



KOSA NEWS

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EDITORIAL...

My thanks to all those who wrote since the last KOSA News, the Reunion at Kingsfield School in 1993 and the luncheons at Lincombe Barn. Your letters are full of interest and information and I have tried to include as many as I can in this edition of KOSA News. Please accept my apologies if you have written and the letter is not included. Shortage of space is a problem, so maybe next time!

I should have known better than to have claimed that BARRIE FILLINGHAM was the first to be allowed to ride a motorbike to the School! Apparently JOHN BERRY (1932-38) remembers that TRANTER was allowed to ride a motorbike from Chipping Sodbury around 1937-38.

Lots of information is coming to light about the School both before and during the war. I look forward to the result of ALAN SCADDING'S offer to give us more information about fire-watching and the School's ATC Group during the war.

During this 50th anniversary of the end of the war your Committee is anxious to do something to commemorate the Old Scholars who paid the supreme sacrifice during those days. If you know of any names of those who should be remembered and have any ideas how we should do this, please let us know. Keep those letters coming to me, Mike Bendrey, 26 Overndale Road, Downend, Bristol, BS16 2RT Tel: 0117-9565689

DIARY DATES...

Spring/Summer Reunion:

The next Reunion will be on FRIDAY, 7TH APRIL 1995 at Kingsfield School. There will be a short AGM at 7.30pm, followed by a reunion, buffet, chat and a chance to meet old friends. There is a form enclosed with this KOSA News, so please fill in the form and get it to Frank Rawlings, our Treasurer, as soon as possible, together with a cheque, of course. Frank's address is 74 Oakdale Road, Downend, Bristol BS16 6EA Tel: 0117-9561050.

Autumn Lunch:

Lincombe Barn in Overndale Road, Downend has already been booked for SATURDAY, 14TH OCTOBER 1995 for the regular Autumn Lunch. We expect to produce another KOSA News before then, but please put the date in your diary NOW!

POINTS FROM THE POST... THE GYM

BOB LEWIS (1933-40) wrote to tell me that the gym. was not part of the original 1921 structure, but was added along with the extension 'below the steps'. The development was started about 1935-36 and was completed by the end of the summer term 1937. Bob writes "I remember enjoying (!) one of the first PE lessons in the new gym in September 1937. The spacious floor, wall bars, ropes, vaulting horse and above all the showers seemed a great luxury after the very basic open air conditions of previous years. Incidentally, you suggested that none of the original school now remains. Surely, the red-brick buildings nearest Tennis Court Road which used to house the woodwork and domestic science departments still survive? Or do my eyes deceive me?"

JOHN BERRY (1932-38) writes:

"The gym was certainly not there when I started in 1932, but I'm not sure whether the it was added when the hall was added (about 1937) or after that; one reason for my doubt is that I cannot recall ever using it, but I certainly remember using the new hall - in fact I can recall causing a minor disturbance during an exam there by leaning back on my chair which promptly slid to the back of the hall!"

"On page 11 of the last edition FRED CHURCHILL refers to KGSOBAFC. I remember playing for them once - we lost 20 - 0 and I was in goal! He mentions quite a few names, among them HARDING - I assume this is FRANK HARDING who married ETHEL KIRK, also from KGS, went to Oxford I think, and ended up as Librarian at Swansea University"

MAY LEWIS nee MEREDITH (1935-42) writes:

"I was at KGS 1935-42 and can remem-

ber that it was built together with the extension, including the hall. I believe MISS MORRISON came when it was first opened and we were thrilled to have a 'proper' gym teacher; not so thrilled with the required showers which followed each lesson!!

"DILYS JONES of Staple Hill and I went on to Bristol University and each took the English Honours Course with French subsidiary. I taught for 2 years at Eastville Girls School opposite Eastville Park... where currently only the front surrounding wall remains.

"Two of my children went to KGS - HILARY LEWIS in 1967 who left in 1974 for Lady Spencer Training College, Oxford, and MARTIN LEWIS left a year later for Churchill College, Cambridge to read Maths. Hilary is now married with 2 daughters and is a senior manager for a bank consultancy firm in St Louis, Missouri. Martin, her twin brother, is married with one small daughter and is in charge of Computer Services for an American Bank. He is living in Fleet. Hoping someone may be interested in the saga of the Lewis family, if not apologies!"

ALAN SCADDING (1936-41) writes:

"The Gym was commissioned for use when we returned for the Autumn 1937 term after the Summer holidays.

"I was sorry to read about MR KEATS. He arrived in September 1937 as Music teacher following MR (BEN) JONES' appointment as headmaster of Ealing Grammar school. MR KEATS, who also helped at Games and Chemistry, joined the army in Autumn 1939.

"There was a whole series of teachers leaving for HM Forces during the years 1939-41. I remember them returning in their smart uniforms for short visits to their colleagues when on leave. These included Messrs TICKNER (French), WILLIAMS (Woodwork), SEFTON (Maths), KEATS (Music) and

NEAL (Chemistry). They were replaced by some older but very experienced teachers from Cheltenham College which had been occupied by the army. We had four Chemistry teachers during 1939-41 as they all kept leaving for the forces or explosive plants. MR BLOOM was the last of the four, and he remained.

One I forgot to list above was MR JONES (Sports) who was a squadron leader in the RAF and was killed early in the war. There was a mention of a MR WINTER-BOTTOM, who taught soccer. Could this be confused with MR WINTERTON who was in his 30s and came from Cheltenham College in 1939-40 to replace MR JONES (Sports). Mr Winterton was the o/c of the ATC unit at the School founded in February 1941. The ATC deserves almost a special chapter and I could write on that at a later date with perhaps also a note on fire-watching at the School during 1941-43 before I left for the Navy"

JIM BURGESS (1939-45) writes:

"I was interested in ANTHONY CURTIS' letter appealing for information about POP SEARLE'S watercolour paintings. I remember well the visit to Pop's home referred to by Tony and can also trace my own attempts at watercolours to Pop's influence.

"JOHN PURNELL'S letter reminded me of vivid memories of KGS in the first months of the war. I remember watching MR KEATS carefully shaping wooden supports for his long leather riding boots. It seemed ironic that we later heard he had lost a foot in military action. He was also to be seen helping to make the props for the school production of "1066 and All That", which brings to mind that other vivid memory of pupils in doublets and hose and other theatrical costumes running across the field to the air-raid shelters when one of the 'phoney war's'

sirens sounded. I also remember MR RILEY (PE) appearing on stage in that production. I wonder what became of him.

"You asked for news of other old scholars. My wife, KATHLEEN'S sister HAZEL MOSLEY, who was Head Girl just after the war (around 1948). Hazel married a professor of psychology, Karl Grotzman, now deceased, and still lives in Germany. She has four children, the youngest son being Tommy who was married last September. I wonder if Hazel's friend, the Head Boy with her, LEONARD FRY, is a reader of 'KOSA NEWS'?"

BILL COX (1927-34) phoned to let us know that QUEENIE STONE (1930-35) is now QUEENIE QUENAULT and is now living in Jersey. GEORGE WINDHAM PARNELL went to Bristol University at the same time as Bill and obtained a first in Botany. He joined the RAF but sadly was killed in Scotland night flying. His death is recorded in the Great Hall of the University in Queens Road, Bristol.

IRIS HANDOLL, nee HASELL (1921-25), one of the original KGS Scholars writes: "Like HILDA CHART nee LEWIS I was one of the first pupils and have been desperately racking my brains to remember the names of my class mates of which Hilda was one. Talk about 40 years on - this happens to be over 70 years on!! However, I do remember that first day when we were first of all sent into the grounds to mix before being herded into the Hall (where was the hall in those days? - Ed) to be allotted a form and master or mistress. Ours (3A) happened to be BEN JONES, of whom we became very fond and were stuck with him right through the school until we left. He was a marvellous master because he made us take notice of our tuition, even if it meant being on the end of a piece of flying chalk! That didn't deter us. I for one was always

anxious to cycle part of the way home with him. He had to go to Filton while I left him to go to Mangotsfield.

"Major Eaton seemed very stern in those days, but very fair. Years afterwards he and Mrs Eaton were great friends of my husband and I ...My husband and the Major were interested in philosophy and stayed up late at night having serious discussions when they stayed with us.

"SIR BERNARD LOVELL lived in the village of Oldland Common when he was at school....and it was due to Major Eaton that he was recognised as a great scientist. We lived quite near him at the top of Cherry Garden Hill and I often met his mother at the Women's Institute.

"There was no gym in my day - we just had periods of arms stretch, knees bend exercise with MISS POWELL in the hall if wet....I now live in Devon, but would be very pleased to hear from anyone who might have known me from 1921-25"

MARGARET WINDSOR nee VAGG (1943-50?) writes:

"A lot has happened since those KGS days. I met my husband, Ken, at University then spent 26 years in the Overseas Service (Agriculture). He died of cancer at 54, so I have had 12 years on my own. I have a grand-daughter and daughter in Canada and a son here in Newtown. My sister JOSIE VAGG (1947-53) married a Naval Doctor, now retired, they have 3 children and 2 grandchildren and live in Fareham.

"I did end up as Head Prefect (Girls); ROY POWELL was also Head Prefect - in fact we were called Senior Prefects - and had our own little room opposite the main entrance. This was because we had to stay in the 6th form for a 3rd year before going to university. There were so many

coming out of the services at that time who needed university places that they held up the school places. It was rather a waste of a year, interesting though, as it was MR RIDLEY'S first year as headmaster.

"The photograph of the play was actually of a Christmas concert, although I don't remember much about it. The angel was COLIN BEACHAM (1943-51) who was with me at Bitton School. I last saw Colin in 1955 in a pub in Cambridge - he and my husband were students together."

WHO'S WHO...

In the last edition of KOSA News there was a photograph of IV Classical in September 1932. Someone has very kindly identified everyone on the photograph. They were: Back row - PERRY, PILLINGER, GAY, DEMMERY, DUNN, PARFITT, LEAR, GILES. Third row - L. AMOS, P. WATTS, J. IVORY, C. SHERE, J. THATCHER, E. LONGDON, P. SALTER, M. THOMPSON, K. ALLEN. Second row - ORCHARD, HARROWAY, HOLLISTER, WILMOTT, HARDING, CHURCHILL, ALAND, JEFFERIES, HUNT, BREWER. Front row - R. SPRACKMAN, E. PERRY, I. HEMMINGS, C. SHARP, K. MAY.

The other photograph in that edition was of Upper VI - 1953. Most of the members were identified but those which had queries against them but are now known are: Front row - left MARGARET NICHOLS, second from left COLLEEN BYRNE. Second row - third from left JOHN GRAY (now MBE!)

MAUREEN O'NEILL (nee CLENCH) (1945-52) who now lives in Milton Keynes, writes:

"Many of those in the Upper VI - 1953 photograph may be surprised to learn

that, even though I was the laziest, daftest and maybe the naughtiest of those in my years, I eventually became the Deputy of a large Special School before retiring on health grounds in 1992. The fun and my misdemeanours at school stood me in good stead - no child who I taught was going to get away with things as I did and therefore I was always one jump ahead!

"I also have a lot of snaps taken with my box brownie. Amongst the photos are JOHN MUNDIN, PETER MYERS, JIM WITHEY, JOHN POOLE, DON BREDDY and others."

SHARPES THE WORD...

News from the Staff of Yesteryear

Your Editor and family visited Germany at Easter 1994 and were pleased to spend an enjoyable day with former Head of German KEITH SHARPE and his wife Marlies, now in retirement near Limburg. Subsequently Keith sent me the following memories of KGS:

"In the summer of last year I sat with MIKE BENDREY and his wife, EILEEN nee MATTHEWS talking over the years which we ourselves had spent at KGS in the 'good old wooden buildings'. Later Mike sent me some copies of the KOSA News which evoked powerful memories and prompted me to offer to write a few lines myself.

"Greetings to all who were associated with KGS, particularly to those colleagues and pupils I knew when I taught French and German there from 1956 to 1963.

"That was my first teaching job, and as I walked down the hill from Kingswood for my interview various thoughts doubtlessly crossed my mind, none more frequently, I suppose, than the hope that I would get the post. I was getting married the following month, and it is an advantage to start out married life with some money

coming in! MRS BAILEY, who was in the office when I arrived, wished me well in the forthcoming interview with MR RIDDLEY, dreaming, I imagine, as little as I did, that a lasting friendship would grow between the BAILEYS (JOHN is an Old Scholar) and the Sharpes.

"They were memorable years at KGS. My closer association with the school began when I became form-master and French teacher of 3g2 in September 1956. We got on very well together - at least, I always thought so - except for a little incident of the school reports on the day before the Christmas holidays started. Assuming that little would have changed in school matters since I left school myself in 1949, I gave the class their reports already sealed. To my consternation they lost no time in ripping the envelopes open and taking out their reports. It was then I discovered what a loud voice I could produce when roused, but 3g2 were not unduly perturbed by my vocal displeasure, one young lady in the class calmly suggesting that I should obtain confirmation from the teacher in the adjoining classroom that they were perfectly in order in perusing the reports before their parents did.

"What else do I recall of my years at KGS? Well, there was the summer we took the whole school to London for the day - and got them all back to Kingswood safely! And that morning one year when one of the girls in my class came to school on her pony because of the bus strike. She peeped round the classroom door with a happy smile on her face and asked 'Where can I put him, sir?' The rider and I missed assembly that morning, searching for, and finding, an accommodating farmer.

"I remember, too, taking boys over the road to the sports field for rugby and

cricket, and standing in the middle of the road waving drivers down so that they could cross. The drivers never got impatient, and usually gave me a friendly smile (of sympathy?) when driving off again. Is it still like that?

"MR ANDREW TROTT and I started at KGS at the same time and, having a common interest in sport and fun, we became good friends. I bet he'll also remember the rugby match the staff and some Old Boys (thank goodness!) played against the School 1st XV. The match itself I can recall pretty clearly, but my memory is a little blurred as to what followed. Somehow, I know not how, we dragged ourselves into the staff room and flopped into those dear old arm-chairs, too utterly exhausted to have a shower before partaking of that gorgeous tea provided by delightfully motherly 6th form girls. Several cups were required before we were capable of getting out of those chairs! And then when I arrived home my wife's first remark was a suggestion that I should have a bath before our meal as I smelt rather too strongly of the scrum.

"And then there was my first German class - all three of them! They were JOHN TIDBALL, TONY WARR and EILEEN MATTHEWS. When, the following year, there was a somewhat larger additional class doing German it was time to have a German Society which flourished from the first meeting. Refreshments were followed by the main item on the programme, sometimes an interesting talk given by a member of the German Department of Bristol University, the session being brought to a happy conclusion with enthusiastic renderings of German folk-songs with EILEEN MATTHEWS at the piano.

"For the past 22 years I have lived with my wife and family in Germany, at present in

Hadamar, a little town roughly 50 miles to the north of Frankfurt. We came here when I took up a post for English at a grammar school in Limburg, a few miles away, where I remained until my retirement 3 years ago.

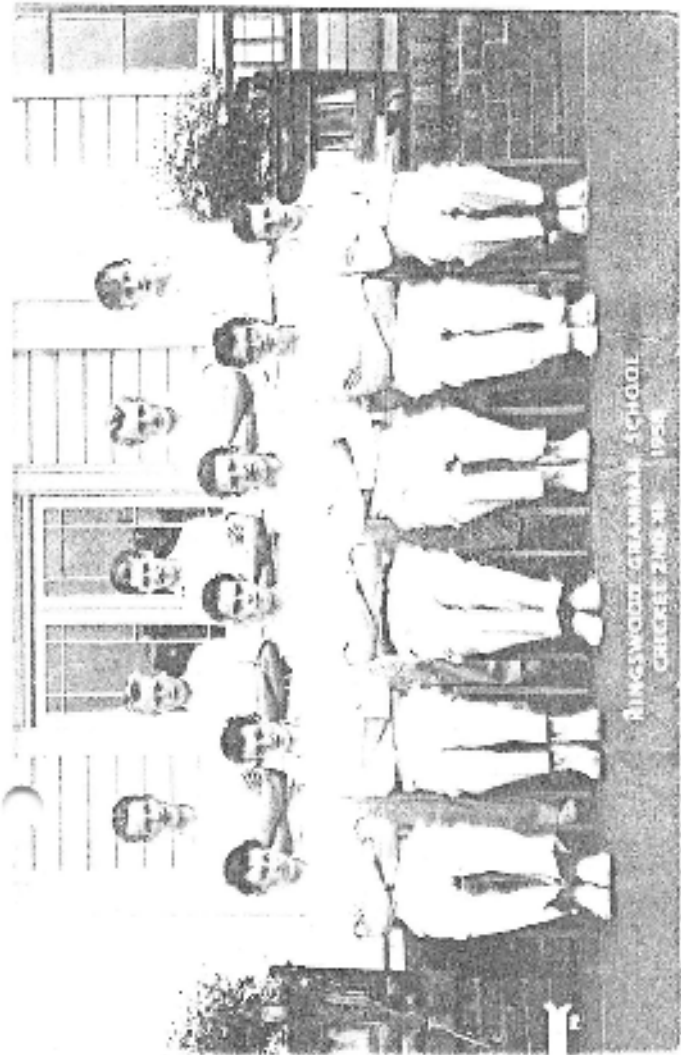
"I'd better stop to leave room for other contributions, but not before I have thanked all those in school and the wider Kingswood area who have made life so pleasant for my wife and me in the seven years we spent there"

THE AGM...

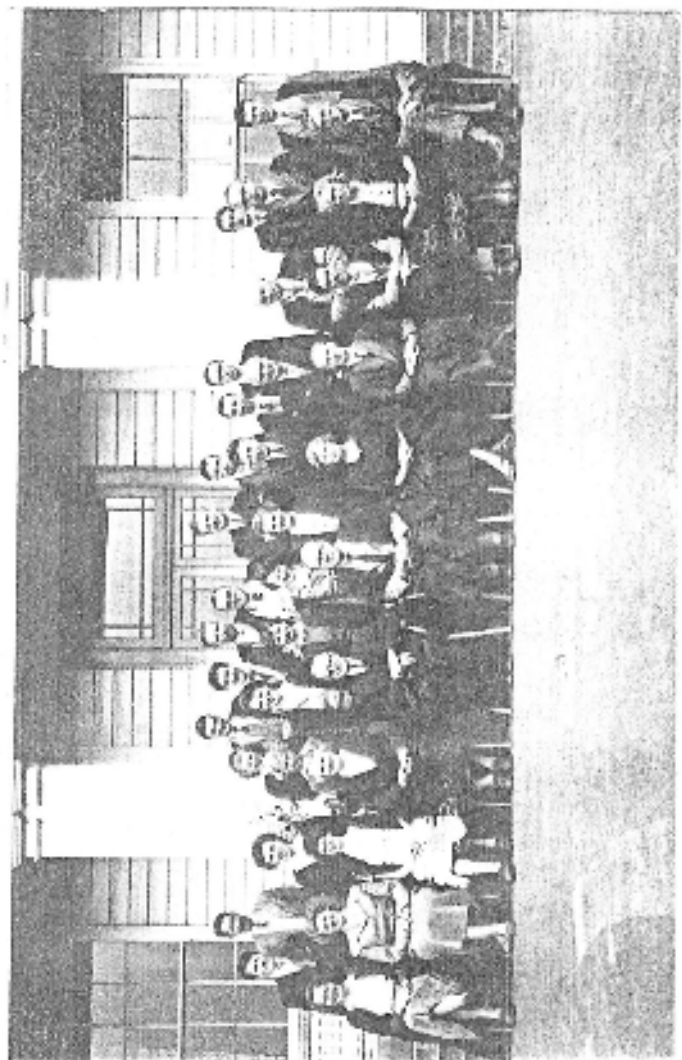
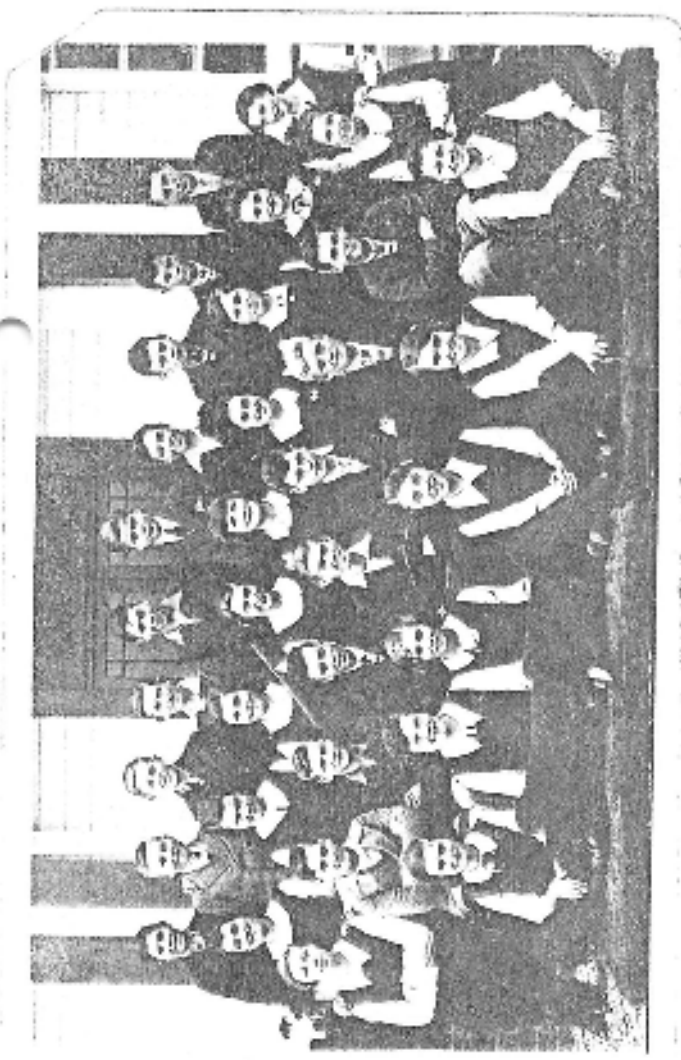
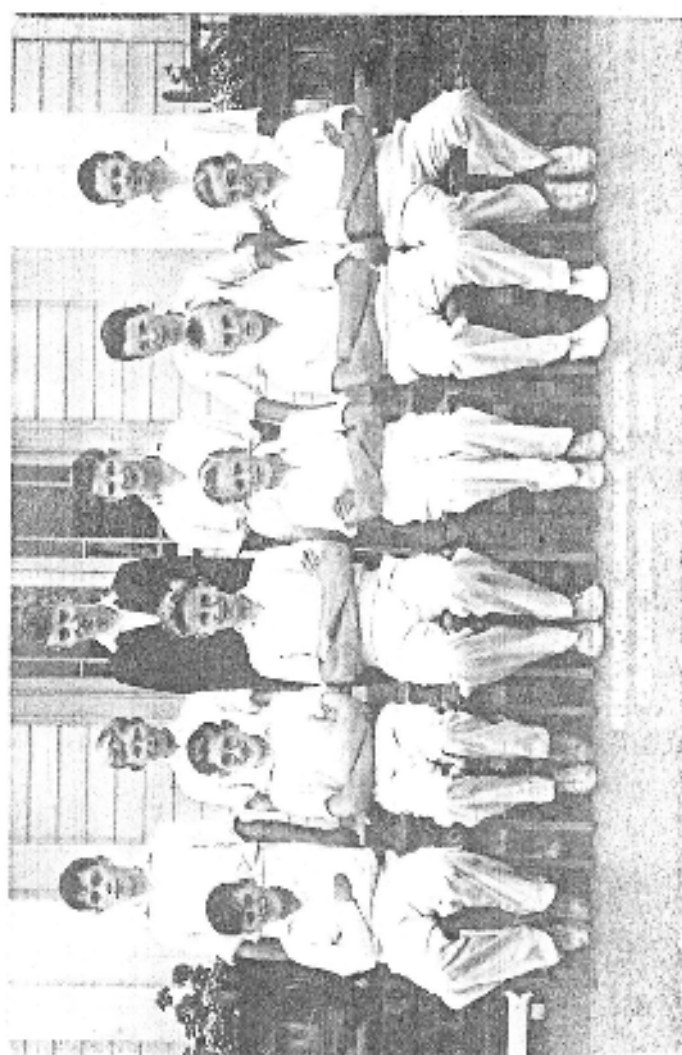
Like any well-run organisation we are having an AGM so that YOU can have your say. Our Secretary, JOHN POWELL, would be pleased to receive any nominations for appointment to the Committee and any other proposals or ideas you may have for the smooth running of KOSA. An agenda, draft constitution and nomination form are enclosed. Please forward your proposals to John at Park End, Deacon's Hill, Oxhey, Watford, Herts WD1 4HN Tel: 01923-232472, making sure that any nominations you make agree to serve in writing.

OBITUARY...

With sadness we have been asked to record the passing of BENJAMIN LUCAS (1927-33) who died in November 1974 aged 78. He lived in Gloucester and had been a member of KOSA for some time. We mourn their passing, but we are thankful for their contribution to our lives...



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RUGBY REUNION...

The old rugby players of yore came back last October to help Kingswood RFC celebrate its first 40 years. A dinner on Friday, 30th September 1994 at the Lindens Hotel, Kingswood was addressed by Bath and England scrum-half Richard Hill and attended by such notable ex-players as (remember any of these?) JOHN GRAY, DEREK MOODY, JOHN TOBIN, RON WILLIAMS, GERRY BOND, GEOFF ANN, RICHARD DAVIES, ROGER BEESE, TONY DOWN, ROY HUBBARD, VIC YEOMAN, JOHN COLE, ROY KING, RON PARSONS, DAVE PINE, MIKE REDGERS and JOHN SALTER. Richard Hill toasted the Kingswood Rugby Football Club and JOHN BISHOP responded to the toast. We were all very pleased to see WYNNE (WOODY) WILLIAMS, ex Woodwork and Senior Master, looking as sprightly as ever.

On the Saturday a celebratory game was played at the club's Warmley pitch between a team made up of the Old Players and a Ladies' Team. It was interesting to observe how much many of the Old Scholars had spread over the intervening years, mainly in the area of the stomach! It was supposed to be touch Rugby, but the Old Players seemed to enter into the physical aspects of what is often described as a bodily contact game. I don't know who won, but everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

The Club expects to move to a new pitch in Warmley soon with, hopefully, a new clubhouse. Here's to the next 40 years!

FOUR FRIENDS RETURN...

Four friends from KGS having gone their separate ways in the fifties, finally all got together at JOHN COLE'S old home in

New Cheltenham Road, Kingswood, prior to the Spring Reunion in 1993.

JOHN COLE (1949-56) went to Birmingham University after leaving KGS, then Liverpool and India in a manufacturing career with Dunlop Ltd. He now trains managers and publishes team exercises from his base in Sutton Coldfield.

ROGER GREENAWAY (1949-55) went away on National Service, then to London and overseas in a singing/songwriting career. He now works in music administration in London, occasionally performing for CLIC, the Bristol charity.

ROY KING (1949-56) went to London University, North Wales and Canada in a chemical engineering career. He now lectures at the University of the South Bank, commuting from Margate.

DAVID NICHOLAS (1949-54) worked for an apprenticeship and degree via Bristol Aeroplane Company. He then went away to Birmingham University for his MSc, and continues an engineering design career with Rolls Royce in Derby that has him travelling overseas on many occasions.

It's nice to meet again.

THE AUTUMN LUNCH...

The same weekend as the Rugby Club 40th Anniversary (see elsewhere in this issue) we held the Autumn Lunch at Lincombe Barn. It's impossible to mention everyone who was there, but we were pleased to see one of our original 1921ers GLADYS NELSON (nee ANSTEE) (1921-27), JOHN GRAY (1947-54), RON PARSONS (1945-50) BARRIE FILLINGHAM (1951-57) and DEREK BAILEY (1949-53), who came all the way from Colorado, USA. Why not come along yourself next October?

OLD SCHOLARS IN THE NEWS...

Early morning on Saturday, 10th December 1994 on Radio 4 two KGS Old Scholars featured in the programmes. On "Farming Today" the correspondent referred to the work of DR VIC JORDAN is carrying out at the University of Bristol's Research Centre at Long Ashton, Bristol. Vic was at KGS 1951-59 and was Head Prefect in 1958/59.

Shortly afterwards on the prestigious "Today" programme ROGER GREENAWAY was interviewed over the alleged use of one of his compositions without permission. 'NOBBY' GREENAWAY became a pop star in the 1960s as part of the 'David & Jonathan' duo, and has remained in the music business ever since. Perhaps Roger's most well-known composition was the Coke advertisement 'I'd like to teach the world to sing'. Roger was at KGS between about 1950 and 1955.

MARGARET VENN, nee ILES, (1942-47) has recently completed a BA (Hons) degree with the Open University "The School gave me a desire to go on learning - and it doesn't stop, does it?" she writes. Margaret is organising a 'Women's Day in Kingswood' with an Environmental Theme on 8th March 1995. It will be a day of music and dance, information and friendship. If you are interested, phone Margaret on Bristol 604873.

ANTHONY CURTIS (1939-45) will be taking part in an art exhibition of seven artists at the Royal West of England Academy between 23rd April and 20th May 1995. Each artist will be given the space of a whole gallery and Anthony intends to exhibit over a hundred watercolours and invites all friends and Old Scholars to view this important exhibition.

It has come to our notice that HARRY DEAN (1966-73) was appointed deputy editor of the BBC 'Panorama' programme back in 1992. Harry was Head of School at Kingsfield and completed Bachelors and Masters degrees at Sussex University after leaving. Belated congratulations, Harry!

THE BOOK 'WE WERE THERE'...

Many Old Scholars have obtained copies of KEN MEEK'S (1940-45) publication, some for themselves and some as a present for friends or relations. The editor still has some copies available - a donation of around £5 to association funds plus postage will secure a copy.

OTHER DONATIONS...

Talking of donations...as you know we can only continue to send KOSA News if the contributions towards its production and distribution are adequate to meet the costs. A form is enclosed inviting you to make a donation of, say £3, towards the production of the 'news.

WHERE ARE THEY NOW...

BARBARA MILLHOUSE nee ANSTEE (1928-34) writes:

Thanks for the KOSA News. I think I remember some of the names on page 11. JOYCE IVORY, RUTH SPRACKMAN - she had an older sister JUDY - they lived in Lincoln Lodge in the centre of Downend, probably pulled down to make way for the shops. I have also remembered some of the pupils who came from Filton. GEORGE REEVES, a good

cricketer, now deceased, OLIVE BENNETT, EILEEN GARDNER, DOUG HUNT (RAF), ROY HUNT and JOHN DENNIS (RAF). BASIL SOMERSET had a chemist shop in Fishponds, RENNIE DUNN (RAF) (see below) and J. McILWRAITH (Fleet Air Arm) were both killed early in the War. My old friend VERA BRITTON, of The Olde House, Wick - Headmistress of Old Sodbury Village School - married and retired to Bourne-mouth where she passed away a few years ago"

FRANK STEPHENS (1930-35) writes concerning RENNIE DUNN (see above): "A request for information appeared in the RAF Association's publication 'Airmail' of Spring 1994: 'Anyone who remembers/has information on 566769 Pilot Officer H J RENNIE DUNN, Sgt RAF Halton 29th Entry 1934-36, RAF Cranwell 12/36; posted 87 Squadron 12/38 RAF Debden. Served French Frontier 10 November 1939, force landed on road nr Aelbeke, Belgium, interned Fort 2, Borsbeek, Antwerp. Escaped 24 November 1939, returned to squadron, posted to RAF Yeadon 1 June 1940, killed in flying accident en route to RAF Church Fenton. Please contact his sister, Dora Bowyer at 69 Lower Broad Street, Ludlow, Shropshire, SY8 1PH.'

"RENNIE DUNN was a scholar at KGS when I was there and I remember when he left with another pupil to take up careers in the RAF. I knew that Rennie had qualified as a pilot, which was no mean feat in pre-war years, and that he had been involved over the Continent soon after 3 September 1939. Rennie was a most popular lad and when he joined the RAF there were many boys who wished to have emulated him.

"After a lapse of 60 years I cannot recall the name of the boy who accompanied

Rennie into the Service, but I think he married an Old Scholar. Again I think her name was MILDRED BARKER, but I may be wrong. I am pretty sure that Rennie had a younger sister at KGS, and it may be that DORA BOWYER is the lady in question.

"There will be Old Scholars of early 1934 vintage who will remember Rennie and I am sure that Mrs Bowyer will be delighted to hear from anyone who knew her brother."

BRIAN MUMFORD (1945-52) is living in darkest Wick and was kind enough to write:

"I have passed the KOSA News on to PAM RAFFERTY (nee JENNINGS) and MAUREEN nee CLENCH. Of further interest may be the fact that I am in annual contact (exchange of Christmas card and letter) with Art Master HAROLD WATTS (VICTOR was his second name) who now lives in retirement in Devon. He is always keen to hear from any of his past pupils.

"As for myself, I have been retired from teaching for over two years, the last 28 of which were in Filton - at Charborough Road Secondary Modern (1964-69) and the Comprehensive School formed in 1969 as Filton High School until retiring in 1992. One of my colleagues was PAM MORETON (nee WENDON) ex KGS, who sadly died of cancer in 1992.

"I published 'The Story of Wick' some time ago, my love of History stemming from the inspiration of MISS MARISSON. I even changed from teaching Art to History in mid-career!"

COLLECTORS' CORNER...

How many still have the gold plated medallion given to every pupil at School in 1953 to commemorate the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II?

LETTER FROM SCOTLAND...

The following letter has been received from NESTA CHALCROFT nee JEFFERIES (1945-50) who now lives in Perthshire, Scotland:

"I was in 4D and MAJOR EATON allowed me to change to 5B the following year. He gave everyone the choice of a favour from him before he finally retired, so any pupil could request whatever they wished, and he tried everything in his power to fulfil their wishes.

"Unfortunately, I should not have changed as my friend, JANET CRANE, a twin, left school unbeknown to me, and I was left taking the School Certificate with a number of new colleagues, with new teachers as well. In addition my father passed away a month before the exam, so I passed only in History, which didn't count in those days, but to this day I have always wanted to go on learning.

"In the near future I hope to be returning to the West Country, which is my true home.

"My brothers DESMOND and COLIN JEFFERIES were also at KGS, as was my sister AUDREY. DESMOND is a retired Marks & Spencers detective and lives in London, and AUDREY, who used to be in the WRACS Cadets, is a retired housewife living in Dunblane. She was trained at KGS under MISS MORRISON, and she just missed joining up in the Second World War. COLIN is a retired headmaster and living in Leicester.

"MISS PRICE was my last class teacher, after MR WILLIAMS and MR ADDINELL. I remember being in MISS PERRY'S class for a French lesson when a sudden clatter of feet filled the corridor and pupils fell out of the door facing the Domestic

Science room and out of the windows. Apparently a boy had brought an unexploded bomb to school and it exploded, eventually killing him and injuring some other pupils. It was a terrible tragedy.

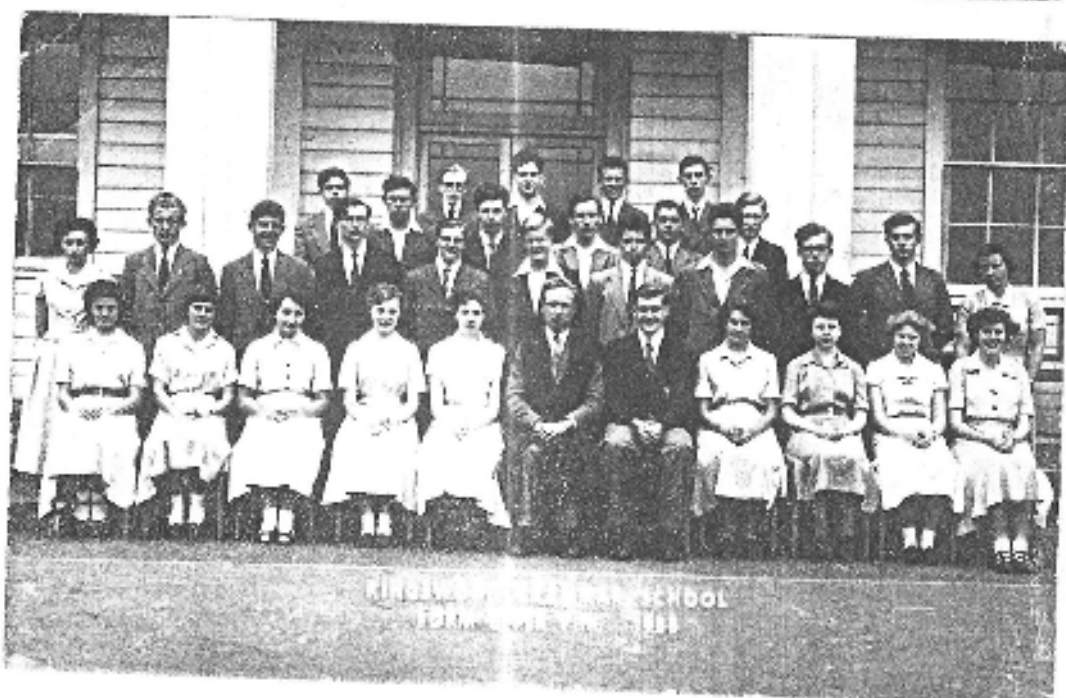
"Generally, I really loved it at KGS, it was such a good atmosphere in which laughter and discipline came together under the command of 'Major', who in my estimation was a good, honest, humorous and well-educated headmaster. He gave a person pride in oneself. I always remember the sportsday - it was so exciting - and the many plays acted by the older pupils.

"I recall the following classmates: PAT NORLEY, PAT WALDRON, BRENDA SMITH, MARGARET GADD, PAMELA JENNINGS, SHIRLEY PAGET, MAUREEN CLENCH, RUTH FISHER, JUNE CRANE, HAZEL KIMBERLEY, PAT JONES, D. PADFIELD, P. DENT, D. ROBERTS, H. HENDY, J. LEWIS, J. DAVIES, A. WYATT, K. LAMBLE, and F. RICHARDS.

"I remember playing games against AUDREY KENDALL, JOAN FORD, RITA PARKER, GWYNETH KNIGHT, NORA MACKENZIE, MARY DENT, JANET CREW, CHRISTINE DREW, JEAN YEOMAN, JUNE FRANCIS, JOSEPHINE VAGG, TONY BURGESS (What's Tony doing playing games with all these girls? - ed.) BARBARA COLE, RUTH SHEARS, DESMONA HARDING, JANET BRITTON, and ANN HODGES. They were enjoyable times."

DATABASE...

We keep your details on a computer to make our administration easier. If you have any objections to this or your address being shared with other Old Scholars please let the Editor know. We are often asked for addresses and we would like to do the right thing. Thanks.



THE CONSTITUTION OF THE
KINGSWOOD OLD SCHOLARS' ASSOCIATION

1. NAME:

The name of the Association shall be the Kingswood Old Scholars' Association (hereinafter called KOSA)

2. OBJECTIVE:

To further the fellowship of former scholars of Kingswood Grammar School and its successor(s).

3. MEMBERSHIP:

- (a) Every old scholar of Kingswood Grammar School shall be eligible for membership.
- (b) Discretionary power shall be invested in the General Committee to refuse membership.
- (c) Other persons, not old scholars of the School, shall be eligible for Honorary Membership on being proposed and seconded by existing members and, subject to General Committee approval, shall be admitted at the next Annual General Meeting of KOSA. Honorary Members shall not be entitled to voting rights.

4. THE GENERAL COMMITTEE:

- (a) The affairs of KOSA shall be conducted by a Committee consisting of the Chairperson; Vice-Chairperson; Honorary Treasurer; Honorary Secretary and five elected members. A quorum shall consist of four members, one of whom shall be the Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson.
- (b) The Committee shall have authority to co-opt members as it considers necessary and to create sub-committees for specific purposes.
- (c) All voting shall be decided by a simple majority with the Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson when acting as Chairperson having a casting vote.
- (d) A member of the Committee shall cease to be such a member upon failure to attend two consecutive Committee meetings without good reason.

5. MINUTES:

All Committee and General Meetings shall be minuted.

6. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:

- (a) The financial year of KOSA shall commence on 1st January each year.
- (b) The Annual General Meeting, of which members shall be entitled to receive 21 days notice thereof, shall be held within six months of the end of the financial year for the purpose of transacting the following business:
 - (i) to receive and adopt the annual report and audited accounts;
 - (ii) to elect a President who shall be proposed by the General Committee and who shall be eligible for re-election;
 - (iii) to elect the officers of KOSA and the five other members of the General Committee specified in 4(a) above for the ensuing year;
 - (iv) to fix the amount payable by members as subscriptions during the ensuing year. Those members who are twelve months or more in arrears may, at the discretion of the General Committee, be deemed no longer members of KOSA.

7. AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION:

No addition, deletion or amendment shall be made to the Constitution, except by approval at a General Meeting of a resolution submitted by the Committee. Proposed amendments from the membership should be supported by six members and submitted to the General Committee in writing six weeks before the Annual General Meeting. Prior notification of the meeting will be given to members.

8. DISSOLUTION OF KOSA:

Subject to recommendation of the General Committee and approval at a General Meeting of KOSA the Association may be dissolved. In this event provision shall be made by the General Committee to discharge the Association's liabilities, and any remaining assets shall be disposed of at the discretion of the General Committee by donations to Kingsfield School (or its successor(s)) and/or to a registered charity.

THE NEXT REUNION

The next reunion will take place at KINGSFIELD SCHOOL, which is on the site of KGS, on FRIDAY, 7th APRIL 1995. The AGM will take place at 7.30pm, followed by the Reunion at 8pm.

Notice is hereby given that the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of KINGSWOOD OLD SCHOLARS' ASSOCIATION will take place at 7.30pm at KINGSFIELD SCHOOL, BROOK ROAD, WARMLEY, BRISTOL.

AGENDA

1. Adoption of the Proposed Constitution
2. Chairman's Report
3. To receive and consider the accounts for the year
4. Election of Officers
5. Election of Committee Members
6. Election of President
7. To fix subscriptions for the ensuing year.

KOSA REUNION AND BUFFET

To: Frank Rawlings, Hon. Treasurer, KOSA,
74 Oakdale Road, Downend, Bristol, BS16 6EA

I enclose £____ for ____ places @ £8 each for the KOSA Reunion & Buffet to be held at 7.30pm on Friday, 7th April 1995 at Kingsfield School.

Name _____ Guests' Names _____

Maiden Name _____

Address _____

*If you have any special dietary requirements please inform us

Years at KGS _____ to _____

I propose _____ to serve on the Committee

I accept the above nomination (signed) _____ date _____

I enclose £3 towards the cost of KOSA News

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