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DIARY DATES...

AUTUMN LUNCH...

Lincombe Barn, Overndale Road, Downend has been booked for our very popular Autumn Lunch on SATURDAY, 12th OCTOBER 2002. 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. Complete the form enclosed and send to our Treasurer, COLIN WELLS, 14 Oldbury Chase, Willsbridge, Bristol BS30 6DY Tel: 0117 932 3097.

EDITORIAL...



As you can see, this is our 21st edition of KOSA NEWS, so it's perhaps a birthday occasion when we should express our thanks to all who have contributed over the years, and take stock.

The first edition was produced in 1992 with 8 pages, and since then we have progressed to a standard size of 28 pages, included photographs, increased our circulation list to a current level of 1,050, and established branches in New Zealand, America and South Africa (see inside). We have also been successful in getting old friends together from all four corners of the circular globe, and courtesy of BOB MEAKER we have a

web site for all to visit [www.kgs.info] wherever they live.

Your committee has organised many reunions, lunches, dinners, and buffets in the Bristol area, and there have been initiatives taken on board by others who have organised 'year' reunions, something which we have always supported. Where do we go from here? Perhaps YOU can drop us a line and let us know your views.

Your Committee would like to make sure that our address list is up to date, so perhaps you would be good enough to complete the form enclosed, whether or not you include a donation - it's not a subtle way of getting you to make a donation! Incidentally, many thanks to all who *have* made donations. To keep costs down, we do not acknowledge nor record donations, and our philosophy is that we shall try to continue to publish KOSA NEWS as long as funds permit. The current cost of an edition is about £600.

Since we last collected information on our membership it has increased substantially. Also enclosed, therefore, is an archive form on which you can let us know about yourself both at the school and since leaving. We don't want to be intrusive, so clearly you give us as much or as little as you wish.

Finally, we hope that you'll come to the October lunch, but whether you do or not, thank you all for your support.

OBITUARIES...

JILL BROOKS (now HAYDEN) (53-59) has sent KOSA NEWS a cutting from the Bristol Evening Post announcing the passing of ROBERT LLOYD BRITTON in February last. As Bob was born in 1921, we would guess that he started at KGS in 1932 or 33, joined the Co-op in Brislington after school and, after serving in the RAF during the War, started his own greengrocery business around Kingswood and Cadbury Heath. He then moved to Bendix Westinghouse in the accounts department from where he retired in 1986.

Bob was a pianist and singer and often performed at the Lourdes Club in Kingswood and the Queen's Head in Willsbridge.

In the last KOSA NEWS we reported the passing of brother and sister ARNOLD and JOYCE EDWARDS later STEVENS. JOYCE'S husband, ALAN STEVENS (31-38) has written to us to say that they were both first rate Old Scholars: ARNOLD J. EDWARDS (23-30) obtained both an Open Scholarship and a State Scholarship to Exeter College Oxford (quite an accomplishment) and became Senior Research Chemist with National Smelting Co. Ltd at Avonmouth. Sister JOYCE EDWARDS (27-35), who went as an Exhibitioner to Somerville College, Oxford, became a French Mistress at Chipping Sodbury Grammar School and Bishop Fox's Grammar School in Taunton. JOYCE passed away on 25 August 2001 and many apologies for erroneously reporting in the last edition as the 23 August 2001.

PHIL DARKE (47-52) has written to inform us of the death of his uncle JIM DARKE (30-35): Phil writes:

'Jim was the youngest member of a family of ten children born and raised in South Road, Kingswood. After leaving KGS he learnt the motor trade at Cathedral Garages, Bristol. It was natural, therefore, that during the war he was to serve as a sergeant in an armoured vehicle recovery unit. Such is the metal of working class Kingswood and ex-KGS pupils that he was awarded the Military Medal for recovering damaged tanks whilst under enemy fire.

'He married a service woman, Barbara, after demobilisation and they raised two sons, Christopher and Clive. Returning to Cathedral Garages and working in the motor trade for many years, he eventually obtained the position of motor engineering instructor at Soundwell Technical College until he retired from full time employment.

'Sadly, he died on 3 February 2002 at Southmead Hospital after undergoing a hip replacement operation. Although aged 83, and warned of the risks, it was typical of him that he faced the forthcoming operation with optimism.'

ANTHONY CURTIS (39-46) has written to inform us of the death of MAURICE GILVEAR (39-44). Tony writes:

'Maurice and myself were together at Hill Street, now the Park School, from 1933. We learned our soccer and cricket not only at school but in Lower Bright Street (which no longer exists) and Kingswood Park. Closer friends were GARY BALL, ROY TIPPETT and REX CHURCH (all 39-44). We, of course, had a host of other friends who will remember him.

'The course of his life was determined early during our naval service, Maurice

being in the first batch of national servicemen in January 1947. His train arrived at 8am at Plymouth North Road on his draft to barracks to join a ship; my own ship arrived in harbour at the identical moment. He was sent, not to a ship, but to Burnham Radio where he met and married Marie, who survives him with his son David, born 1961. This work led to his joining the Foreign Office as a Radio Officer. He held the rank of Senior Radio Officer on retirement, and the work took his family to near St. Albans (49-53) and Istanbul (53-56). During this period he and Marie took a house in Taunton which Marie still occupies. Further postings took him to Helsinki (61-64) and Cyprus (67-70).

'Maurice, who had a terrific sense of humour, was a good footballer and all-round sportsman as a lad, and in retirement played tennis, short mat bowls and practised archery. He also held a season ticket at Taunton Football Club.'

In the last edition we announced the passing of BRUCE CARPENTER (48-56). PETER WALTERS (47-54) has written to the 'NEWS:

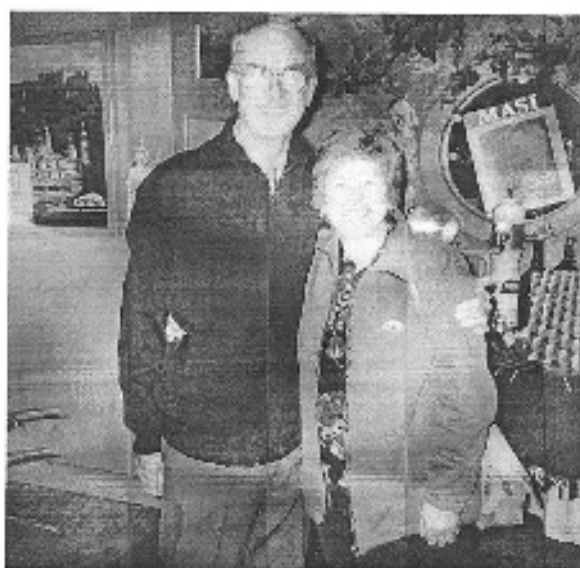
'Those who knew Bruce will be sad to have learned of his death in Vancouver, his home, last January.

'After KGS Bruce was educated at Oxford, then Paris (he was a Rhodes Scholar) before departing for America where he first lectured at the University of Wisconsin, eventually ending his career as Professor Emeritus of French at the University of British Columbia, Vancouver.

'Bruce and his American wife, Jody, have two children, Katherine and Christopher, and regularly visited England

where Bruce's mother continued to live in Hanham until her death three years ago. When in England they always spent time with JEAN nee LOVELL (48-56) and myself and, for our part, we visited Bruce and Jody in Vancouver. Bruce would also, on his visits to England, get together with DAVID KERSHAW (49-56) and LEW. PARRY (47-54).

'Bruce expressed a wish to be buried in England in the family grave, so last May 31st Jody and the family came to England for a service, attended by David, Lew, myself and our wives, held at Hanham Baptist Church. Bruce's ashes were interred at Mangotsfield Cemetery, there having previously been a memorial service for Bruce in Vancouver.



'We were then able to spend time with Jody, Katherine and her husband for the rest of the weekend before their return to Canada and America respectively. We have every intention, at their request, of staying in touch and hopefully we will see them in the future.'

Above is a photo of Bruce taken with JUNE DICKES now HENRY (48-56) As we prepare this edition, a sad letter

was received from HEATHER SLADE now STRONG (47-54):

'A close friend SHEILA POW (nee BENSON) (47-54) passed away in June. She played in both hockey and tennis teams for the School, and became Head Girl before going to training college. All her teaching life was at Samuel White's School.

'Her interest in Gilbert & Sullivan started with the 'Pirates of Penzance' at KGS in 1952 when she was in the chorus of Major Stanley's daughters with me. She was recently honoured as a long-serving member of Bristol Gilbert & Sullivan Society – 40 years as a soloist and member of the chorus.

'She was a cheerful, popular person and is greatly missed.'

A photo of the 53-54 hockey team is shown below SHEILA BENSON is on the front row, second from the left.

SAVOY IN FRANCE...

Miss MARION JACOB, who taught French and Music 1953-57, and married French Assistant MICHEL LAPADU, has written to us from Bordeaux where she now lives:

"Michel and I were very sorry to read that BRUCE CARPENTER (48-56) had died. He was a fine scholar, and far too young to leave us.

' I was interested in GORDON JACKSON'S (55-62) account of his stage performances, specially all the details about 'HMS Pinafore'. I only accompanied one G & S production – 'The Gondoliers' – and thoroughly enjoyed it. Messieurs TROTT and WINTOUR were already in the cast for that, if I remember rightly. GWEN HANVEY must have been my successor at KGS. Strange that MR HILTON didn't conduct, though MR HODSON seemed to know every note, word and stage movement of the



whole G & S repertoire and must have conducted very ably.

'Down here in SW France, there are many G & S fans. In the last two years we have done 'scratch' concert performances of 'Mikado' and 'The Pirates'. At the end of this month we are putting on a 3 night stage performance of 'Pinafore', hence my interest in Gordon's letter. The soloists are all British, but there is a brave French couple in the chorus – and yours truly is at the piano again!

'All the best to those whom I remember and who remember me.'

MUSIC AT KGS...

GORDON JACKSON (55-62) writes a sequel to his letter of last time, referred to by MARION above. The Editor apologises for mistyping the Music Teacher MISS HANVEY as MISS HARVEY:

'MISS GWEN HANVEY knew some of us before she joined KGS. Some of her piano pupils from Stonar Girls' School competed in the Bristol Eisteddfod, where she met JENNIFER HUNT, RICHARD HOLLOWAY and myself. Jennifer and Richard were pupils of a Mr Phillips of Staple Hill, and were well known locally as young piano duettists. I was a pupil of Miss Gladys Garjulo of Knowle, although later ERIC HILTON became my private piano teacher as well as Head of Music at KGS. All three of us ended up together in Form 4L1, and continued for all three years of the sixth form.

'Another classmate was MARGARET REECE now WILLS, and all four of us went on to study Music at university or college – a vintage musical year! Jennifer got to Bristol University, and married

fellow classmate ALAN QUARTLY; Richard and Margaret studied at the Royal Manchester College of Music, and I went to Cambridge University, after which I found employment outside the world of music.

'I remember at a School Choir rehearsal GWEN HANVEY admonished us for singing with West country 'UR's. "If you were playing an instrument," she said "you wouldn't do it in a regional way."

"Put a mug of cider on the piano!" retorted ANDREW 'TUB' MARTIN. 'TUB' was so nicknamed because he played the drums in the School orchestra and also elsewhere. He later worked in a bank and subsequently went into teaching. GWEN stayed at KGS for about two and a half years, before joining Sherborne School.'

...AND MIKE'S MUSIC...

MIKE PARRY (46-51) writes:

'The KOSA NEWS was the first contact I have received from KGS since leaving in 1951. Many of the staff mentioned in the magazine I remember well, especially 'KHYBER' KEYTES (Music), 'FROGGY DAVIES (French spoken with a Welsh accent), and 'BONEY' BRITTON (English).

'I also remember MR 'A J' SPEARS who took the gardening class, and who, when I rebelled against Rugby on MR RIDLEY'S arrival, turned a blind eye when I undertook additional gardening during games and PT classes. When the new canteen was built across Brook Road, no attempt was made to prevent me, single-handedly, from digging then planting the whole area around the canteen. Mr Spears gave me an A+ for Gardening, which drew a salutary re-

sponse from Mr Ridley when he presented me with an Encyclopedia of Gardening.

'I am now retired, having worked for 24 years as a Quality Control Inspector at Robinson's Wax Paper (later DRG), then following redundancy I was employed in the Inland Revenue as a Tax Officer.

'Following on from a musical introduction with 'Khyber' Keytes when I sang in the School Choir and played in the Recorder Group, I have since sung in mixed voice and male voice choirs. I have also played in several brass bands, have been a church organist for many years, and at present am Director of Music of the Frome Valley Christian Choir, which I formed in 1993.'

JOHN'S JOTTINGS...

JOHN GRAY (46-54) writes:

'A major event during my period at KGS was the retirement of MAJOR EATON and the start of C.N. RIDLEY'S term as Headmaster in 1949. Many changes were introduced at that time but the one that affected us boys most was the decision that we play rugby instead of football. Initially we were very upset and at every opportunity we held debates in English classes to argue against the change. However, once we were taught the game most of us took to rugby quite well. In the early days we were amused to find the Headmaster changing into rugby kit and playing with us on Wednesday afternoons.

'I soon became keen despite my extremely small stature and soon I had a rugby ball at home and enjoyed teaching the game to my brother BOB GRAY (49-56). 'JIMMY' WILDE (Games) once told me a story about Bob running the length of the pitch with the ball, handing

off opponents. The point was that Bob's year had not at that stage been taught about hand offs. It was a very proud moment when Bob was selected as a 4th former to join me in the 1st XV against Sidcup, a public school near Bridgwater. I think we were the first brothers to represent the school at rugby.

'We all remember games refereed by Jimmy Wilde, who we swore never moved more than 10 yards either side of the centre line, but somehow managed to detect forward passes in any part of the field! The annual School v Masters games were soon abandoned after MR. PEET (Maths) and MR. WATTS (ART) received a bad mauling from PETER BRAKE and others. (DAVE PETERS might blush if he reads this).

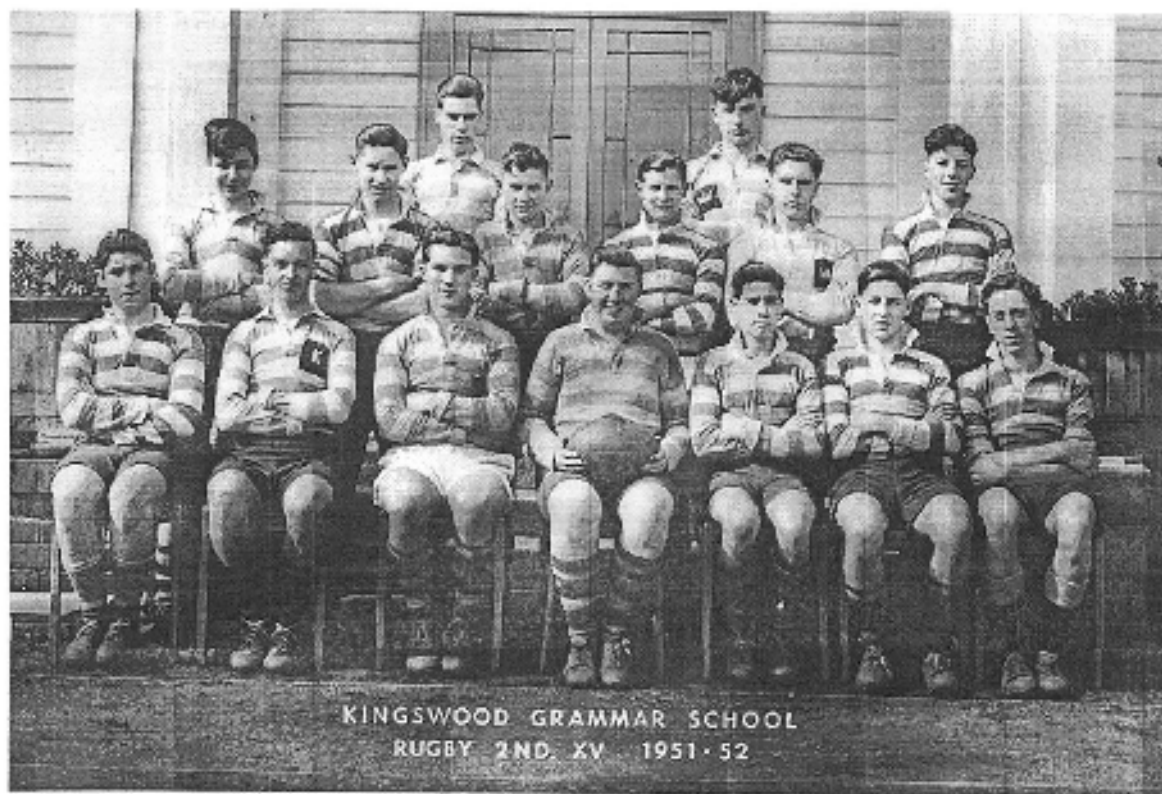
'In 1952 or 53 we planned an end of term hockey match against JOSEPHINE VAGG'S 1st XI. We were coached by MISS DAVIES, the Sports Mistress, and were taking it seriously. Unfortunately the Head cancelled it at the last minute, claiming it as punishment for a misdemeanour by REG AMOS. That was merely an excuse. I think he was afraid of injury or the boys losing face.

'I cannot recall my school days without remembering MISS QUINTON. To relieve monotony in her Divinity classes I was put up to interrupt her lesson by asking questions. One day we found an HM Inspector in the classroom, and poor old 'Quinney' was in a terrible state and was performing worse than normal. At some stage I chipped in with a question, which had the effect of settling her down and she performed better. I later heard that she acknowledged that my intervention had helped her. So much for trying to be a disruptive student!

'I did have one unique experience. CYNTHIA UNDERWOOD and I were the only 6th form students doing Zoology at 'A' level and we were sent twice a week for a whole term to join a class at Chipping Sodbury Grammar School. That caused some gossip, I can tell you!

I also re-housed the old groundsman (I forget his name) in a bungalow in Lees Hill.

'On a personal note, I married EILEEN NICHOLSON in 1959. She lived in Stonehill, Hanham, and although she



'No one yet has mentioned the school caretakers, MR & MRS MERRIFIELD - what fearsome people they were. I got to know them best after I left school as we Old Boys rugby players used the school gym on Tuesday evenings for training and the changing rooms on Saturday, which meant constant contact with the caretakers. It took considerable buttering up by JOHN SALTER and JOHN POOL when we failed to have the keys back by 9.30pm.

'In later life I was extremely pleased to have been instrumental in re-housing Mr & Mrs Merrifield in a Council bungalow off Tenniscourt Road when they retired.

did not attend KGS, she was known by many KGS students from Hanham and Longwell Green and she enjoys reading about the people she square danced with at the Longwell Green Community Centre and played tennis with at 'Hillcroft'. And there are probably other memories that I know nothing about! Eileen joins me in sending regards to all former students of KGS who know us'.

Above is a photo of John in rugby days when he was in the 2nd XV in 1951-52. John is 3rd from the left in the middle row. Next to him, on the right, is KOSA Chairman PETER WALTERS.

ANOTHER BRANCH...

LIONEL HARRIS (52-57) and his wife DIANE, formerly WOGAN, (55-61) have, together with ALAN BAINES (49-56), set up our Cape Town branch.



Lionel writes:

INAUGURAL MEETING OF KOSA CAPE TOWN BRANCH

'Three former KGS pupils met recently (Easter 2002) in Cape Town, South Africa: Alan wrote from Cape Town to KOSA News some time ago from which Lionel and his wife Diane obtained his address and telephone number and made contact in November 2001 during a visit from their home in Oldland Common to home No 2 in Pinelands, Cape Town, only a few miles from Alan's home in Table View, Cape Town.

During the initial unexpected phone call Alan asked for a copy of the Bristol Evening Post to be taken out for him on their next visit. Alan was delighted when a batch of Western Daily Press

and Evening Post papers was taken out for him when Diane and Lionel visited Alan and his wife at their home in March 2002. A happy couple of hours were spent over Castle Lager and South African wine with memories of KGS and descriptions of local changes - Ring Road et al.

'Alan has spent his working life in forestry in various parts of the world, New Zealand and Africa included, and has now retired to Cape Town with his family. He used to live in Forest Road, Kingswood but does not get to visit

the UK nowadays and looks forward to receiving his copy of KOSA News to revive memories of school and contemporaries. As far as he knows he is the sole full time member of the Cape Town branch of KOSA. If there are any others please let him know. He does however have a friend there who went to Woodstock Boys School!

'No doubt Alan and his wife and Diane and Lionel will get together again later in the year when the members will need to elect some officers to run the branch!

'Photo of this momentous occasion above - perhaps you can crop it to take out the middle age spread.'

(Sorry, Lionel, unexpurgated versions only! - Ed)

GRETA'S TREKS...

GRETA AMOS, now COOPER (49-55) has been on her sponsored treks again. Greta writes:

'I was one of 8000 walkers who completed a marathon last May 2001 starting at midnight from Battersea. We walked at 4 miles an hour and trained for 10 weeks previously to build up strength and speed. It was a wonderful experience and we had a warm night - quite a lot of the youngsters just wore a bra on top (we had all been supplied with one from Playtex) but I thought I was a bit too old in the tooth to do that!

'London never sleeps, that's for sure. We had lots of encouragement on the way, some a bit ribald depending on what part of London we were in, but it was all good fun. We raised £2 million and some of it went to the Care Centre in Clifton and was for breast cancer. There were a few men there too as they also can suffer breast cancer. I am in possession of a super medal - I had always secretly wanted to do TBE marathon, but I realise I walked round faster than some who run in the marathon so I am going to make my last year's achievement sufficient for now.

'I was hoping to make the AGM and perhaps obtain some support from my peers but it clashes with a walk from Winscombe to the Church at Uphill, WSM in order for all the would-be pilgrims to get to know one another - I think it's called bonding these days! We have another one on June 8th from Glastonbury Tor to Wells Cathedral when the new Bishop will be accompa-

nying us, along with our own BISHOP ANDY RADFORD (55-61). I think we will then be given our scallop shells, which is a symbol of the pilgrim and St. James himself, by the Bishop some time during the service.

My last pilgrimage was my second one to Santiago de Compostela in Spain, to raise funds for the Children's Society with a party of Pilgrims from the Diocese of Bath and Wells. It's about 800 kilometres from the Pyrenees through Northern Spain. KOSA members can see the photos on the web site of [www.bathandwells.org.uk]

'Here's a photo of my husband Brian and myself on our last Pilgrimage in Spain in 1997, high in the hills of Galicia.



(It's not too late to sponsor Greta even though she and her husband have successfully completed the Pilgrimage. Donations sent to KOSA payable to the Bath & Wells Diocesan Board of Finance will be forwarded - Ed)

MIKE'S NEWS...

Wanderin' MIKE WHITEFORD (47-54) writes:

'Thanks for the 'NEWS. I was astounded when DEREK BAILEY phoned me from Colorado, especially hearing his 'new' accent!

'I left KGS in 1954 to live in Aberdeen, then moved to Grays in Essex, Cockermouth in Cumberland, Lymm in Cheshire and finally to Evesham in 1979. When living in Grays PETE (Chairman) and JEAN WALTERS (48-56) came to stay with us and we also went on holiday to Newquay with them. I lived next door to Peter from birth until I was 18 and moved to Aberdeen. Unfortunately, we then lost touch after the move to Cumberland, so I shall look forward to meeting them again, hopefully at the Autumn lunch.

'When living in Aberdeen, ELLIS PEET (Staff - Mathematics and Games), who you are now trying to contact, visited us through contact with his sister who lived there, but unfortunately there was no further contact. I see COLIN TICKTUM (51-58) has just joined, my next door neighbour for many years, and the WELLS family who only lived 100 yards from my home.

'Another I remember was JOHN SALTER (47-54), who was scrum-half when I was fly-half for the 1st XV for many years.....'

A CHRISTMAS PRESENT AT CHRISTMAS PAST...

Past-chairmen GORDON and PEGGY BOLT write:

'At the KOSA AGM last April, as we

listened to DAVID LEWIS, Headteacher of Kingsfield and KOSA President, as he was updating us on the activities at the School, our minds went back to a very enjoyable evening last 4 December.

'On that day Kingsfield School took over (and filled!) the Colston Hall, Bristol to put on its 'Special Christmas Charity Concert', with contributions from three of its 'partner primary schools', the proceeds going towards the children's ward at Frenchay Hospital'

'Representing KOSA, PEGGY (nee OTLET) (38-43) and I were treated to an evening of multi-dimensional musical entertainment. There was something for everyone; music and song from films and musical shows, traditional Christmas items, boogie-woogie, light classical and readings. All performed with enthusiasm and style that many professionals would have envied. A whole range of media were used from single performers to small and massed choirs, woodwind ensembles, swing, rock and steel bands, a drama group and some audience participation.

'All this made for a very enjoyable and memorable evening, and as everyone spilled out into a cold winter's night, we still had the warm feeling that KOSA is associated with a school of such ability and talent, and we were amazed how they had managed to get such a wide-ranging musical extravaganza into one evening.

'We would like to thank David Lewis for the School's hospitality for inviting us, and his wife Mary for hosting us on that evening. It was all very enjoyable'

EMILY'S HAT...

If you want to get a head get a KGS hat..!

EMILY JACKSON now NIXSON (35-41) has sent KOSA a phot of her KGS headgear which she still treasures. It's certainly different from today's uniform, which is usually non-existent!



FAME INDEED...

PROF COLIN PILLINGER (54-61) continues to get lots of publicity for his Mars probe, Beagle 2, some probably which he didn't bargain for! On the comedy programme on Radio 4, 'The Now Show', they joked about 'an Open University Lecturer called Colin' who is in charge of Mars exploration....they say he will have a special space suit with



leather elbow patches sewn on!

More seriously, Colin has sent KOSA copies of the Beagle2 Bulletin and some post cards of himself with a colleague inspecting a full sized model of the Beagle2. On the photograph below, Colin is on the right, with glasses.

The Beagle2 website is on [www.beagle2.com], and if you would like copies of the bulletin an e-mail to r.y.reynolds@open.ac.uk would put you on the list.

MEMORIES FROM CHARLES...

CHARLES BUCKLEY (47-54) writes: 'Many thanks for the KOSA News No. 20. I have read it from cover to cover many times now. It was great to discover that KOSA is so active, and likewise many pupils of my vintage. It was nice to see boys whom I remembered in short trousers now sporting shiny heads and ample waists.

'I have had a visit from DEREK BAILEY (49-53) and we spent best part of a day reminiscing on people and events that I thought had gone forever. 'FISHY SAM-

MONS memories of the arrival of 'MR RIDLEY' struck a chord. I well remember his triumphal entry to assembly. I also remember the day CHARLIE HOWARD (Senior Master) took assembly and announced that Mr Ridley would be absent due to minor ill-

ness. This was greeted with a spontaneous cheer from the floor of the hall, to which some of the staff at the side of the hall contributed. Charlie put the whole school on detention, but not the staff! After one detention the girls were excused but the boys had to repeat it. (Standing in silence in the hall).

'Many of the comments registered with me, but in particular I would echo ANN OSBOURNE now PARSHOT'S (46-51) words about how much we owe to the high standards and efforts of the KGS staff. In a life time of dealings with people of all academic backgrounds I have never felt that KGS left me at a disadvantage.

'Derek and I remembered that we were backstage in the JOHN HODSON (Maths) production of Pirates. We did the stage lighting together. (John didn't get called Ben until later.) I have a twin brother, Richard, who was in the same year as myself. He left in 1951 to take an apprenticeship with BOAC at Heathrow. He now lives in France. Also I have a sister, Pat, who was in the year behind

me, so left in 1952. She now lives in Canada. I have the full school photo (original print) for September 1948 which could be copied if it is of interest.'

RARE...?

Below is a photograph of HASKINS HOUSE in 1953 sent in by DEREK BAILEY (49-53), who is seated front row left. Was it usual to take photographs of the house teams? It's believed to be the only one that KOSA has.

NICKNAMES...

MAUREEN CLENCH now O'NEILL (45-52) has responded to DEREK BAILEY (49-53) who was under the impression that Music master ERIC HILTON enjoyed (!) the epithet 'Rubberguts'. This is the first time that KOSA Editor has heard this nickname, so who was he? Maureen writes:

'Rubberguts was silly little man who used to go bananas when 4c played him



up. He chased us all once out of the hall and round the lower part of the school. He was only in the school a short while and had no idea. Hilton was far too dignified and professional. He never had that much discipline problem either. I was a bit afraid of him and it was only after I left school I realised how much I owed to him. It was DEFINITELY NOT Mr. Hilton.'

Nicknames were very common at KGS, both for the staff and fellow pupils. Some of them had an obvious basis - Froggy, Fishy, Frosty, Paunch, Ma, and Jimmy, but where did Polly, Chips and Tonky come from? And those were only the staff! There were also some amazing nicknames we gave to each other. Any contributions? - Ed.

PARIS IN THE THE SPRING...

SUSAN POWELL (55-60), who now lives in Canada, has passed to KOSA NEWS a photo of the 1957 trip below. SUE POWELL (l) and ELAINE BUSH are the middle couple, and SANDRA PLUMPTON is next to Elaine. Who are the others?



HARVEST CAMPS...

JACK WITHEY (41-46) writes:

'The reference to Harvest Camps in KOSA News 20 has reminded me of my experience of one of these, in either 44 or 45:

'We were camped near Dursley, and each day we were transported to a nearby farm where we picked potatoes, or stacked corn, or loaded hay into carts. Our accommodation was two bell-tents, with a large marquee where we had our meals.

'Toilet facilities were provided by a number of Elsan units, screened from the general camp by a hessian screen, supported by posts. These were, in fact, quite hygienic and odourless, however, at the end of the first week it was decided they should be emptied. The top layer of grass was removed and a pit dug, some little way from the main camp. The contents of the Elsans were then emptied into the pit, and the soil and turf replaced. A makeshift sign was prepared, reading 'Foul Ground', and placed in position.

'Some bright spark decided that the ground should be tested, and a fellow called SHAKESPEARE was called upon to walk across the area! The result was disastrous as he rapidly sank. He was hastily pulled from the pit, and, using the water from a nearby stream, cleaned up.

'It still brings a smile to my lips!'



Above (left): Eddie Hawking (37-42) always wears his old school tie to the KOSA Reunions! (right): Jim Burgess (39-45) and David Hilling (46-54). Below (left): Brian Gibbs (43-49) and Malcolm Hanks (45-50) and right Vernon Stokes (39-44) and Tony Curtis (39-46)



**KOSA's AGM
and DINNER:
20 APRIL 2002**

Right:
Presentation to
outgoing treasurer
Ron Clements
(39-46) by Chairman
Peter Walters (47-54)



Below: President David Lewis' (r) table, with clockwise Derek Bailey (49-53), Pat Kendall (42-47)(now Smith), Arthur Kendall (54-59), Peggy Otlet (38-43) (now Bolt) and Jean Lovell (48-54 (now Walters)



Below(l) left, front, Sheila Dark (44-49) (now Murch) and right, front, Pauline Harding (49-53) now Hobbs

Below (r) Helen Lewis (74-79) (now Lippiatt)



Above: Sybil Turner (37-42) (now Sullivan) and Sybil Jerrim (37-42) (now Reed)

Right: Maureen Clench (45-52) (now O'Neil) and Nesta Jefferis (45-50) (now Chalcraft)



SOME QUESTIONS...?

EILEEN COVE, now ELEY (37-42) is trying to trace an old friend who gave her a gift many years ago:

'I wonder if anyone has any knowledge of MAJORIE WINWOOD who was a year older than me, but we shared the same birthday (October 20th). She would have started at KGS in 1935, though I do not remember when she left. She lived in Pine Grove, Filton as did another friend, NORMA LEWIS who was in my year. As far as I recall, Marjorie's married name was ROYLE.

'On my birthday, I think my 12th, she gave me a leather comb case which I have used ever since. It has had many new combs over the years but the case is still in excellent condition after, dare I say, sixty-four years of constant use!

Where is she now?

THE SAGA CONTINUES...

PAT KENDALL now SMITH (42-47) continues with the saga of the KENDALL tribe: Up to the date shown on page 17 of the Spring edition of KOSA NEWS eleven KGS Kendalls from the same grandparents were recorded. I was the first to attend KGS, but also my four children, SUSAN SMITH (63-70), JUDY SMITH (64-69), MARTIN SMITH (69-73) and IAN SMITH (73-78) attended KGS (or Kingsfield?), which brings the total to 15.

Any advance on that?

JILL BROOKS now HAYDEN (53-59) draws to our attention that MINNIE

HASKINS' poem 'God Knows' (I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year...) was read at the Queen Mother's funeral, and that Minnie was related to the Haskins after whom Haskins House was named.

'Where did all the other house names originate? Perhaps we could be told in KOSA. Do they still use houses at Kingsfield? Any offers?'

MORE FROM JACK...

JACK WITHEY (41-46) writes:

'The football team photograph on page 17 was taken as far as I recall in season 45/46 and the team members were:

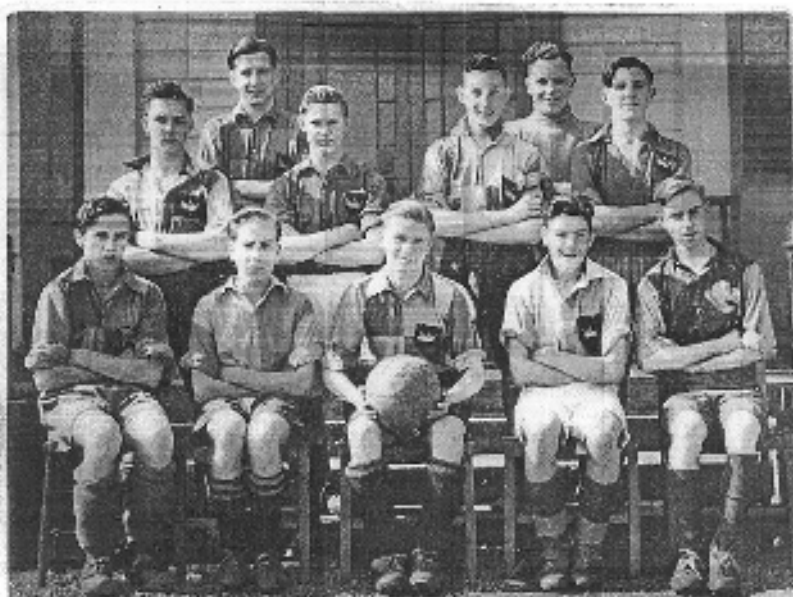
Goal: Merrit, Backs: White and Withey, Half-backs: Cox, Jefferies and Penney, Forwards: May, Milton, Woodey, Brown and Seymour.

'We had an excellent record, but the game that lives longest in my memory is one that we lost rather heavily. The team was invited to play a team at RAF Pucklechurch. It was men against boys, and whilst I cannot recall the score, I know that we lost heavily. However, after the game we were taken to the Sergeants' Mess and given a slap up tea, and we stuffed ourselves silly! It was wartime, of course, but we all reckoned we had real butter in the sandwiches!

'The name of DON OAKES was mentioned in a recent edition of KOSA NEWS: Don played for the School in season 1944/45 and I recall that he signed professional forms for Arsenal and scored for them on his debut.

'Also on page 17 is a photo of Form VIC, with form master J. DEMPSEY, in about 1946. It is easy to see from his hairstyle that he taught Art. Where are they all

now? I remember that because of clothes shortage during the War the School was not too fussy about enforcing the uniform code and I did not even possess a school cap. I also remember wearing an outrageous tie which they were not too happy about, but was allowed to get away with it!



'May I in closing extend my best wishes to cousin JIM WITHEY (45-53) and family in Canada.'

LAST KOSA...

ROSEMARY GOLDING (now SALLY DIMMER) (59-63) recognises herself in the last 'NEWS':

Picture top of page 25 looks to have been taken during cookery. I think I am the person on the left (Rosemary Gold-

ing). I think the person on the right may be PENNY ENGLAND. We both lived in Oldland Common and travelled to school by train. I think the person next to her may be Beryl? Am I correct?

MARRIAGES...

It isn't very often we can announce marriages, but DAVE PINE (51-56), PAT WALDRON (45-51) and KEN ALDRED (48-53) have all taken the plunge. Very many congratulations to you all from KOSA.

SAD NEWS FROM OZ...

It is with regret, that DON and JOHN BREDDY report the death of their sister MARGARET(44-50). Margaret worked in nursing both in the BRI and in London until she married Philip Griffin, a sea-going man. In her early married life she lived in Camberley until her husband's job took him to Japan. After some time in Japan they returned to the UK and lived in Buxton. However, Margaret's experience of foreign ways and Philip's early life had given them the "itch" and they decided to emigrate to Australia with their three children. Margaret had a full life, traveling frequently. She enjoyed the relaxed Australian lifestyle and watching her children and grandchildren develop.

Margaret returned to work, as soon as her children were of a suitable age, where she was matron/nurse in charge of a state run home for people with physical and emotional disabilities.

Twelve years ago she had an operation for cancer, followed by treatment - this at first, seemed to be successful for she had approx. 7 years living life to the full. Unfortunately "the bastard Jack" (rhyming slang - Jack Dancer) to use one of the quaint Australian colloquialisms, returned in 1995.

It was kept in check for a few years but after a long and courageous battle Margaret died on Saturday January 19th of this year.

A MYSTERY...

KEN POPLE, who taught Geography at KGS has come up with the possibility that MISS QUINTON, Senior Mistress, had been married when teaching at

Fairfield Grammar School on the 1920s. There is also some evidence that MISS QUINTON published some novels under another name. Ken writes:

'I have just learned to my surprise from an entry in the the current Old Fairfieldians' Newsletter that Miss Quinton married about 1919/1920 and as Gertrude Stevens or Stevenson wrote and published at least a couple of light romantic novels. Was this known at KGS, and are you aware of it?

'I have no recollection of it ever being mentioned during my time there. Can you give me more brief details? I will explain the OFS source if it interests you. Thanks for mentioning my name in connection with the Spencer Omnibus TV programme. I feel most flattered. But I did work hard for them.

'I am glad you are as surprised as I was to hear of Miss Q's presumed marriage. I thought I was perhaps recycling information already well-known at KGS. The info comes from a recollection in the current OFS Newsletter by a Lucy Horsefield, nee Florance, Fairfield YG20. I quote the relevant passage:

'My eldest brother Kenelm Florance attended Fairfield 1916-20, an under-nourished stripling of those war years, although he had not been really happy there. A master called Mr Stevens, known as Breezy Ben and lame from a war injury, was a trial to him. Breezy married a member of the staff, Miss Quinten [sic] who wrote romances. She met me years later when she was doing temporary teaching at Fairfield. In one of her books which I had read she introduces a Miss Florance. She was quite taken aback when she met her fictional character in the flesh, as a

schoolgirl, with a name no doubt borrowed from my brother.....' [she then goes on to describe her later history at the school]

'My first thought was that she must be referring to another Q, but I wrote her with a stat of the photo from the last KOSA news of Miss Q with MISS PERRY and Archie Leach, and received an encouraging reply. I then rang her. At 93 she is still fully active (hopes from the Isle of Wight to attend what may be the last Fairfield Reunion at the school in May 2002), but admits she could not be sure of her spelling of Q. However she did remember that her Q was a Gertrude and that her brother sometimes talked of being at school with Archie Leach (Cary Grant) and remembered his Q well enough to state she married Stevens. So it seems her Gertude Quinten must be our Gertrude Emily Quinton, herself a brilliant former Fairfield pupil (she was awarded First Class Honours in The Oxford Local Exams in 1909-10 and came first of all the national girl entrants). She thinks Q published her novels - she describes them as 'light romances' - under the name Gertrude Stevens. She remembers reading two. A colleague has searched Gilkes recent book on the history of Fairfield and tells me that Stevens is mentioned as having left the staff in 1920. He was apparently an emergency wartime appointee who taught music and singing.

'The solution could be that Q left Fairfield with Stevens in 1920 to marry him. Married women then were not normally allowed in permanent teaching posts (hence the profusion of 'misses' as schoolmistresses in those days!), so maybe Q occupied her married time in novel writing and in preparing her MA thesis. Later perhaps the rules on mar-

ried women were relaxed, or her husband died, or the marriage was annulled (presuming they'd married!) and she did supply teaching back at Fairfield in the later 1920s as 'Miss Quinton' once more. She subsequently joined the permanent staff of KGS, in company with her friend Miss M A Perry. In 1936 she was President of the Old Fairfieldians Society

'This is something to go on, although Stevens is obviously the critical reference. Perhaps a keen KOSA enthusiast might know more, or one of your research correspondents might enjoy some detective work among the local marriage records. I am intrigued to know!'

KOSA has been unable to find out anything concrete yet, but watch this space.....

NEW COMMITTEE MEMBER...



BOB GRAY (49-56) was voted onto your committee at the last AGM. Bob runs a catering business with his wife Sherry and is well known to KOSA members who come to the reunions - the catering is usually handled by the Gray firm. Welcome aboard, Bob!

TWO OVERSEAS MEMBERS...



MEG GRIFFITHS now SIRAGHER (63-67) paid a visit to Perth, Australia in 2001 where she met up with LORNA OLSSON of similar vintage at KGS. Meg has kindly supplied us with this photograph of Lorna and her daughters. Meg and Lorna have kept in contact over the years, and this was Meg's third visit to her in Australia.



DAVID GILSON (49-54) now lives in Gibraltar and has sent us this KGS photo recently discovered. David had a

sister CORRINE, who was at KGS 51-56.

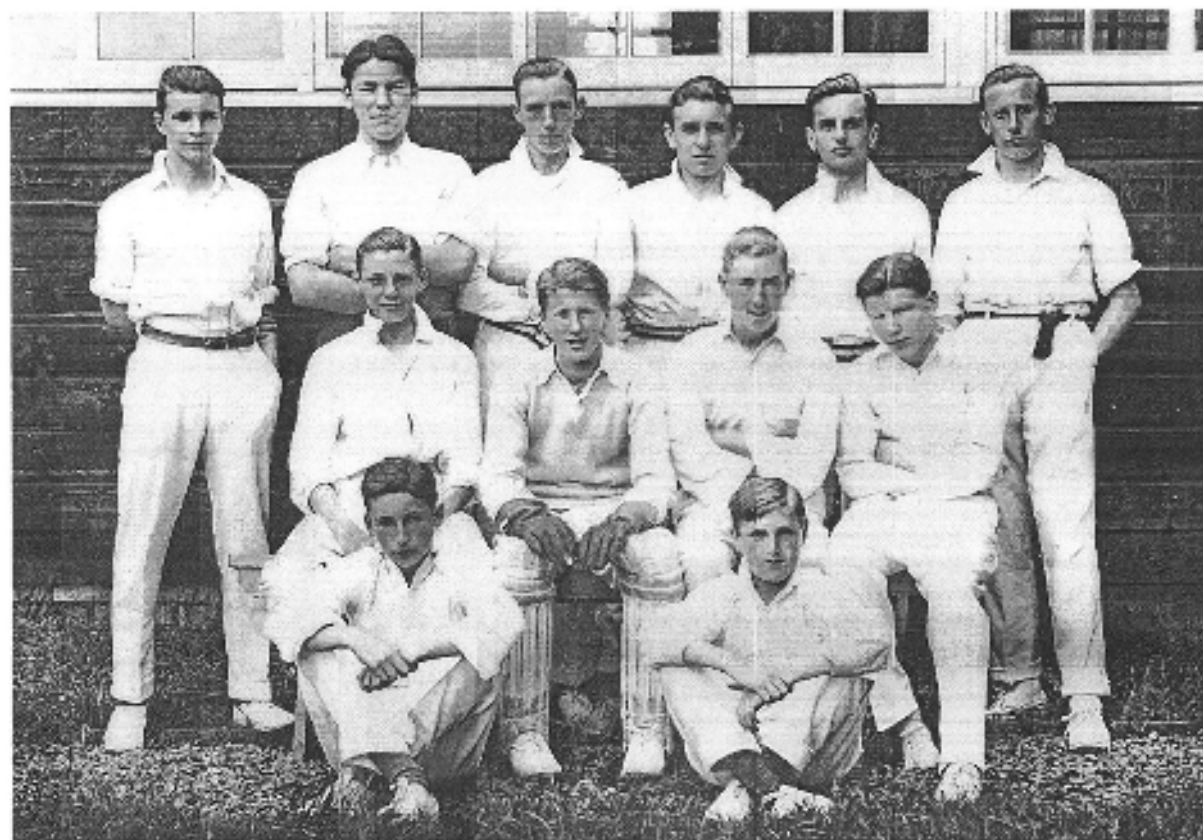
KGS IN THE 20s...

BILL SCANTLEBURY (23-27) has written his life story for private consumption, but he has kindly allowed your editor to publish the section which deals with his time at KGS. Bill, who is in his 90s, still plays golf regularly.

'It was round about 1923 that we again changed schools. A new school had been built at Warmley, 'Kingswood Secondary School' later to be known as Kingswood Grammar School. The school opened in 1921 and Archie and I started there in January of 1923. We were extremely lucky in getting a place there; the Head Master Major Eaton was in the opinion of those that were there in his day a first rate 'Head Master'.

'Regrettably neither Archie nor I brought much credit to the School, this was mainly due to our being unable to make the required headway in a foreign language. In the final school examination, in our day known as 'The Matric', to pass in a language was a must. Neither of us excelled in that direction. In all other subjects we both did well, Archie was always good at History, English etc while I was usually in the first three in all Maths exams. I played football and cricket for my House and in my last year played in the School first team for Cricket.

'The School buildings were unusual, having been built so soon after the war they were of a wooden construction and the class rooms panelled out with asbestos sheet (I may be wrong here but what ever it was they were quite easily broken). The class rooms were very



Cricket at KGS in the 1920s. Above: In 1927 BILL SCANTLEBURY is in the 'keeper's pads. Below, another team taken at the back of the school outside the hall, later the library.



modern, light and airy. We sat in class, boys to the right and girls to the left. As I remember it there was twice the number of boys to girls. It was seldom that any pupil stepped out of line by misbehaving. There was one that I remember only too well, I had two particular friends and we seemed to do most things together fortunately on this occasion I wasn't with them. For certain lessons part of the class would take a different subject and move to a vacant classroom. The move on this occasion was to a room where the pupils were two years younger than us and apparently several of the girls hadn't as yet moved out. There was a bit of horseplay and one of girls finished up with a torn dress. Her parents were wealthy, living in a big house near the school, and her father made it quite clear that he wanted who ever was to blame punished. There was nothing nasty about the affair, of that I'm sure but my two friends were caned in front of all the boys. First and only time in my day that anything like that happened.

'Still with school, I think it was in 1926 that the Head Master announced that each class would rehearse a play, or a scene from a play, to be played in a competition for one to be played on the coming 'Speech and Prize Giving Day'. My form decided on a scene from 'Mid-summer Nights Dream' where Bottom the Weaver comes in. There was one fellow in the class called, I believe, LEWTON. We all thought he really fitted the part, he wasn't very big and always looked scruffy. Anyway, he volunteered to read the part and afterwards the class was asked if anyone else would like to read it. Much to our surprise a quiet boy called ROY OCOCK volunteered. Roy was eventually chosen. The stage must have been his ambition because some years later he came to Bristol in the

'Private Secretary'. His father had a Gents' Hairdressing Saloon at Regent Street, Kingswood, but his name was now changed to Roy Royale.

'Class 5b on that occasion put on a modern 'Who Dunit'. My brother played the lead and he was required to smoke a cigarette. Everyone enjoyed that and next day were quite surprised when my class was chosen. Major Eaton explained that, though it was very well done, it was not quite in keeping with School traditions.

'The school had wonderful playing fields which were really used to the full. Lunch times in the summer small cricket games were being played by dozens of boys, it was not only lunch breaks but at any spare time out would come a bat and ball. To my way of thinking that is what is missing today.

'Before leaving my school days I think I should mention our 'Merit Mark' putings. These were given for a member of your class who did a particular good piece of work. Then if the total number of pupils in your class say totalled 30, then you needed 30 MMs to receive the prize of a half days holiday. This holiday had to be spent on a visit to some place or firm of interest. Our class seemed lucky in that we had pupils whose parents could offer interesting visits.

'JIM SHARP, whose father was the manager of the coal mine at Pucklechurch, arranged for us to go down that pit. It was particularly deep so we all felt a bit scared going down in the cage. This was of course 76 years ago, when ponies pulled the carts, these ponies were wonderfully looked after and made a great fuss of by the workers. We were all issued with a Davey Safety Lamp

which duly went out when they did an exhibition blast. It was a great day finished off with tea at the local 'Fleur-de-Lys.

'Another outing of note was to the Hambrook Brick Works, EDITH RUDGE, whose father owned the firm, invited us, it was most interesting. Afterwards our Form Master MR JONES had us all to tea at his Post Office at Filton. While mentioning MR JONES, I always remember him with the greatest respect, his kindnesses on so many occasions - and those lists he made us learn!

'One last mention of school days, just prior to a history lesson by MISS POWELL, we had been to the Chem. Lab and one of the boys had filled a test tube with sulphuretted hydrogen and regrettably uncorked it. We had no history lesson that day but a long lecture on personal hygiene!

'My Brother Archie left school in 1926 and I left a year later in September 1927.'

DRESS REPORT...

Below is a cutting taken from the Bristol Observer around 1955 of the KGS Photographic Society portrait service at the PTA sale of work taken by KOSA from Mike Whitlock's (49-56) web site [<http://homepages.tesco.net/~whitlock/kgs>].

The newspaper interviewed MRS M SKENE, secretary of the PTA, which had a membership of 400 and had already donated to the school a reading desk and trees and seats for the grounds.

Senior girls baked cakes for sale, and vegetable and flower stalls were rapidly cleared, says the report. The men's cake competition was won by PETER HEMMENS, P. LYNE was second and 'FISHY' SAMMONS third.

"We have our M.T.O. as well as the Toy Party," he said. "We discover things here and there. We have picked up some information which sets us that we must be ready. The information centre school," Burgess, who presided to Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. J. Murphy, and Mrs. L. Cole (then secretary) by Carol Owen, Valerie Gibson, and Ray Dicker, respectively. Mr. J. Murphy, chairman, Kingwood Union Council, was present.

Parent-teachers' sale of work well supported



Kingwood Grammar School Photographic Society ran a portrait service to help raise funds at the school's Parent-Teachers' Association first sale on Saturday. In the picture Mr. K. Pople, a teacher, is posing Colin Whitlock (six) of Strubbery Road, Downend. Among Society members looking on is Colin's 17-year-old brother, Michael.

THE first sale of work to be organized by Kingwood Grammar school Parent Teachers Association drew hundreds of people to the school on Saturday.

The support was a pleasing surprise for the organizers.

"We expected a good number, but this is really encouraging," Mrs. M. Skene, of Westfield Green, Hamble, secretary of the Association, told the Bristol Observer.

"Our aim is to purchase equipment for the hall so that the books can be stored and to hold books in the school library."

The Association, which has 300 members, has already contributed a reading desk and trees and seats in the grounds. Fine hand-drawn programmes of activities were sold.

The sale was a well-organized operation with parents, teachers and mothers all contributing their share. Senior girls baked cakes for sale in well-stocked, decorated and modern painted stalls selling a wide variety of goods.

Vegetable and flower stalls were quickly cleared and other sections of a brisk trade.

The chairman, Mr. G. C. Cole, P.T.O. of Hamble, said that the sale was the result of many months of preparation.

Mrs. C. Fisher, wife of the headmaster, who opened the event, praised the support parents were giving to the school.

The men's cake competition was won by P. Hemmens, of Downend Road, Kingswood. Second was P. Lyne and third Mr. B. Sammons, of Hamble, a teacher. The ladies' cake competition winner was P. Skene, 2, Mrs. Fisher, 3, Mrs. Fisher

HEAVY DAMAGE IN

STEVE'S QUESTION...

Last year STEVE COOK (67-72) wrote:

'I was at Kingswood from September 1967- the last year as Kingswood Grammar School, through to July 1972. Can you tell me, is KOSA intended only for old scholars of the grammar school or are those of us who went through the Kingsfield years also able to contribute to KOSA News and take part in activities?

'I am particularly interested in hearing stories from my days there, as well as meeting again with the 1972 leavers. We have had only one reunion I believe, in October/November 1991, and have lost my details of the organisers- BILL INWOOD, SHIRLEY PALMER (now THOMAS) and HEATHER SMITH. I would love to hear news from my old colleagues and feel sure that another reunion of sorts should be arranged.'

'It is not the intention to restrict the members of KOSA to KGS folk - indeed that would be a sterile operation and would have within it the seeds of its own demise. Hitherto, it has been mainly KGS folk, however, and as you can see, the 'NEWS is skewed in their direction. However, at several meetings we have made donations to Kingsfield School, and our constitution embraces those who went to KGS and its successors. So far ex-Kingsfield pupils/scholars/ students haven't shown a lot of interest (or they may not know of our existence), but I am happy to include whatever you send me and you are welcome to come to any functions and take part. Our President is the Headmaster of Kingsfield School. Over to you!' - Ed

Maybe we should consider renaming the association, or having sections for Kingsfield and Kingswood in the magazine or..... What do YOU think?

We replied:



THE FIRST HEAD...

Many of our members will have either known or heard of the KGS first headmaster, MAJOR EATON, who was in post from 1921 to 1949, when C N RIDLEY took over. KOSA has come across a letter he wrote to all Old Scholars, which perhaps gives some idea why he was so highly regarded.



TO ALL OLD SCHOLARS

'I would like to say a few final words of farewell and thanks to all members of the Association, many of whom could not be at the reunion on July 16th; and to those Old Scholars who for various reasons are prevented at the moment from being members but who, nevertheless, belong to the School Fellowship, past and present.

'Your most beautiful gift to me will every day, as I use it, recall the generosity of mind which you have shown both in School and later in life when we have met and talked of many things. I cannot surely deserve such friendship as you have expressed towards me, both by words and gifts. Such full measure, pressed down and overflowing, as you have given me, can only come from a deep sense of gratitude to the School. I am happy that you have this feeling and that you will continue in such pleasant association with the School.

'I want to thank the President and the members of the Committee for all the work they did in bringing together such a gathering of Old Scholars. By the presence of so many of the original 1921 members of the School, with representatives in succession down to the present day, one was made to feel very deeply the continuity and the unity which the School has achieved. More than any other reunion which I have known one felt a sense of history and tradition, brief though the life of the School has been. I hope this will encourage you to have other similar meetings through the years to come and that you will find in them experiences that will magically review your youth and regenerate your spirit.'

M J EATON finishes with a general invitation to visit or write to him in Wareham, Dorset, in his retirement 'for mere friendship's sake'.

THE BEGINNINGS...

Thanks to KEN MEEK (40-45), who did the original research, we can give an outline of how KGS began. It also answers questions about the naming of the houses of Fussell and Haskins. The photograph on page 26 shows the Governors in 1932, including SYDNEY FUSSELL (Chairman), and the Headmaster, second from the left.

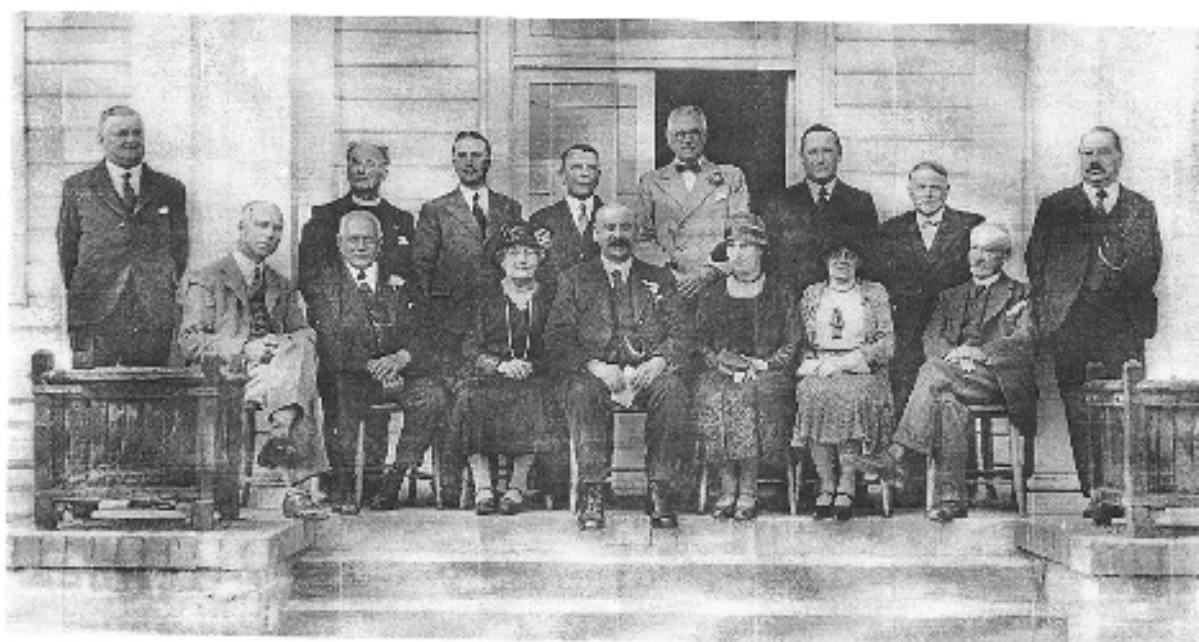
Councillor WILLIAM HASKINS, a resident of Bristol living at 10 Victoria Square, owned some business premises at Warmley, through which he was entitled to a business vote in the Gloucestershire County elections. Our first record of him is that of a County Councillor for Kingswood South in 1919 as a member of the Education Committee on Gloucestershire CC. At this time a SYDNEY FUSSELL of Durdham Downs, Bristol also with a business vote, represented Bitton on Gloucestershire CC, and one GEORGE

JEFFERIES represented Kingswood North.

Councillor W. Haskins realised that this industrial working class area of Gloucestershire, situated on the edge of Bristol, had a very high level of unemployment. For years he had dreamed of building a Secondary School in the area, which explained his intense interest in the County Education Committee. These were the days when any bright child could attend any school, providing a place was available, and the relevant head master approved of the transfer. Better off families paid for their children to go to good schools. Some of these excellent schools in Bristol arranged for scholarships to be granted by competitive examination to suitable children applying for them, but even then many parents could not afford the overall costs.

On the 29th November, 1919 the relevant councillors learned that officers of the Gloucestershire County Council had on their behalf purchased a piece of ground at Warmley/Kingswood of around 5.383 acres from a Mr. S. Fussell, for the sum of £1,700 including trees, one being the last oak of the ancient Forest of Kingswood, and that preliminary plans for a Boys School had been prepared. There had also been an earlier proposal for a Girls Secondary School to be built adjacent to the Boys School, and negotiations for a suitable site had started. However, the Finance Committee refused to finance a separate Girls School, and Kingswood councillors representing the area agreed that the proposed Kingswood Secondary School must become coeducational.

On the 27th March, 1920 councillors



Councillor Haskins decided to change all that. As an influential member of the Education Committee, and working with his colleague the Chairman of the County Finance Committee, a resolution was agreed that a Secondary School must eventually be built in the Warmley/Kingswood area as soon as possible.

agreed to accept a tender of £7,300 for the foundations and other brickwork of the proposed new school, and also agreed a figure of £9,950 for the erection of the school superstructure.

Meanwhile Councillor Haskins as Chairman of the Governors of the new Kingswood Secondary School now in the proc-

ess of construction, wanted to select a suitable Head Master. He therefore arranged for an advertisement to be placed in the Sunday Times Educational Supplement. The Selection Committee met at the Merchant Venturers' Technical College in Denmark Street, Bristol on Tuesday 3rd May, 1921 at 2 p.m. A variety of applicants were interviewed for the vacancy, but one man stood out from the others. A military, slightly aloof, apparently competent character with a good Cambridge record whose most recent teaching appointment was Acting Senior Master at the City of London College, namely MORTIMER JOHN EATON, MA, BA (Cambridge and London) currently living in Cambridge, but whose home address was Bournemouth.

He was appointed Head Master and immediately joined a small committee comprising REV R. E. LOVE (on photo, back row, left), Clerk to the Governors, and Councillor William Haskins as Chairman of the Governors, to select the first pupils for the new school to be offered free places. Officially Major Eaton's appointment was due to commence from the Autumn term 1921 at a salary of £600 per annum, rising to £625 at the commencement of the Autumn term 1923, and then increasing by annual amounts of £25 to reach £700.

It was traditional at this time for many Secondary Schools to accept, subject to the usual interview, both fee paying and scholarship 'free place' pupils the 'free place' pupils having to sit a competitive examination. The small committee circulated all the elementary schools in the catchment area for candidates of a suitable academic standard to be interviewed for a free place.

Kingswood Secondary School was actually opened as planned on the 15th Sep-

tember, 1921, as a coeducational school.

WELCOME...

Additions since last time are below. Maiden names given, and starting year in brackets if known:

Keith Brookman (60), Pat Monks (60), Karl Hecks (49), Caroline Miller (78), Colin Brooks (89), Christine Stenhouse (68), Geoff Hutton (64), Rosemary Golding (59), Norman Godfrey (69), Trevor Stuart-Sweet (62), Hon. Janet Anderson, MP (61?), Geoff McBroom (56), Colleen Parrott (55), K E Trevellian (60), Ray Chambers (50), John Shellard (?), Philip Herlihy (63), Pat Miller (47), Charles Buckley (47), Mike Whiteford (47), Olive Taylor (45), Phyllis Hanks (51), Michael Sage (48), John Cole (47?), Elaine Riches (70), Ray Cole (50), Wendy Daffern (71), Terry Carter (52), Barbara Ball (53), E. Llewellyn Parry (47), Mike Parry (46), Dave Cole (51).

Welcome aboard!

Where is Christopher Luget? Last known address in Middlecove, Sydney, NSW, but KOSA NEWS has recently been returned.

...AND FINALLY...

A photo (just received!) of GRETA AMOS (49-55) (see page 9) and BISHOP ANDY RADFORD (55-61)



**STAFF AT
KGS and
KINGSFIELD
1928,
1962 and
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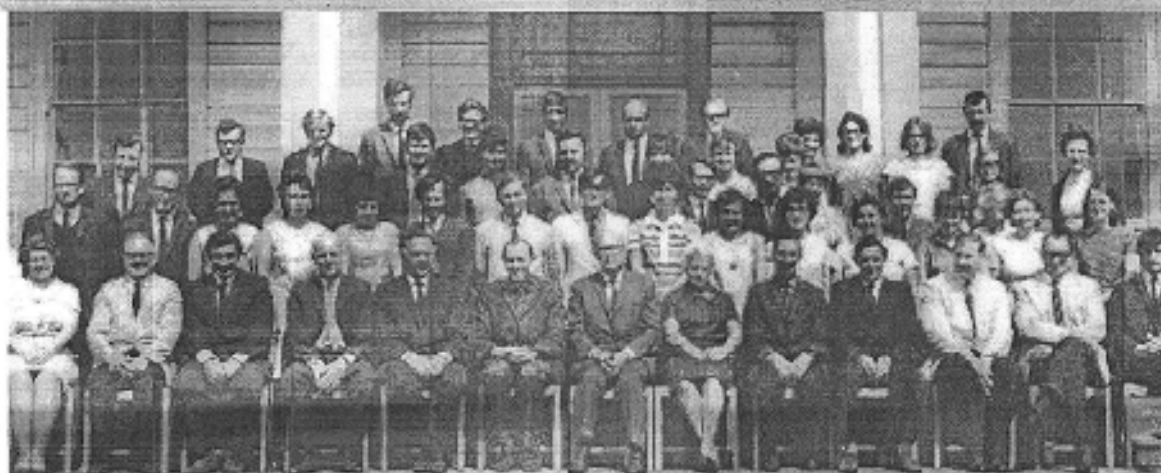
The School Staff, 1928.



MR. ROBERTS, MR. HANNAH, MR. DAVIS, MISS DEWY, MR. DRYTON, MR. HAYDON, MR. JONES,
MISS GILBERT, MISS PERRILL, MISS KATON, MISS WATERS, MISS BRITTON.



KINGSWOOD GRAMMAR SCHOOL
THE STAFF 1962



KINGSFIELD SCHOOL - KINGSWOOD
THE STAFF 1970

KOSA OPERATION ARCHIVE/ADDRESS UPDATE

If you would like to take part in building up an archive of KOSA members and their achievements, please fill in the form below. Please feel free to leave any questions unanswered. Thanks for your help.

FULL NAME: _____

MAIDEN NAME: _____

DATE OF BIRTH: _____

JUNIOR SCHOOL PRIOR TO KGS: _____

YEARS AT KGS - Please give the forms for each year

PLEASE LIST ANY FORM-MATES' NAMES (continue over):

Do you have a form photograph you would be willing to lend KOSA? yes/no

ACTIVITIES:

Were you in any teams (sport, chess etc)? If you recall any dates and results, please give them. Were you in any plays, etc? Give details.

LEAVING KGS:

What qualifications did you obtain at KGS?

Where and what did you study after leaving KGS?

Qualifications obtained - academic and professional:

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Here are your Committee Members after the April 2002 AGM who will be pleased to answer any queries or will be happy to hear your suggestions for the future of KOSA:

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KOSA ANNUAL LUNCH

To: Colin Wells, Treasurer KOSA, 14 Oldbury Chase,
Willsbridge, Bristol BS30 6DY Tel: 932 3097

I enclose £_____ for _____ places @ £12.00 each for the KOSA Reunion Lunch to be held at 12.30pm on Saturday 12th October 2002 at Lincombe Barn, Overdale Road, Downend, Bristol

Name _____ Guests' Names: _____

Maiden Name _____

Address _____

Years at KGS _____ to _____

If you have any special dietary requirements please inform us

Please make cheques payable to 'Kingswood Old Scholars' Association'

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