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EDITORIAL...

Well, we made it to edition 50, which means that we've been producing *KOSA NEWS* for 25 years. Not bad, when you consider that the then Secretary predicted in 1992 when we started that we would be lucky to manage three editions!

However, we still need to improve the content of the magazine and the way *KOSA* operates and you can help. We need more articles from a wider range of years and to add members to our database from those who went to the School in the 70s and 80s

and later. We also need a younger deputy editor to understudy me with a view to taking over its future production.

Finally, our Spring Lunch and AGM is at risk from falling numbers. We have a quality caterer nowadays, a good venue, a bar and a convivial atmosphere. If everyone who regularly comes brought a friend then our numbers would double - a good move to secure its future. We would appreciate your help, so it's over to you!

The Editor

DIARY DATES:

SPRING LUNCH & AGM:

We've booked for **SATURDAY, 22nd APRIL 2017** at LINCOMBE BARN, Downend BS16 2RW. We meet at 12.00 to 12.30 for a chat and a drink from the bar and sit down for lunch at about 1.00pm after a short AGM. Please complete the enclosed form and send it to our Treasurer, MARTIN HARRYMAN. (address inside).

46ers REUNION:

For the date of the May lunch at KATHLEEN HARDWICK (now FILER'S) farm down in *Clapton-in-Gordano* for 1946 starters phone PRISCILLA POWELL (now MAGUIRE) on 01235 851966.

60-67 REUNION:

CHRISTOPHER GREENFIELD plans a reunion on a provisional date of **SATURDAY, 1st JULY 2017**. Get further details from NEIL MATTHEWS on neil_matthews@hotmail.com

AUTUMN LUNCH:

Already booked for **SATURDAY, 7th OCTOBER 2017** at Lincombe Barn, Downend. Please book the date in your diary now.

OBITUARIES...

DOREEN PILLINGER (48-53) (now Lindegaard) has written to *KOSA NEWS*:

'I am sorry to tell you that EDDIE WHITE (55-61) died on the 12th August after a short illness. Eddie was born in Kingswood in 1944, the only child of FRANCIS WHITE, who was also an old boy of KGS and Jessie White, nee Bolwell who was descended from one of the masters of Kingswood Reformatory School.



'Eddie and my brother, COLIN PILLINGER (54-61) were friends long before they went to KGS and Colin recalled how they would often kick their football through the open back doors of the undertaker's workshop in Boulton's Lane and would have to retrieve it from amongst the coffins, to the aggravation of the carpenters at work there, who reacted in time-honoured fashion.

'Both he and Colin were offered the chance to go to other schools (perceived as slightly more posh), but they turned down the opportunity in favour of KGS as (Eddie told me) such schools operated on Saturday mornings which would interfere with their football! Though Colin maintained his loyalty to 'the round ball',

Eddie later deserted to the oval variety and turned out for Kingswood Old Boys RFC, possibly assisted by his considerable heft. He stopped playing rugby having got 'too many knocks'. He enjoyed golf, though not being the most patient player of this sport, a round with Eddie could be dramatic, (even explosive) on occasions.

'I remember him courting Ingrid Taylor who quickly became 'one of the gang' (Colin P. & JOHN GARRATT (55-60), both alas now deceased) and was game enough to accompany the lads on trips abroad, pictures of which have previously appeared on these pages. When Eddie and Ingrid were married in Kingswood in 1965, Colin was best man and they remained close friends throughout their lives.

'On leaving KGS after O-Levels, Eddie joined General Accident and worked his way up through the insurance world (including running his own brokerage for a few years with the help of his wife) and finished his career as a director of Zurich Insurance.

'He took early retirement and he and Ingrid continued to enjoy golf and travelling (circumnavigating the globe on a few occasions) spending holidays in New Zealand, Australia and Florida, though an experimental cruise was not a success - I received a number of emails of the 'help! I've read all the books, played all the games and I'm bored stiff'.... variety. I remember thinking he must have been desperate to contact me!

'Eddie's funeral took place at Cranleigh on 31st August, near their home in Godalming, Surrey. He is survived by Ingrid and their two daughters, Amanda and Justine and by two grandchildren.'

A message from his wife, Maryvonne, has informed us that WILSON BARRETT (48-55) died in Strasbourg on 18 September 2016 after a long illness with cancer. He died of kidney failure linked to all the treatments he had received against the disease.

Wilson regularly dropped KOSA a postcard of thanks after receiving each edition of the 'NEWS and his last letter to KOSA just before he died was prompted by the Brexit vote in June.

At KGS Wilson was awarded the Mathematics O-level prize in 1954 and after KGS he read French at Bristol University after being awarded a County Major Scholarship in French, German and Latin in 1956. He worked most of his life in Strasbourg.

BREXIT –

A VIEW FROM STRASBOURG...

'I had thought that the result of the referendum would be a narrow victory for those wishing to remain within the EU. I thought that the murder of the Labour MP would result in a surge of emotional support for 'Remain'. Other than Michel Rocard (socialist, former prime minister), recently deceased, and Marine Le Pen (Front national), French political leaders had convinced themselves that the referendum would favour 'Remain'. The result came therefore as a shock, no contingency plan having been devised, but Theresa May has said that Brexit means Brexit, and one should perhaps look to see whether Brexit could have, in the long term, a beneficial effect on both sides of the Channel. Mrs May will, at least, be respecting the wish of the majority of the electorate.

'When a referendum in France rejected the Treaty of Nice (I think that that was

the treaty concerned), the government decided that the result of the referendum was not binding and proceeded to achieve ratification through the Assemblée Nationale and the Sénat. There was the case, too, of Ireland, where the Irish voted and re-voted until the politically correct result was achieved.

'I hope that our political representatives will be able to manage Brexit for the benefit of one and all. Unfortunately, I fear that my hope is slim. François Hollande, possibly candidate for a second term of office in 2017, would like to see the British suffer as a consequence of Brexit, so that he can use it as an argument when confronting Marine Le Pen. I was surprised to see Boris Johnson pop up as Foreign Secretary. He should contact François Hollande, who has a personal hair dresser who is paid €8,000 plus per month;

'As for the Barretts, my UK pensions have dropped in value when converted into euros. My eldest son has to renew his French identity papers, just in case as he uses his British passport when travelling.

'Brexit is a step into the unknown, and who knows what the future will be.'

MARY JONES (43-50) (now Down) has informed KOSA of the passing of contemporary NANNETTE MILLINGTON: 'Nannette died on 15 April 2016 at the age of 84 years in a nursing home after a period of dementia. A search of *Kingswood Chronicles* revealed that she was particularly active in sport. In 1949 she was Captain of Tennis and came first in the High Jump in the Sports Day of that year. In Hockey she was described as '...developing into a constructive half-back...'. She was also Captain of

Haskins House that year.

'By the following year, her final one at KGS, she became a Senior Prefect and Captain of Hockey and Tennis. Understandably, she went to Salisbury Training College after KGS and trained to become a PE teacher, a career she pursued for the rest of her working life. '

We have been informed by her husband that EDNA TANNER (40-44) (later Parrot) passed away in September 2016. He wrote:

'She always found the '*NEWS* interesting, particularly, of course, when she knew the people referred to. On my wife's behalf I send you her thanks.'

FRIENDS REMEMBERED...

ESME RIDGE (41-47) (now Britton) was prompted to write by TONY FELTHAM'S (43-48) account of the 1947 Great Freeze. She writes:

'I remember it very well as I suffered back problems for years which I put down to a spectacular crash backwards on the frozen snow on the way down Warmley Hill.

'After leaving KGS the following year I had an equally spectacular crash off my friend's bike right outside Tony's house and it was Mrs Feltham who took me to hospital with a broken wrist. Glad to hear that Tony's still around.

'It is always a pleasure to get my *KOSA NEWS*, but recently too many names of old friends are appearing in the obituaries! Last time, LAURA PALMER (40-47) (now Jones) wrote to tell you of the sad loss of contemporaries JOAN BRIDGES (later Lee), one of our group of old friends from 6th Form days who have stuck together for so many years. Since then, we have lost two more, KATHLEEN WIL-

COX (later Palfrey) and MEGAN DAVIS (later Clive).

'Kathleen came from Oldland. She had lovely blonde hair and a fresh complexion which she never lost, and got on well with everyone. She was a very good hockey player, was in the First XI, and had a name for helping and encouraging younger players. She had a talent for acting, too, taking large parts in school plays and being awarded the prize for Verse Speaking in 1947. At St Mary's College, Cheltenham, where she trained to be a teacher, she had rave press reviews for her drama performances. In spite of these successes, Kath was always a retiring person. She taught locally until she married Jim Palfrey and moved to Midsomer Norton, where she had a daughter and a son and devoted herself to family life. Jim passed away after a long illness, and Kath lived quietly until she was persuaded not only to join the WI, but to read in public again! She took part in Carol Services and did readings, which gave her a new interest.

'In recent years she has not been in good health, and relied very much on the care and support of her daughter and the family, moving finally to a Care Home in Frome, where she passed away in July, a dear friend who will not be forgotten.

'It was particularly sad for me to see the names of three girls from High Street Infants and Junior School, all having died. I was very sorry to have lost touch with MARJORIE ROBERTS (41-45) (later Sage), as we were always good friends, but leaving school at different times means that paths separate.

'I was always in touch with MARGOT LEES (41-46) (later Bamford and Tapsell), in recent years just by Christ-

mas cards with annual news, so I knew she was not well, but was sorry to hear that she had died. We had a lot of fun together at school, and at Kingswood Church, years ago.

'The last person on my sad list is MEGAN DAVIS (later Clive), who died in Ottawa, where she had lived for many years. We were in the same class from the Infants School to the 6th Form, and our mothers knew each other. Mrs Davis was a wonderful needlewoman, and Megan always had dresses with beautiful smocking, and her school blouses were hand-made, with decorative edges.

'Megan was clever at school and blessed with a flawless French accent, much to French teacher 'FROGGY' DAVIES' delight! She obtained a distinction in French in her Higher School Certificate and went from school to the Sorbonne for her first degree, and by the age of about 23, had completed a London PhD, and become a University lecturer. She met her husband, Peter Clive, when they both went for an interview for the same job, Megan wearing a borrowed hat. Neither of them got the job, but got each other instead - in spite of the hat, Megan said!

'They both taught at Hull University before moving to Vancouver, then to Ottawa where Peter was Head of Modern Languages and Megan a lecturer. They came over once a year, and Megan went to see her aunt in Kingswood, a chance for her to see her old friends, too. After her aunt died, Megan used to have a week in Bath, still keeping up with as many of us who could get there.

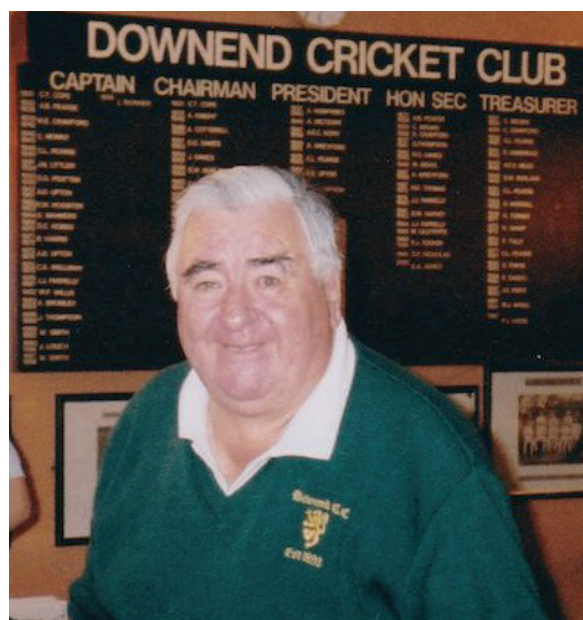
'Over the years, she found the Ottawa winter increasingly hard to bear. One year, they went home to find that their roof had partly collapsed under the

weight of snow! She developed very bad arthritis, which eventually stopped her travelling, but she was a prolific letter writer, and kept us all up with news of the family, and her beloved cats.

'Megan had a great talent for drawing and painting, an interest which she kept going all her life. She looked back on her days at KGS with great pleasure, and always felt grateful to the help and advice she had from Head MAJOR EATON and MR. DAVIES (French). Another dear old friend our group can ill afford to lose. Nothing to do with OLD AGE, I suppose!

MICHAEL WOOD (48-53), passed away on 14th October aged 79, after stoically tolerating various ailments for over twenty years. 'Mike' to his great circle of friends from work, sport and elsewhere, he was essentially a traditionalist who believed in doing things 'right' and he lived his entire life in Downend.

He left KGS at 16 with 6 O-levels and joined Bristol City Council, Rates Department late joining Keynsham Hospital and then William Price & Co as a trainee accountant. He stayed in accounting for the rest of his life.



The Chess Club was revived at KGS in 1953/54 and Mike may have had a hand in this, as at the age of 12 in 1950 he joined Downend & Fishponds Chess Club and remained a member the rest of his life. He went on to become the Gloucestershire Under-15 Junior Champion. During his time with the club he was Vice-Chairman of Bristol & District Chess League and President of his own club for 15 years.

Mike's second love was probably cricket, which he started playing in 1953. He was a founder of Vassall Cricket Club, and Treasurer of Downend Cricket Club. (KOSA is indebted to Ian Pickup and Downend & Fishponds Chess Club for the detail and photo in this report.)

MARK ADAMS (51-56) has informed us of the passing of his friend and contemporary GEOFF MARTIN (previously GAY), who died in December 2016. Geoff obtained 8 O-levels at KGS and when he left joined the Inland Revenue. He later worked for Natwest Bank in Corn Street, Bristol. When he took early retirement he enjoyed his golf, and jazz which was played at his funeral at Westerleigh Crematorium. Geoff is survived by his wife JANICE MARTIN (51-56) and leaves a son and a daughter.

The photo (below) shows Geoff (nearest



the camera) with friends from KGS, (left to right) PETE HARRIS, MARK ADAMS and ROBIN HAMMOND, enjoying their holiday at Butlin's in 1958.

KOSA has heard of the death in Canada of JOHN 'DES' D'ALESSIO (52-58) in August 2016. John was born in Plymouth and after leaving KGS attended Gwydwr Forestry Training School. After graduating he spent some time in forestry with a consultancy firm in North Devon.



In 1967 he emigrated to Canada and spent 20 years in forestry in British Columbia and returned to the UK in 1987. On the death of his mother he returned to BC where he planned to spend his retirement in fine woodworking, gardening and with his extensive collection of books. He spent his final years between his house in the UK and in Canada, seeming not easily to decide where to settle.

Des, who never married, was an interesting person and is described as a unique soul. His command of English was extensive, he was widely read and certainly had a unique view on life. He will be sadly missed by us from 5MS who knew him.

The photo (above) indicates his sense of humour.



The obituaries included the passing of EDDIE WHITE (55-61). Above is his form 5G1 of 59-60. Eddie is second from the left, back row. Other obituaries received are RUTH STOCK (Woodman) and EUNICE COBBS (44-51) (later Cannard).

George was English Master at KGS from 1952 to 1958 and Form master to Stan's class 5MS, many of whom have kept in touch, which he really values. George states that 5MS was the most memorable class he ever taught in his long career! This is reciprocated by a genuine repartee that still exists between Master and Pupils. His aim and accuracy with a blackboard rubber reflects his military training and is still regarded as legendary.

CONGRATULATIONS...

KOSA Chairman STAN BURRAGE (51-56) and his wife RITA RAYNER (53-59), recently visited ex-English teacher GEORGE BUTCHER (52-58) and his wife Sheila at their home in Aylesbury to

George and Sheila lived in Warmley and Downend during their time at KGS. The son of a Headmaster in Kings Lynn, George joined the Norfolk Yeomanry Regiment at the age of 18, before graduating from St John's College, Cambridge. His first post was at KGS, interviewed by Headmaster RIDLEY. He moved on to Aylesbury Grammar School in 1958 and lectured extensively in his retirement for Commercial Businesses.



celebrate George's 90th Birthday. They celebrated their 64th Wedding Anniversary in August.

George and Sheila have 3 sons and a daughter, grand- and great-grandchildren. They are both in good health, have just invested in a new car and have a most refreshing attitude to

life and the future. They send their best wishes to ex-colleagues and pupils at Kingswood Grammar School and the staff at Kings Oak Academy.

CONGRATULATIONS, TOO...

To LLEW PARRY (47-54) and his wife, Heather, who celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary on 27 August 2016 at Guildford. They were actually married on 13 August 1966.



E Llew Parry is a military man, having been a Major in the Royal Artillery. Appropriately at KGS, he was Major-General Stanley in the 1951 production of *Pirates of Penzance* and, according to the *Kingswood Chronicles* of the time, 'he gave a spirited performance; his singing and diction were excellent'. Earlier, he was in the chorus of *Dido and Aeneas*. He went on to obtain A-levels in English Literature and French, and was awarded a Choir Prize in 1952-53.

Of his sons, Bruce Parry is a well-known TV travel presenter who attended the Wells Cathedral School where he was

Head of House, a Combined Cadet Force cadet, and a member of the Rugby First XV. Bruce Parry, now 48, is best known for his adventures in the tropics and in the Arctic. He has won awards for his television work.

THAT HAT...

SUE EVANS (61-68) was reminded by contemporary JENNY GOLDING'S story of her hat in the last edition:

'It was with great interest that I read the article about the school's exhibition at Kingswood Heritage Museum. Not just because of my interest in schools and KGS, but also because of your story from JENNY GOLDING.

'I too remember the pride my mother felt in taking me to The Don to kit me out for my first year in 1961. Alas, my hat spent many evenings on the newel of our stairs, being swung on to ensure a huge pointed crown in it! I also remember Jenny being sent home for daring to wear a maxi skirt, a real insult we all thought as we were often kept behind after assembly, told to kneel down so that staff could check the length of our skirts were not above the knee.

'I also remember Jenny started her further education at Bulmershe College, Reading, though after the first year transferred back to college in Bristol. I remember mainly because I too went to Bulmershe and stuck it out for three years, qualifying as a primary teacher and then getting a job in Smethwick.

'I was a teacher for the next 34 years, ending up as a head, before going into consultancy with Wiltshire Education Service, then later on with Salisbury Diocesan Education Service.

'I would love to be able to contact Jenny

and catch up with her if possible. Would you be able to pass on my email details to her and ask her if she would like to contact me. (Done-Ed). My name is Sue Evans, never having married have kept my maiden name.

'I also read with delight the article about staff nick names. We used many of the nicknames in our time too. I'm surprised no one has mentioned MISS MORRISON, who was called Min. She was a sports teacher, but in my time was MR. RIDLEY'S deputy head. She was also a small lady.

'I don't know if you can use this in your mag, but I do remember one day going into the sewing room of the Domestic Science block, which had a set of tables that had cork tops. Presumably this was to help the pinning up of the material. On this particular day there was shock and horror as someone, we never found out who, had carved into one of the back tables, 'Min is a Pigmy!'

ANOTHER HAT...

Yet another example of the girls' hats has surfaced from the early days. We're not sure of the date, but as you can see from the example below, modelled by MARY POWELL (51-56) (now Janes), it's a fetching little example of sartorial elegance.



EXHIBITION AT KHM...

In the last edition we reported on the exhibition of Kingswood Schools held at Kingswood Heritage Museum in Tower Lane, Warmley. KGS featured prominently in the exhibition which was opened by DOREEN PILLINGER (48-53). In the photo below, Doreen is accompanied by Alan Bryant of KHM.



The exhibition is now over, but a visit to the Museum is well recommended. It's open on Tuesday, Saturday and Sunday afternoons from April.

NEW BOOK...

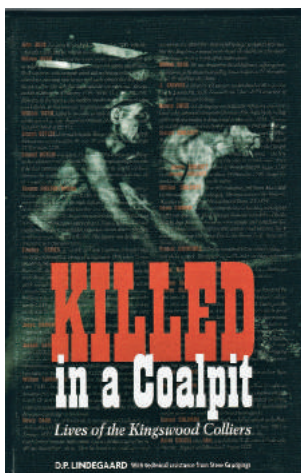
KILLED IN A COALPIT: lives of the Kingswood Miners by D. P. Lindegaard (with technical assistance from Steve Grudgings)

£15.00 (+£2.95 p&p)

Though the main theme of DOREEN PILLINGER'S new hardback book concerns the accidents, fatal (and otherwise) which befell the coal miners who worked in the historic Kingswood Coalfield it is hoped that through these tragic events readers will have a real insight into the lives of the miners and their families and the conditions they endured.

The first edition of *Killed in a Coalpit*, a

catalogue of all the information then available, was self-published as a photocopy by Doreen in the 1980s.



The present volume, considerably enlarged and updated, (and professionally published) is the direct result of a chance visit the author made to Oldwood Pits on a Heritage Open Day some years ago. She was surprised when the archaeologists

of the South Gloucestershire Mines Research Group who were running the show had actually heard of 'Killed in a Coalpit' saying of the book "no-one had ever done this before!" "It is an enormous understatement to state that I was thrilled with this reception," she says and credits the encouragement she received then and since from SGMRG members which has enabled *Killed in a Coalpit* to be rescued from oblivion and updated.

Selected chapter headings: The Underground Men, Collyers, Coleminers & Colecarryers; Development of Mining Technology in the Bristol Coalfield; Killed in a Coalpit; Some Lucky Escapes? Heroes; Children's Employment Commission – 1841; A trip down the Pit - Easton Colliery – 1883; Colliers' Tales; Survivors. There is an index plus a list of sources and abbreviations. The whole book contains over 2000 miners' names.

The book can be obtained by post from Roger Gosling 51 Greenhill Road, Alveston, BRISTOL, BS35 3NA £15.00 (+£2.95 p&p) Cheques payable to SGM-RG.

NEW MEMBER...

BETTY OWEN (52-55) (now PENFOLD) writes:

'I attended Kingswood Grammar School from 1952-55 after passing the 13 plus in Kingston-on-Thames. As I had come from a secondary school in September 1952, I was put in Form 2c, Form master Mr Lewis. I was a year older than other class members.

'I remember particularly ANNETTE BLACKMORE, MOLLY WOOD, AVRIL MIDDLETON, BARRY FILLINGHAM, DAVID HARVEY and others. I stayed with this form for two years with MISS JACOB as form mistress, then MRS DIPROSE, then missed year 4 entering Form 5c with MR WILLIAMS (Woodwork) as form Master. I remember only WENDY GAGE and JANET LOVELL from this year.

'Many other people befriended me, in particular, MARGARET (PEGGY) COLEMAN, MARGARET HAYES, WENDY EDWARDS (I was with her when she cut her arm very badly running to play tennis) and DIANNA BOSEWORTH. Unfortunately, I had to leave school after taking O-levels, although badly wanting to stay on.

'The education I received at KGS was the best thing that could have happened to me then, as circumstances had left me feeling deeply insecure. I am very grateful to the staff particularly Miss Jacob, for simply doing their job by educating me. No one else had done so. A master who particularly influenced me was the head of Art, MR WATTS, I shall always be grateful to him for showing me how to think for myself.

'Eventually, I married, had four wonderful children and in my early 40s gained a

B.Ed. from Southampton University and taught in Hampshire primary schools for a number of years. Not quite the degree in Medicine I'd aspired to in my school days, but an honour nevertheless. My name when I attended KGS was Betty Owen, and my address then, 133, Northcote Road, Downend. I would love to hear from anyone who remembers me.

'In a second letter, Betty writes:
Thanks for your efforts. In the 3C photo, I am fourth from right, second row, wearing a dark waspie belt. My red curly hair earned me the nickname Fuzz! (see below, with names.)

NELSON, teacher of the O-level history class I was lucky enough to attend, was called 'Metternich', MR WHITE a biology master was called 'Ben' and there was a deputy head who retired soon after I joined KGS whose real name escapes me, but was fondly known as 'Chuckles' (that was MR HOWARD – Ed.)

'A couple of vivid memories are of the gentle MISS BAGSHAWE , stopping the heart by frequently leaving her spectacles on her desk, then enthusiastically throwing open the lid, sending said spectacles arching through the air whilst remarking cheerily "Don't worry, they're



'Headmaster RIDLEY'S name was not John, but I always think of him as 'Arnold' which I believe was his topical nickname. Seeing the picture of 55-5C, of which I was not a member, reminds me that MR

unbreakable".

Memories of returning to school after the summer holiday to find painters still at work externally, the air crowded with the penetrating smell of creosote. Tasting creosote with stew at lunchtime, whilst feeling remarkably clear in the head, is enduring!

'After leaving KGS, I met MR WATTS once in Park St. (I was working as a Lab assistant at the School of Veterinary Medicine University of Bristol, Park Row at the time) and I often met M LAPADU

and MISS JACOB (French and Music) in the Uni refectory or at the Victoria Rooms. Then in the mid 1980s, when I was teaching in Portchester, I met JOHN PADWICK, once dinner prefect, who was supervising the Deputy Heads' further studies. I think it was in the 5th form that I knew his brother Chris too.

A TYPICAL KGS DAY...

Back in the 1950s a typical day's timetable was as follows:

08:40 Registration in the form rooms.

08:50 Assembly in the Hall, with notices, hymns and Bible readings.

09:10 – 10:40 2 lessons of 45 min. each.

10:40 – 10:55 Morning break, when milk was available.

10:55 – 12:25 2 lessons of 45 min. each.

12:25 – 13:40 Lunch break.

13:40 – 15:40 3 lessons of 40 min. each.

On Wednesdays an extra lesson in the morning before the break was organised. Does anyone remember how this was fitted into the timetable?

A school bell, the bell-push situated in room F, was rung at each of the times by a senior pupil.

Usually the pupils were required to travel to each lesson, in single file and in total silence! This caused much consternation and as an experiment the teachers were required to move to the pupils' locations, their form rooms, in theory causing fewer people to move between lessons. Some pupils were still required to move, however, for lessons such as Woodwork, Music, Chemistry, Physics, Biology, Games, Physical Training, Needlework, Geography and Art, which were held in locations where forms were not necessarily located.

We're not sure for how long the experiment lasted, but certainly the old system was eventually readopted.

Homework was set for each particular subject on selected nights and entered in a personal homework register. This register was to be signed weekly by a parent to confirm that the homework was completed. Was it possible that many signatures were forged? Surely not!

RUGBY AT KGS...

Contrary to perceived wisdom, Rugby was not introduced by Headmaster RIDLEY when he arrived in September 1949. According to *Kingswood Chronicles* it was introduced by MAJOR EATON, and the first season was 1948-49. The following is an extract from that report by D J RICHARDS:

1948-1949

SCHOOL RUGBY FOOTBALL,

This has been the first season in which Kingswood Grammar School has played rugby football. Although it is a "new" game to the majority of the boys, and as such has been looked upon with a certain amount of scorn, the results are enough in themselves to erase this opinion. The team spirit shown by the members of the 1st, 2nd and Junior XVs and the manner in which they have continued and played as a team, whether winning or losing, have been a joy both to the onlookers and those actually playing.

There is undoubtedly much talent in those who have represented the School this season:—1st XV colours were awarded to Richards, Redford, Lawdon, Rowe, Crew and Harvey, and 2nd XV colours to Gay, Hayter, Croucher, Fry, Muddin, Arthur, Burgess, Harding and M. A. Bishop, while D. J. Richards took part in the Rugby trials at Cheltenham during the Christmas holidays, for the selection

of the Gloucestershire Public and Grammar Schools XV. (It is hoped that several members of the School will take part in next December's trials.)

Many of these players will be here for the next rugby season to form the core of the 1st and 2nd XVs; but some will have left, and it is up to those boys in the School who have the reputation of Kingswood's prowess at games at heart, to put their best foot forward and prove themselves capable of filling the gaps in the ranks of the scrum and the backs.

Since rugby will be the main School game next season, it would be appreciated if the School would give the game its support and interest. It is a game which requires speed, courage, grit and determination - a "man's game". Those who played this season have done their best. Let next season excel the best of this year. D. J. RICHARDS.

The Rugby shirts, which were probably purchased at The Don in Park Street, were in hooped blue and brown stripes, narrower than the ones exhibited by the

Old Boys RFC of 64-65 season below. The instructions to parents was that a white patch should be sewn on the back of the inside so that the shirts could be worn inside out to identify an opposing side in class games.

The pitches were on the right hand side of Tenniscourt Road approaching the School from the village of Made-for Ever, on the School playing field in front of the School, and on a field off Grimsbury Road approached from the School along Brook Road and across the Warmley to Kingswood road. The School's teams played other local schools such as Chipping Sodbury GS, Lydney GS, Thornbury GS and Bristol Technical School, usually on Saturdays.

Kingswood Old Boys RFC was formed in September 1954 and in its first season won 14 and drew 2 of its 28 matches played. The President of the Parent-Teachers Association, Mr Jay, presented a shield for matches between the School and the Old Boys and in the first year this was won by the School who beat the OBs in the two matches played.



Kingswood OB's Rugby XV

BEFORE THE FIRE...



Above:
Girls' Entrance

Below:
Library from
Brook Road



Right:
Boys' Entrance,
with Men's staff
room on the left



Below:
The interior of the
Library (previously
the Hall before
1936)



Above:
Classroom A
Below:
General Science Lab, Art Room
And Hall



Above:
Corridor from below the steps at the
Boys' entrance. Cloakroom to the right



100 NOT OUT...

STELLA EVERY (29-35) (now Grandison) planned to celebrate her 100th birthday on 20th January 2017. She has followed *KOSA NEWS* with interest for many years and her daughter, Julia, has given us something of her active life:



'At KGS she was awarded the third prize in 1VM in 1931-32, her Pitman's Full Theory Shorthand Certificate in the following year and matriculated with the Higher School certificate in 1934, when she was also a sub-prefect. She also appeared in the School Concert in March 1933 as the Chief Bridesmaid in *Trial by Jury*. The photograph shows Stella (right) at KGS with her friend.

'After leaving school she moved from Bristol in 1939 to live in Wimbledon with her husband, Douglas. With their 3 children, they then made their home in Essex where Douglas became a local councillor and Stella a J.P. During this time they kept a large allotment and several hives of bees in their small garden. Once the children were at school Stella worked

part-time as a school secretary.

'Occasionally it was necessary to re-capture the bees when they swarmed in the neighbouring gardens. In the street, kitted out in her bee keeper's regalia, veil and hat Stella caused incredulous looks from the local children. They viewed this mysterious, veiled lady, carrying smoking bellows (to pacify the bees), with astonishment.

'With their children gone Stella was now free to embark on a new career and began teacher training. She established herself as an innovative home economics teacher – building on the sciences learnt at KGS and bringing a mature and in-depth knowledge to her chosen field. In addition to her accomplished sewing and embroidery and culinary talents she also honed her performance and writing skills which would stand her in good stead in the future. In retirement she gave many cookery demonstrations to local groups, produced wonderful craft work and wrote much poetry.

'Whilst living in London the draw and love of the countryside remained. During a visit to Wales they found their retirement home - a derelict cottage with wonderful panoramic views of the Brecon Beacons, the Radnorshire hills and the slopes of the Black Mountains. Almost every week-end for 6 years they drove the 178 miles to work on its restoration. Here they followed their interests: gardening, bird watching, making wine, exploring, and the local community. They sometimes volunteered as wardens on RSPB sites in Wales. Stella chaired the local WI group still attending events when she can. Both Stella and Douglas helped in planning and fund-raising to build the new village hall. On retirement they moved entirely to the Welsh cottage they

had lovingly restored.

'Although less active, and not able to leave the home easily now, Stella entertains, and is entertained by, a host of birds in her garden. There are daily sightings of kites and buzzards and the odd visit from a pole cat. On the passageway wall hangs a framed and delicate embroidery in which Stella has depicted the house and garden under a rainbow. The words stitched out beneath are:

*I'll seek no more
The holy grail
The pot of gold -
It's here
Among the daffodils*

A life lived to the full. Congratulations, Stella.

IN MEMORY..1

The second annual public lecture in memory of Professor COLIN PILLINGER (54-61) CBE FRS was held at Bristol University on 16 November 2016.

It brought together two of his colleagues, Mark Sims and Geraint (Taff) Morgan to speak about the latest findings and the legacy of the Beagle 2 mission to Mars that Colin led.

Professor Mark Sims, head of the Space Research Centre at Leicester University, was mission manager for Beagle 2. Since Beagle 2 was located on the surface of Mars over ten years after it was declared lost, Mark and his team have continued to interpret images of the landing site. He told us about the latest findings, the significance of the UK landing on Mars and the legacy of Beagle 2.

Dr Taff Morgan, who leads the Applied Science and Technology Group at the

Open University, described how technical and scientific expertise gained working on Beagle 2 and other spacecraft is leading to exciting practical applications down here on Earth.

The work on Beagle 2 successfully developed detection equipment which will detect prostate cancer, gases generally, stomach ulcers, air monitoring for future Royal Navy submarines and ...bed bugs!

IN MEMORY..2

The second COLIN PILLINGER lecture was held at Kings Oak Academy on Friday 25th November 2016.

It was delivered by Professor Monica Grady, who was a colleague of Colin's. She was instrumental in the Rosetta mission from 2015 but was also involved with the Mars mission which landed on 19th October.

Monica told us how she was a PhD post-graduate student of Colin's at Cambridge and was sacked by him in a fit of anger after she had upset an experiment by damaging the apparatus. Needless to say, she was subsequently re-instated!

MORE 55ers GATHERINGS...

GEOFF COLE (55-60) has written to KOSA with an update to his last report of the informal get-togethers (aka "gatherings") he has been organising at the Bitton railway station.

Numbers have been growing steadily from the original three to seven at the last count, with two last minute/unforced "absentees". Whilst it has been mainly 'old boys' he is pleased to say MARILYN GREGORY (later Casford) came along in November and is intending to come again, next time with WENDY PRICE (later Carmichael). There are others Ge-

off is in contact with who have expressed similar intentions so double figures is likely in the near future.

As a direct result of Geoff's previous reports he is very pleased to say he has been contacted by another who was loaned a copy of the last 'NEWS and who should also be at the next lunch.

So, if there are any others reading this who started in 1955 (or who joined that cohort a year or two later) do get in touch as Geoff would be delighted to hear from you (even if you are no longer local but would like to get in touch) – please email geoffcole44@btinternet.com or geoffcole44@hotmail.com

If you would like to organise a reunion for your year or cohort KOSA would be pleased to help. We have funds available initially to finance a get-together and can help with stationery, addresses and postage. Just contact the Editor.

Below is one of Geoff's years, 2F in 1957,

when the form master was 'Felix' Feltham, who taught Maths. Whatever happened to him?

FROM THE ARCHIVES...

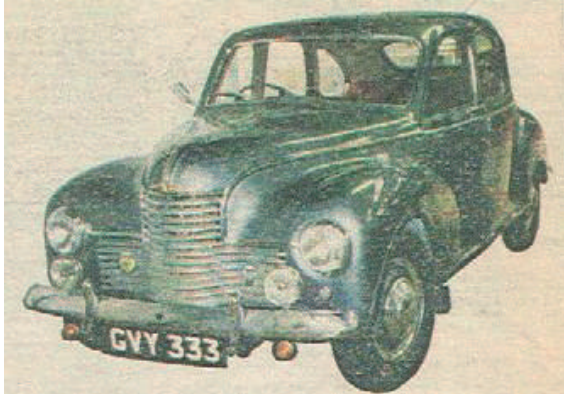


The photo above is of two girls seated on a vaulting horse in the old gym, perhaps in the 50s, taken from our archives, . Can anyone identify the young ladies and date the photograph, please?



REMEMBER THIS CAR..?

Those from the 50s and early 60s will certainly remember Headmaster RIDLEY'S car, a very distinctive model.



Jowett Javelin: Early post-war prestige

FORTY years ago a Jowett Javelin would catch the eye on the roads of Britain — and that is even more the case today.

The four-seater seen above, in good condition, is expected to make from £4,000 to £6,000 at Swindon Auction Rooms' sale next Saturday.

Being sold on behalf of bailiffs, it is in the gun metal grey most usually associated with these cars. It also has its original red leather interior and burr walnut trim.

The Javelin was a distinct cut above the average, and appealed to comfortably-off people who wished to project an individualistic, leisurely image.

With its curved duck's tail lines, powerful four-cylinder horizontal opposed engine and cruising speed of 80 mph, it was a sporty choice.

Also on offer are two horse drawn vehicles, a gig and a four-seat dog cart

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Cyclists used to swing into Brook Road at some speed and on one occasion (I think it was GARY MILTON) swung round the corner and deposited himself and his bike on the bonnet of Headmaster Ridley's Jowett Javelin. It was thought that there wasn't too much damage to the car or Gary Milton, but from then on Ridley insisted that all cyclists dismount when turning the corner into Brook Road. The ban on cycling into Brook Road lasted for a while, but was eventually lifted!

IN THE 500...

Early in 2016 the *Sunday Times* pub-

lished *Debrett's 500*, the 500 most influential persons in the UK. Under the Sport heading was listed RICHARD SCUDAMORE (1970-77), who is Executive Chairman of the Premier League, a position he has held since June 2014. It quotes him as having negotiated the multi-million pound broadcasting rights to the league games, which is broadcast to over 600 million homes world-wide.

At Kingsfield School he was Head Boy in his final year and he left to read Law at Nottingham University, although he has never practised. He spent nine years with Yellow Pages and ended his career there as Sales Director. He then worked for Thomson Newspapers, initially as Group Advertising Director then for the Group as Senior Vice President in the southern and eastern United States.

From 1997 to 99 he was Chief Executive of the Football League and from November 1999 he was CEO of the Premier League. During his period with the Football League its broadcasting rights income rose from £1.2 billion for 2001-5 to £5.134 billion for 2013-16.

Richard is qualified as a level 5 football referee and is a lifelong Bristol City fan. He lives with his wife, Catherine, in Gloucestershire. They have five children.

A LOCAL COMPOSER...

Scanning the *Kingswood Chronicles* for 1964-65 your Ed came across ROLAND FUDGE (58-65) who was reported as completing *String Quartet 1964*, which he had arranged to have privately recorded. Composing a recorded work whilst still at KGS was probably exceptional, but in the same edition he was reported as taking part in the South Gloucestershire Schools Festival, leading the School Orchestra, obtaining the

Senior Music Prize and obtaining a County Major Scholarship. In addition he was a prefect and completed his A-levels. In earlier years he was awarded the subject prize for the orchestra in middle school and sang in the chorus of the 61-62 production of *Pirates of Penzance*.



After leaving KGS Roland completed his Music degree at Birmingham University (65-68) and then spent three years as a postgraduate student of violin and composition at the Royal Academy of Music in London (68-74). From 1974 to 1997 he was Leader of a chamber group in several concerts of new music organized by Antony Gilbert, Head of Composition at the Royal Northern College of Music, which included the 80th birthday concert for Elizabeth Lutyens, broadcast live on BBC Radio.

At the Academy he joined the Sartori String Quartet which became the Quartet in Residence at Sussex University and then at Lancaster University, for several years performing throughout the UK and broadcasting on Radio and TV. When the Quartet eventually disbanded, Roland stayed in the North West, splitting his time between performing, composing, teaching and in pioneering work in Christian worship music.

He is now known as a 'Lakeland Composer' and has been the conductor of the

Westmorland Youth Orchestra in the Lake District since 2011, where he is still composing. He arranged an album of Christmas music in 2010 and, with others, has compiled the well-known hymnal *Mission Praise*. In addition he is a local preacher and elder of his church.

OH DEAR...

We always try to maintain the highest standards of spelling, grammar and punctuation in *KOSA NEWS*, but GORDON JACKSON (55-62) has found some errors:

'Thank you for publishing my article on nicknames in the last edition, but I'm afraid you got your Es and Is mixed up.

'The tennis player is Bunny Austin (with an I). The KGS Physics Master was BUNNY AUSTEN (with an E).

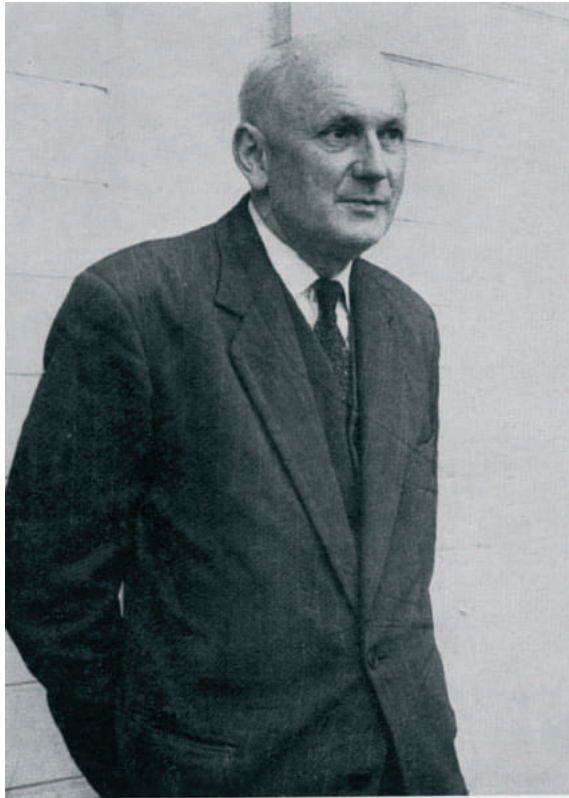
'You've also got your Is and Es mixed up in Mozart's opera. It is spelled *Così fan Tutte* (with an E, *Tutte* being the feminine plural). It means roughly 'All women are like that', which is unfair, since it's the two men which trick their fiancées into falling in love with each other's fiancé. That's opera for you!

'I always find *KOSA NEWS* entertaining. Long may it continue!'

Incidentally, Gordon, shouldn't it be 'the two men who...not which'? I try to get out more, but I'm busy producing *KOSA NEWS*...! - Ed

Bunny Austen retired from full-time teaching at KGS in 1964; he had been head of Physics since 1945 although he actually joined the School in the physics department in 1928 - 36 years service!

Whilst at KGS it is believed that he lived



Mr. H. E. E. Austen
Kingswood Grammar School 1928—1964

Photo: Marshall V12

in Oldland Common from where he caught the train to Warmley Station. For many years pupils witnessed three of the

staff marching along Brook Road to the School side by side - Bunny, Froggie and Jimmy, having caught the Bath train together. BUNNY AUSTEN (Physics), FROGGIE DAVIES (French) and JIMMY WILDE (Games).

During Physics lessons, as Bunny walked around the class, you learned to duck if he coughed - this usually preceded his lashing out to give someone a well-deserved punishment!

VISIT TO KOA...

On the day of our October 2016 Lunch TIM BUSH, the Science Master at Kings Oak Academy invited KOSA members to visit the School to have a look round at the site and facilities and to inspect what is left of the old KGS.

Below is a photo of the small group who took part in the visit, taken under the old oak as a backdrop.

The old tree is no longer in splendid isolation as it was in the old days as it's surrounded by buildings. Furthermore, it

has had to be severely pruned recently because a large branch fell and damaged one of the nearby buildings.

Our thanks to Tim Bush and KOA for their hospitality and for supplying the photograph. Tim is at the back in the centre of the shot.



HOMESICK..?

WENDY EDWARDS' (51-57) now Crookes) letters were published in *KOSA NEWS* 47 and 48 from Apollo Bay, Victoria, Australia and in response to your Ed's query as to whether she was homesick responded:

'Homesick! Living in a spot like this. No.! I've lived in Australia for 50 yrs, the best decision we ever made. Although an Australian citizen I am still English by birth, nothing can change that. But an Aussie by choice, and have never felt for a moment, homesick.

'I was an only child and my mother died when I was quite young, my husband's family was part of the British Raj so only spent his school years in England, so neither of us had any real family attachment, I am always grateful for the really great education I was given and was appalled at the demise of the English grammar school!

'I still keep in contact with a few school friends most have visited mepossibly you will be horrified to hear I support Australia in the cricket! After that admission I had better finish!'

ANOTHER FROM 51...

The photograph (above) shows our Hon. Treasurer, MARTIN HARRYMAN (51-56) when he was in the Royal Air Force in the mid-1960s in Borneo, either Sabah or Sarawak, during the confrontation between Indonesia and Malaysia..

Martin was a career airman who at that time was a crewman on helicopters of 110 Squadron based in Singapore. He came back to the UK to serve on Nimrod aircraft and ended his career as a Squadron Leader where he was Squadron Education Officer.



Martin's brother, LARRY HARRYMAN (43-48) (below) also went to KGS and subsequently joined the Royal Air Force. Sadly, he lost his life when his Sabre aircraft suffered structural failure during the recovery from a dive and broke up over the Humber Estuary near Scunthorpe in Lincolnshire.



WERE YOU THERE..?



From the archives we have come across this postcard of Oetztal Station, dated 5th August 1961. This was the occasion of a School trip to the Austrian Tyrol. More important is a list of signatures on the back of some of those who were there (below).

We recognise the names of two teachers, GILL EVANS (English) and ELEANOR SPILL (French) and several KOSA members.



Also from the archives is this press cutting of 2nd October 1981 on the occasion

of the 60th Anniversary of the founding of the School as Kingswood SS in 1921.

Ex-pupils of Kingsfield school came from all over the country to attend the school's 60th anniversary celebration last week.

Over 250, who travelled from London, Oxford, Surrey and the North, renewed old friendships and chatted over past times in the school's Hexagon Theatre on Friday.

Guests of honour were Miss Sheila Young, now a newscaster on HTV's Points West, and former head of the chemistry department, Mr Brian Sammons, who taught at the then Kingsfield Grammar School between 1943 and 1966.

One absent ex-pupil was Sir Bernard Lovell, who sent apologies and explained he was attending his retirement party as Director of Jodrell Bank.

Another ex-pupil Mr W Young now head of chemistry at Queen Elizabeth's Hospital School, entertained with guitar playing.

Old photographs were donated to help headmaster Mr Bill Haxworth with his book on the school history.

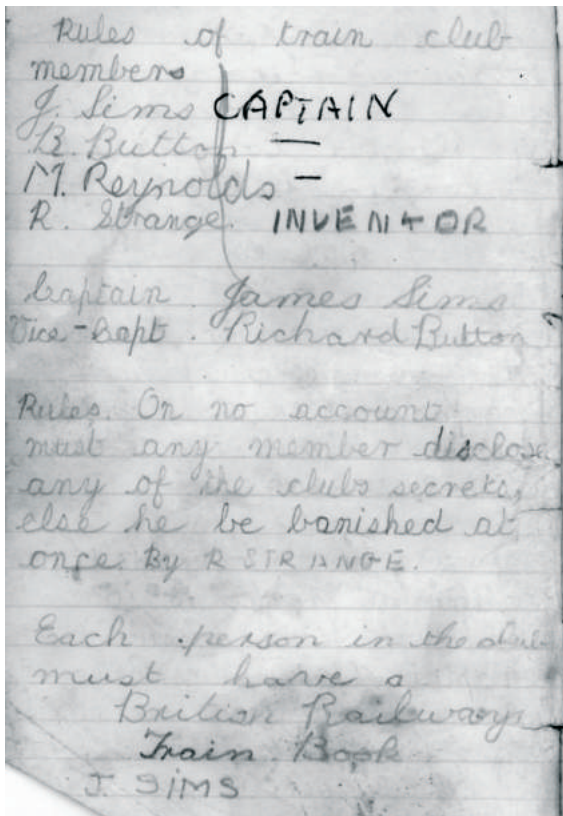
Another celebration came on Saturday at the Linden Hotel.

Then about 100 members of Kingsfield Eatonian Society, who take their name from the first headmaster, Major M J Eaton, (1921 to 1949) met for their annual dinner.

Mr Sammons (75) is their president. Four-times mayor of Daventry, Mr Bill Edwards, was elected chairman and the toast was proposed by retired Fishponds engineer, Mr Fred Baber, who was at Kingsfield on its opening day in 1921.

Typical of the press it managed to get several aspects wrong: It was never Kingsfield Grammar School and SHEILA YOUNG (56-64) (now Edwards) wasn't with HTV but *Points West* was a BBC production. The ex-pupil who played the guitar, then Head of Chemistry at QEH, was TED YOUNG (52-59). I was there!
- Ed.

JOIN THE CLUB..!



The things we got up to when we were young! RICHARD STRANGE (54-59) along with the late RICHARD BUTTON (56-63) formed a club when they were train-spotters at Staple Hill Station in 1953. Their rules (example above) included 'If any member gives away the names of his companions he will be forced to leave the club' and 'he will be obliged to give his locomotive book to the club'. KOSA is different; we're pleased to receive names of all your friends who went to KGS!

MARY TAYLOR (61-68) (now Shafee) has sent us the photo of her Form 6iP of 1967 which we have printed on page 25.

Mary has been able to name some of her contemporaries: Front row, left to right: Julie ?, Hilary Willing, Lucy Chapman, Heather Amos, Miss Pittaway, Caroline Lake, Mary Taylor, Jennifer Golding, Rosemary Angell.

Middle row: ?, Brian Hepworth, Malcolm Brain, ?, Graham Oldfield, Gorringe.

Back row: John Smith, Peter Kendall, Ball, ?.

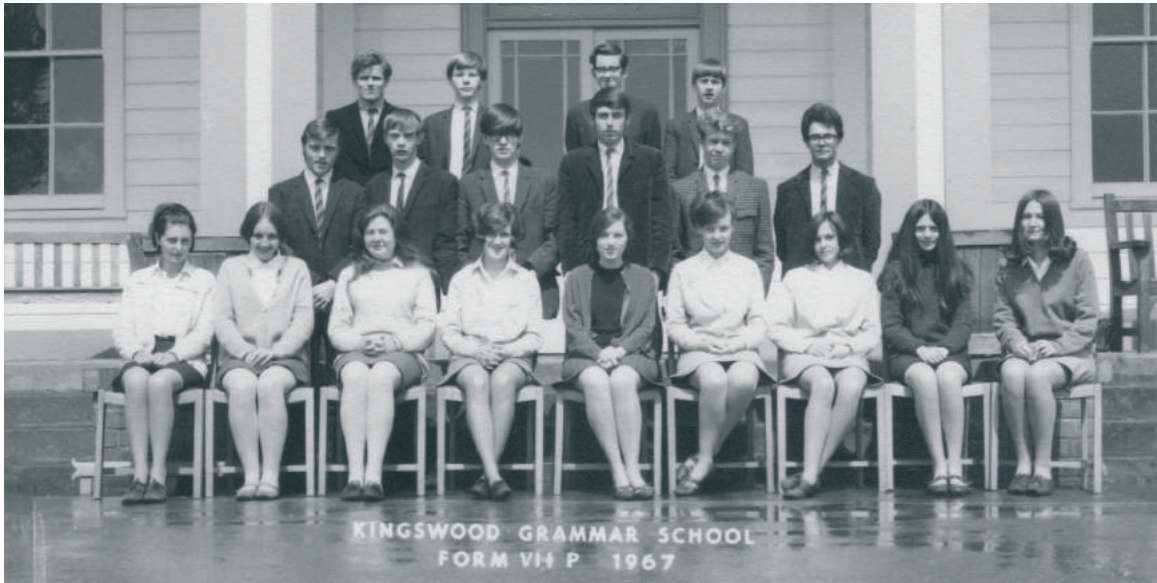
The middle photo on page 25 is one from a series sent to us by the daughter of the late JOHN BRIAN DAVIS (36-42). It's of the Middle Girls' 100 yards on 1938 Sports Day. The girl on the extreme left is R Blackmore, and the middle four are un-named. At the front are B Hackwill (the winner) and B Brain (second) with girl on the extreme right also un-named.

The third photo was sent in my MARY-LYN DRAPER (58-65) (now Clark). It's of 1S of 1959. We do not have the names.

PHOTO SERVICE...

We have a large database of photographs of forms and sports teams, especially from the 1950s and 60s, and a smaller number from other decades.

If you're missing a photograph from your days at school just give us a form reference and date and we will endeavour to supply a copy, preferably by email. Remember that most of the photographs were taken in the Summer term. For example, the 1959-1S referred to above was taken in the Summer of 1960 and refers to the year 1959-60. A small donation to KOSA appreciated but not obligatory if we are successful in supplying a copy..



KOSA HISTORY...

As this is edition 50 for *KOSA NEWS*, it might be a good occasion to look back at the active history of KOSA over the years.

KOSA was formed in 1926 and the first Old Scholars' reunion was at the School on 19 June 1926 when the Old Boys of Kingswood Secondary School, as it was then, played the School at Cricket, followed by the Old Boys v the Old Girls, in which the boys were only allowed to use their left hands to bat, bowl and field. Then business meetings of the Football and Dramatic Clubs followed by Tennis and Dancing. A different age!

By 1927 the Association was formally named KOSA and the list of members published in *Kingswood Chronicles* numbered 56; we now have a list of nearly 1,150 members world-wide. The annual subscription was 1/- (5p) and there were three sections, Hockey, Football and a Dramatic Society. One of the objects of KOSA was 'to provide a means whereby Old Scholars may meet together to participate in varied interests and to arrange social and athletic events for its members'. This is probably the same today, except the athletic aspect is no longer appropriate!

By 1928 the name of the School had changed to KGS, although there is virtually no formal record of this in *Kingswood Chronicles*. The Old Scholars Dramatic Society's (OSDS) first production was *Admirable Crichton* which in February and March they put on three performances: in the School Hall, which later became the Library when the new Hall was built, Wick Village Hall? and the British Schoolroom in Kingswood. (Where was that? Ed.)

By 1929 membership was up to more than 80 and the OSDS performed its second production – *Milestones*. Its first three graduates were also recorded (see photo below), one of them being BRIAN SAMMONS, who eventually came back



to the School to teach Chemistry until he retired. Some members were noted as having left for the US, Canada and Australia. In February 1931 OSDS performed *Berkeley Square*, its fourth play, on two nights in the British Schoolroom. This turned out to be a lavish affair, with a large cast and dresses made by the wearers, although the men's costumes were hired. (see photo on the back page). By 1932 the annual subscription had increased to 2/- (10p) and two dances, two social evenings, two debates, a literary discussion and a scientific lecture were held during the year.

In succeeding years Cycling, Rambling and Tennis Clubs were formed, badges, blazers and ties were made available from *The Don* in Park Street and Brian Sammons became the Association's first President. 1939 saw the first dance in the new School Hall and many Old Scholars served in the Forces during the duration of the War. Because of so many Old Scholars in the London Area there was an attempt to form a London branch

of KOSA, but this appears to have come to nothing.

In the 1950s a Badminton Club and a Rugby Club were formed and it was decided to hold a Reunion Day in the Summer when in 1951 a coach trip to Swanage was organised. However, by 1960 KOSA was reduced to a few members, although the Hockey and Rugby Clubs were still in being, and by 1963 no Old Scholars' News was reported in *Kingswood Chronicles*. A remnant group from the days of MAJOR EATON, the first Headmaster, which called itself The Old Eatonian Society met for a lunch from time to time.

In 1984 a general reunion dinner was organised at Kingswood Community Centre catered for by BOB GRAY (49-56), and again in 1985. The Old Eatonian Society was subsumed into KOSA and in 1991 more than 300 Old Scholars met for a buffet at the School Hexagon where a fund was started to finance an Old Scholars' Magazine. *KOSA NEWS* was first published as an 8-page publication in the Spring of 1992 and over the intervening 25 years we have published 50 editions and organised two lunches a year.

What of the future? We will continue to publish *KOSA NEWS* for as long as we can and as long as your contributions continue, but the Editor now needs a successor to ensure its future. We hope to continue to organise reunion lunches but that depends very much on the support of the membership. Individual year reunions are encouraged, but again there is the necessity for individual members to take the responsibility and initiative for these to take place. We are financially a strong organisation thanks to the generosity of you, our member-

ship, but your Committee is keen for those funds to be put to good use in pursuing the objects of KOSA. Here's to the next 25 years!

WELCOME...

To those joining KOSA since the last edition of *KOSA NEWS*, maiden names where appropriate:

Graham Blower (63-68), John Edwards (59-65), Betty Owen (52-55), Mary Taylor (61-68), Gail French (84-89), John Tucker (62-69), Hilary Lewis (67-74), Peter Balchin (80-84).

To them and all members of KOSA, your contributions to your magazine of photographs and stories are always welcome. Just put your pen to paper, or better still, keyboard to email.

WHERE ARE THEY..?

Every time we mail an edition some are returned where our member has moved and not given us a forwarding address. We don't want to lose you, so don't forget to let us know when you move.

Does anyone know the whereabouts of Mike Brain (63-70) of USA, Keith G Parry (56-63) ex-Marine, John Burcombe (49-56) of Canada, Linda Stowe (now Gittings), Heather Jones, Sandra Davey (63-70) now Crew and Mary Huckle (48-54) now Thorn of Australia. If you do, please let us know.

BACK PAGE...

The photo on the back page is a demonstration of how busy and varied the activities of KOSA were. When it boasted a dramatic society it put on a play every year and the photo is of its production of *Berkeley Square* in The British Schoolroom, Kingswood in 1931. But that was another age!



“ BERKELEY SQUARE ”
BY THE OLD SCHOLARS’ DRAMATIC CLUB