS' (Art) remarks about MARGARET LOVELL (see also MARGARET'S contribution in No. 16 - Ed) reminded me of events starting when I was demobbed in Easter 1948...I was assigned to Hanham Abbots as a student teacher. At half term Mr Malpass left and bequeathed me his bright and lively class; MARGARET was one of them. She and a friend were in the back corner of the room and on my arrival they proceeded to paint pictures at an alarming rate, using any spare time they could generate; they managed me brilliantly. Now we are both academicians at the Royal West of England, but only recently discovered that she had not realised that her old teacher and myself were the same bloke! PETER MALPASS (1948-55) was also in his Dad's old class and may have felt that e had been let off the hook under my inexperienced hands.

'I wonder if ANDY RADFORD (1955-61) (now Bishop of Taunton) remembers adopting a young painter at the latter's studio in The Park before his own KGS days? 'Twas I, your Grace; and in the upper photo on page 3 you look as cheeky as ever. ANDY'S father Canon John once told me that he supposed I was his mentor, and he seemed happily amused about it. On page 13 AUDREY CURTIS (now JOHNSOHN) is my sister. 'MONA OWEN' is in fact ESME RIDGE (now BRITTON) who lives near me and tells me that she threw the future Bishop out of her cub pack on more than one occasion! Is nothing sacred?

'KEN POPLE (Geography) (see this edition page 20) taught at KGS after my time. Our paths crossed in 1992 concerning a point of fact in his excellent biography of Stanley Spencer, with whom my wife and I were acquainted

during the last few years of his life. KEN and I discovered the KGS connection during a phone conversation..

'Other editions of the NEWS helped me recall to mind lifts home on the back of KEN COWLES' (1932-48) motor bike..... fire-watching with DENNIS HILL when we found that the old school was haunted....and who can forget JOHN FLOWER'S (1938-45) legendary 100% in School Certificate Maths!

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### **NESTA'S MEMORIES...**

NESTA JEFFERIS (now CHALCROFT) (1945-50) wrote after being prompted by some entries in KOSA NEWS 15. Here's some extracts from her letter:

'KATHLEEN TOWNSEND is shown on the left of the back row of the 1953 tennis photo on page 12. I lived near KATH, who came from a large family which lived in the corner house at the top of Willsbridge Hill. Is she still living in the area?

'On the photo of the 1945-46 Hockey 1st XI on page 9 I believe the second from the left on the front row was SHEILA FRANCIS, who was the best tennis player in the school, beaten eventually by my brother COLIN JEFFERIS in the American Tournament. This tournament was played each year, plus the addition of teachers as prospective partners, and was well worth watching. (I cannot remember this being mentioned before – anyone with any more information? – Ed)

'I was always under the impression that MR MORGAN (MOGGIE) was asked to resign as he was supposed to have Communist views. I think he took us on a cycle trip to Cheddar Gorge. Our class consisted of PAT NORLEY, DAVID ROBERTS, PHILIP DENT, PAM JEN-

NINGS, and others. I borrowed my sister's friend's bike, a semi-sport, as my sister only had an upright black bike which was far too big for me. Nearly into the Gorge I fell off and shouted to PAT JENNINGS to stop. I had cut myself on my upper foot and leg. In spite of that, it was the best trip I had spent with the school. Can the others confirm that it was with MR MORGAN? What did he teach?

'KGS did not accept teachers debating Politics, which was a good policy, not to sway young children. Ad for the bike, I had bent it slightly and on returning it I was accused of falling off the bike, which I stubbornly denied. I have always felt guilt about it since. The truth will out!'

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### **SPORTS DAYS...**

PETER BRAKE (1946-51) writes:

'I have been re-reading past KOSA NEWS and came across the article on Sports Days, with mainly GILLETTE and TIPTON as the stars. What was not recorded was the upset on Sports Day 1948 or 1949.

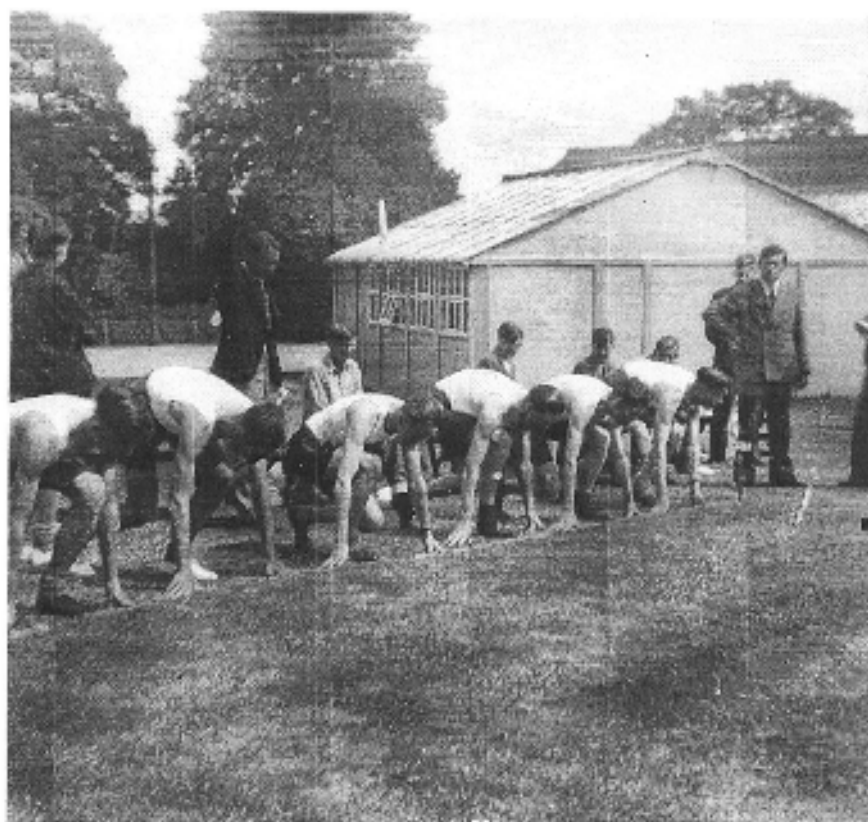
'On that beautiful June day (they always were!), the 6th form stars had entered the main event of the day, the mile. Both were tipped to do well, both had impressed in training. No one gave the only 4th former to have entered a chance, but little did they know that CLIVE ROBBINS was a far better runner than any of them. He was a winner at all distances from the 100 yards to cross-country. I should know. I followed him in second on many an occasion.

'CLIVE was built for running; he ran like a panther and as a rugby player he played on the wing. Once he received the ball he was off like a bullet, not so much to score, but to make sure he was

not grounded and in the process got muddy!

'Anyhow, the mile. He won it easily. He was mobbed by the lower years but was

towel, so I had to borrow shorts, socks and, bliss, CLIVE'S claret jersey! I was on cloud nine, but what I looked like on the pitch I don't know, as KGS played in white and Bath Tech in black!



'Why was my case almost empty? Well, my brother, all of three, had removed my kit the evening before for fun. Some fun! Now when my brother forgets himself I remind him of this, but for me it was a dream come true!'

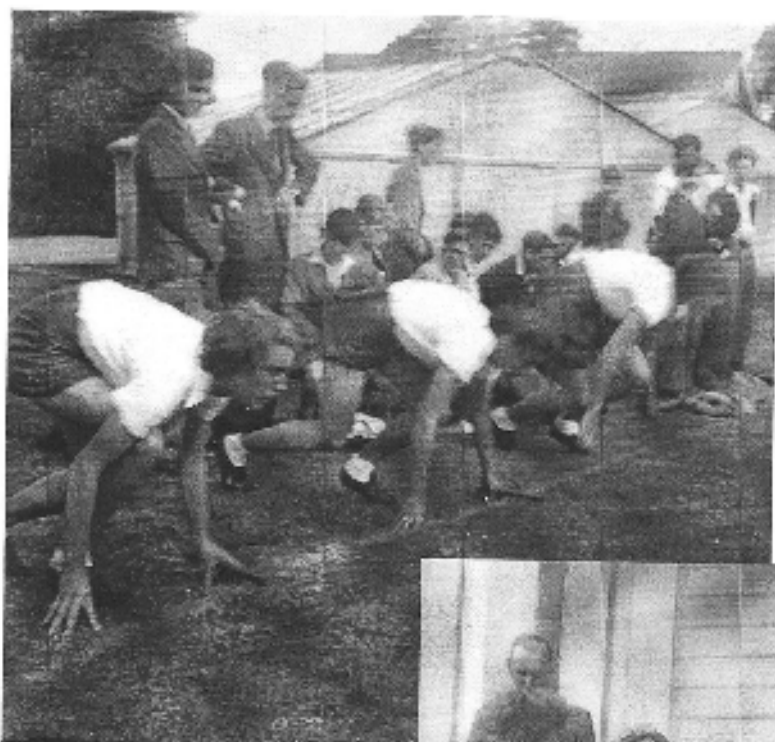
On this page, and the final page, are some photographs from BOB SLAVIN (1948-54) and from MIKE WHITLOCK (1949-56). If you can identify the people in the shots, please let KOSA know.

almost ignored by the upper school. In fact he told me recently that he never received the cup. Perhaps it could be located and presented to him to keep! (Editorial Note: We have looked up the results for 1950 which show that the mile was won by ROBBINS (Fussell), followed by OTLET (Davies) and GILLETT (Haskins). Could that have been the famous race, Pete?)

'Another story about CLIVE was that he had a beautiful claret and blue Aston Villa jersey, which I lusted after but was unable to get hold of. One Saturday the KGS XV played Bath Tech away and we all turned up, brown cases, boots outside, as was the custom. The problem was that the only thing in my case was a

Our thanks to all those who have provided news, views, brickbats, bouquets, reminiscences, corrections, photos, drawings, and anything of KGS vintage. Your Committee is planning a lapel badge (example below). What do you think?





Left:  
'...On your marks, get set...GO!'



Below:  
Mrs Ridley about to present the trophies



Left:  
Derek Smith in the foreground, with a perfect School Sports Day gathering behind. Derek won the mile in 1954, 1955 and 1956!

## THE NEXT REUNION DINNER

This will take place at LINCOMBE BARN, OVERNDALE ROAD, DOWNEND, on SATURDAY, 28th APRIL 2001. The AGM will take place at 7.30pm, followed by the Reunion Dinner at 8.00pm. If you know any Old Scholars please photocopy this page and pass on. All Old Scholars welcome!

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of Kingswood Old Scholars' Association will take place at LINCOMBE BARN, OVERNDALE ROAD, DOWNEND, on SATURDAY, 28th APRIL, 2001 at 7.30 PM

### AGENDA

1. Minutes of Last AGM
2. Chairman's Report
3. Treasurer's Report
4. Election of President
5. Election of Chairman
6. Election of Officers
7. Election of Committee Members
8. To fix the Subscriptions for the ensuing year

### KINGSWOOD OLD SCHOLARS' ASSOCIATION RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2000

BALANCE AT BANK 1st JANUARY 2000		1,984.04
RECEIPTS:		
KOSA NEWS Subscriptions	1,343.99	
Costs	<u>1,239.37</u>	
Surplus		104.62
Annual Lunch	1,056.50	
Expenditure	<u>982.00</u>	
Surplus		74.50
AGM & Reunion	337.50	
Expenditure	<u>446.20</u>	
Surplus		(108.70)
Sale of Videos and Prints	234.92	
Expenditure	<u>151.54</u>	
Surplus		83.38
1951 Reunion	160.00	
Expenditure	<u>153.00</u>	
Surplus		7.00
1949 Reunion - Mailshot Contribution		20.00
Interest Received		11.36
		<u>2,176.20</u>
PAYMENTS:		
Postage and Telephone	58.77	
Archive Costs	278.81	
Gifts and Donations	130.95	
BALANCES AT BANK 31st DECEMBER 2000		1,707.67
		<u>2,176.20</u>

I have examined the books and vouchers made available to me and in my opinion the accounts set out above form a true and fair view of the affairs of the Kingswood Old Scholars' Association as at 31st December 2000. The balance carried forward of £1,707.67 is represented by funds held at Lloyds TSB Bank Plc as at 31st December 2000.

  
 signed: Eric R Arnold, FCCA      18 February 2001

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**KOSA DINNER & AGM**  
**SATURDAY 28 APRIL 2001**

To: Ron Clements, Hon. Treasurer, KOSA,  
5 Rangers Walk, Hanham, Bristol, BS15 3PW Tel: 967 2328

I enclose £\_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ places @ £12.50 each for the KOSA Reunion Dinner to be held at 7.30pm on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2001 at Lincombe Barn, Overndale Road, Downend, Bristol

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Guests' Names: \_\_\_\_\_

Maiden Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

If you have any special dietary requirements please inform us

Years at KGS \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

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