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EDITORIAL...

KGS was opened in September 1921, therefore next year will be the centenary of its founding. Your Committee would like to carry out an activity or an event which would commemorate the occasion. If you have any suggestions of what we should do to mark the occasion, please let us know.

We hope that King's Oak Academy will also recognise this occasion. On the 50th anniversary, a special edition of *Kingswood Chronicles* was one of the publications made to mark that event.

THE EDITOR.

DIARY DATES:

SPRING LUNCH & AGM:

Please set aside **SATURDAY, 4th APRIL 2020** at Lincombe Barn, Downend BS16 2RW when you will have a chance to sack the Editor and the rest of the Committee! We meet at 12.00 to 12.30pm for a chat and a drink from the bar, and sit down for lunch at about 1.00pm after a short AGM. We would like to make this a special occasion for those who started in 1951 who are 80 or in their 80th year. Please complete the enclosed form and send to our Treasurer (address inside).

CLASS of 67 ALUMNI:

We plan to hold another reunion in Bristol in September 2020. The event will be later in the month, at the Quaker Friars restaurant called *Cote*. Final details still to be fixed, so please keep the **last two Saturdays in September** free. Contact for further info: Rob Larkham, Neil Matthews, David Panton or Chris Greenfield....

63-70 REUNION:

It's suggested that 2020 would be a good year for a reunion as it marks 50 years since the last of us left KGS. The proposal is to hold it at Tracy Park on **SATURDAY 7th NOVEMBER**. Contact either Steve Garnon on 07821 553909 or Tony Pattermore on 07720 599223.

AUTUMN LUNCH:

Already booked for **SATURDAY, 10th OCTOBER 2020** at Lincombe Barn, Downend. Please book the date in your diary now.

BROOK ROAD BISTRO...

DEREK BAILEY (48-53) has forwarded the photo (below) of the old canteen to KOSA and has supported it with some memories,



reduced with age?

KEN WILLIAMS:

Many thanks. Never ate there. I was a 'nose-bagger' as headmaster called

'I passed on my photo of the Brook Road Bistro to a few KGS correspondents and here are some comments I thought I'd share:

MIKE MOON (47-52):

I remember the restaurant well. On several occasions one of the prefect monitors did not eat the unpleasant main course. Instead he took my pudding and the pudding of three others and ate all four. To be fair he did not take the puddings from the same four pupils every day. Happy days,

MARGARET FORTY (50-57) (now Baldwin):

Yes! The gravy there was to die for!. I remember having to have a dinner ticket. Am I mistaken in thinking that those came in house colours? - I seem remember mine were red anyway and that was the Davies house colour and that where siblings all had school meals the price

those who brought packed lunches. However the state of repair of the gates probably says it all.

MARGARET LOVELL (50-55):

No! - that's probably because my maternal Nan and Pop lived in Deanery Road with an allotment and their garden backing onto the KGS playing field right where the two Poplars were. SO.....every day I had egg and chips and HAD to have it accompanied by home grown cabbage,..... MORE than once I had a worm cooked in my portion of cabbage! (Organic before the days of organic preferences!) But I can be proud of the fact that I never had a school dinner in all my life!

MICHAEL J WATTS (62-69):

As I recall it had a 4 star Michelin rating.....

MIKE WHITLOCK (49-56):

Think I may have been a Nose-bagger.

JUNE DEMMERY (49-54) (later Hooper): I seem to remember I liked the cheesy flan and the beef stew, plus most of the puddings! I suppose the meals weren't bad considering it was 4 years after the end of the war!

IRENE LUFFMAN (52-57) (later Fewes): I do! One of my classmates LAWRENCE WATKINS' mother was the school cook and I remember with great fondness a flan containing cheese and baked beans. Although I lived with meat every day at home, a butcher's shop, I ate very little meat, unlike the rest of my family.

JANE BRACEY (47-52) (later Tiley): I did sometimes partake of its fine dining but quite often brought sandwiches or cycled home at lunchtime - I wonder why!

EILEEN MATTHEWS (52-59) (later Bendrey) I thought that school meals were great - especially the stew!

DEATH ON THE FRONTIER...

DAVID TAYLOR (59-61) has sent us a query about a former teacher, BENJAMIN JONES, who taught Science back in the 30s. David writes: 'One of my Welsh ancestors was Benjamin Jones, who was Senior Science Master at KGS since it was opened in 1921. He died on 9th August 1936 in Montreux, Switzerland and his obituary was reported in the press cutting.

I have acquired his WW1 military service records. He served in the Royal Garrison Artillery as Second Lieutenant and suffered shell gas poisoning at Passchendaele. Has the school any details? Opposite is a photo of him in uniform with one of his brothers.



A RESULT..!

A search of Kingswood Chronicles resulted in an Editorial in 1937 which paid tribute to Ben Jones. It reads:

Mr B Jones died in the train on the frontier of France and Switzerland last August, only a few days after we had said goodbye to him at the end of the Summer Term. Any tribute would fall short of conveying the image which we have of him. His unorthodox approach to Science and his stimulating and inspiring teaching gave him a touch of greatness which we all recognised. Some of his great influence in the School had its source also in his relegating his subject to the background when human needs of boys and girls claimed, as they often did, his interest and his help. Those of us who had glimpses of his private life saw there, too, the same generosity and selflessness. The memory of his sixteen years of devoted service will not easily fade.

We also found a photo of the staff of 1928 (below), which included Mr Jones in the back row on the right.

POTTED HISTORIES...

From time to time we are criticised in *KOSA NEWS* for only posting our members' histories when we publish their obituaries. We have obtained potted histories from some members who are very much alive!

SCOUTS TOGETHER...

In the last edition we reported that Kingswood Heritage Museum had mounted a Scout Exhibition (now closed). Featured was Kingswood Scout Troop 111th which had many members of KGS pupils. DAVID ANN (55-63) organised a visit to the museum of some of the past members and they got together and signed a greetings card which was sent to absent member TERRY ANSTEY (55-62), who now lives in Canada. Terry answered with a short history of his varied travels and events since KGS:

'Thanks to all of you who signed the greeting card (to me) when viewing the Scouting Exhibit at the Kingswood Heritage Museum in September. It was a



MR. SEARLE, MR. HOWARD, MR. DAVIES, MISS PERRY, MR. BRITTON, MR. KINTON, MR. JONES,
MISS QUINTON, MISS POWELL, MAJOR EATON, MISS WATTERS, MISS BRITTEN.

pleasure and surprise to be remembered by so many people in Kingswood, some 57 years after I left. It was kind of you all to remember me. When I left, it did not enter my mind that I would become a museum exhibit - but, there again, I expect that none of you thought you would become exhibits either.

'For those who might have wondered what I've been up to this last half century - a potted history:

After graduating with a degree in Civil Engineering (1965), I based myself working, playing rugby and carousing in the London area, but with intermittent contracts in the SW Pacific and Saudi Arabia, and 9 months rough-travelling around Mexico with my guitar. Married in 1972, a contract in Iran, and 4 months travelling across Asia.

'We emigrated to Canada in 1977, and have been based in Vancouver (by which I mean we've maintained a house here) ever since. Two children in 77 and 80. While the kids were at school, only short international assignments. Later, when the grown kids didn't leave home, I did - to China for a couple of years (94-96), followed by Romania (96-98) and Bulgaria (98-02). With the kids finally flown the nest, my wife joined me in Washington, DC (02-07), and we moved back to Vancouver in 2007 where I worked from home until I retired in 2011.

'Having, along the way, also qualified as an Arbitrator, I spent most of my time from 2002 to 2011 adjudicating international construction disputes, giving me the opportunity (you guessed it) to travel - in Europe, India, Africa, South and Central America, and Central Asia.

'Life's been one long adventure that I've enjoyed immensely - conveniently for-

getting the bad bits, of course. Now retired, I can't understand how I ever had time to work: too many other things to do. Or would it be more honest to say that it now takes much longer to do them. And then there's the pleasure of involving ourselves in the activities of our five grandchildren. Thanks again, you guys.'

Also in the 111th was ROGER FOWLER (54-61) who followed up with his history: 'Thank you for info on 111th and KOSA members and great to share memories. I left KGS with nine O-levels and one A-level and joined John Laing as Trainee Quantity Surveyor, building at Corby, Northants and attended Kettering College.

'I did not like travelling for all my life so joined the family business of three garages in Warmley, Kingswood and Bath and took an HND at Filton Technical College for mechanical and electrical engineering. I played Rugby for Kingswood Old Boys RFC and married Carol in 1967.

'We lived in Oldland, and North Common where I was born on a farm but dad died when I was 2 and mum remarried. We have 3 daughters, 5 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren. I was elected to Bitton Parish Council, joined Kingswood Rotary Club and a Downend Lodge. I formed North Common Village Hall with Carol, which we still run and was Scoutmaster for a while for 1st Warmley Troop.

'My spare time is spent training girls in sport, motor racing and competing in Motocross and motorcycling off road in UK and Spain. I sold the business and retired in 2002 and travelled in USA, Canada, Europe and South Africa where a daughter lives. I'm still supporting local events and clubs so wondering where the time goes!

KGS RUGBY...

MICHAEL J WATTS (62-69) told us a little of what he's been up to since leaving KGS in the last edition.

Michael has since sent us some excellent photos of KGS Rugby taken by his father in 1968, examples on this page. In the photo (bottom), the referee is KEITH BABER (51-56), who was a First Class ref. Are you here?

The photo below includes Wormwald, Perry and Warren, Recognise anyone

else? Please let us know. It looks as though the matches were played on the Grimsbury Road Rugby pitch, which is near the site where Kingswood RFC plays nowadays.



FROM DOWN UNDER...

JULIE BABER (63-70) (now Maclean) writes her memories of KGS:

'I've been so saddened by the passing of my old school mate--ANNE MANNERS. She was my buddy in Home Economics where we giggled our way through flat Victoria sponges and burnt saucepans. She was in love with PETE WOFFENDEN from a very early age. My heart goes out to him. (I remember his red hair). Anne only ever wanted to be married and have a family. I remember her lovely fresh face and open smile. It's also been shocking to hear of the passing of 'Dinger' BELL and 'Clanker' - STEVE LANGHORNE. They were such characters.

'Steve had a wicked sense of humour. I remember one Saturday traipsing around Bristol going into Jones music dept where he'd ask to listen to the latest single by The Jackdaws. Then he'd go to the clothing department and ask for the new jacket with the Jackdaw label, then the book department where he asked for the latest issue of The Jackdaw. He had the whole place in an uproar.

'I have very fond memories of KGS. First year was daunting with such an emphasis on wearing the terrible hat in and out of school, those Latin translations of old myths involving extreme violence, and algebra. But once friendships were cemented and a certain camaraderie established against the oppressors, then it was a lot of fun.

'We were badly behaved in some classes but in others we were lambs. When we sensed that a teacher cared about us and showed passion for their subject we were hooked. I loved 'Bio' BILL and MISS PITTAWAY.

'One of her comments on a poem of mine set me on a trajectory. I became an English teacher with a lifelong love of literature, poetry in particular. Bio Bill was so kind. In an exam he tried to help me by pointing to a blotch on a leaf that we were supposed to identify as fungus or some infestation. I couldn't see it. He tried so hard. We were so lucky then to have teachers who would take after-school clubs and societies. My picks were Drama and Natural History. Nothing like that happens now as far as I can see.

'They were great days. I loved the cross-country over Siston Common and the sports days, not so much the Saturday morning detentions for being caught smoking in the girls' toilets. One of the best things was the 6th Form College with a common room that was separate from the main school where we were suddenly treated like adults and then started behaving like adults. My then boyfriend and I were invited to take afternoon tea with two of our teachers. We were subjected to classical music and conversation. That wouldn't happen now without a major drama or enquiry.

'The day I flew to Australia for the hell of it, and because living and teaching in England in the seventies had become dire with power cuts, three-day-weeks and endless debates about whether we should join the Common Market, the old school burnt down. I was devastated.

'My father broke the news to me. He'd completed his matriculation at KGS so was invested in the school. I still have his Complete Works of Shakespeare. He lived in Tenniscourt Road. My mother at 94 is now looking at Aged Care in Tenniscourt Road. I suppose we all think that *our* years were the best years.

'I would love to attend the 63-70 reunion next November and will be in touch with Steve or Tony. I come back twice a year now and if anyone would like to make contact I'm at bokoboko52@gmail.com and on Facebook. I often wonder what happened to CAROL BROWN, LINDA BURROUGHES and JAN GREEN.

Thank you, Mike, for *KOSA NEWS*. You do a fantastic job.

THE ART ROOM...

ROS DALZIEL (53-59) (now Abbott) recalls antics in the art room:

'In 1958 I was studying for my GCEs; well, supposed to be, gym and games were really my favourite subjects. Art wasn't one of them either but I had friends who were taking this subject. The art room was small and out of bounds to everybody except art students.

'My friends discovered there was a loose floorboard with space underneath for a small, nimble person, like myself, to hide in. A dustbin, which was for art rubbish, could be moved over the hole.

'To baffle the art teacher we decided it would be great fun if I entered the art room whilst he was looking down the corridor knowing full well that he would come in a minute or two later demanding to know who had dared to go in.

'All was ready for me and I shot down the hole and the bin was moved into place. Sure enough a minute later the door was flung open revealing a scene of pupils studiously engaged in their artwork. After a good look around and finding no banned person, a confused teacher stomped out shaking his head in bewilderment.

'What a laugh we had. We'd defied or-

ders and outwitted the teacher. Or had we? We were young and naïve, were we really the first, or only ones, to discover the hole? Did the teachers know and just shake their heads afterwards? We'll never know.

KOSA AWARDS...

MARK ADAMS (51-56) relates how he helps the pupils of King's Oak Academy: 'Two years ago I saw an advertisement in the local *Downend Voice* magazine asking for volunteers to assist with reading in local schools. I had finally retired in 2014 and was looking for an opportunity to put something back into the community, so this advert was of great interest to me. I have always been an avid reader so I felt that I could be of help to youngsters who may be struggling with their literacy.

'I applied to the advertisers (RSVP West) and after an interview and some training I was offered the chance to become attached to a local school. I fully expected to be helping children between the ages of 5 and 7 years, however it was suggested that I might like to work with children aged 11 to 13 years. Having been given the choice of Senior Schools it was a "no brainer" that I would ask to go to King's Oak Academy.

'I have been a Reading Assistant at the Academy for 18 months, and thoroughly enjoy my two mornings each week listening to children reading to me. I have been amazed at the different levels of literacy attained by children of the same age. Some are extremely proficient whilst others really struggle. Talking to the pupils who do not read well, it appears that there are very few, if any books in their homes. Their parents do not have newspapers or magazines, so there is no encouragement for the children to spend

their time reading. Reading aloud to someone who is sympathetic helps children build their confidence for taking part in class discussions and making their views known without being too shy to speak out.

'I have to say that since I have been at King's Oak, the Librarian (MRS GILARDONI) has been fantastic and has completely changed the systems and ethos in the Library. During every break time more and more pupils are beginning to come into the Library to read and to make use of the reference books there.

'Mrs Gilardoni brought in a Passport system for years 7, 8 and 9 which gives rewards to students who complete 12 of 14 tasks. These tasks include reading books of different genres, writing a short story, visiting their local Library and reading to young children. Last year was the first time Passports had been used, and there were eight successful students. KOSA donated £10 book vouchers to each of the winners. It was felt that this award would help encourage others to complete a Passport. So far this year there is a much greater interest in attempting to complete the Passports from pupils in each year, so it is hoped that this will show in improving examination results over the next few years. In the meantime I shall continue to enjoy my mornings at school, and endeavour to help in any way I can.

'I have to thank the staff at KOA for the open and happy way they have accepted me into the school and for their help when I have needed it. I must also thank KOSA for their willing help and donation of vouchers for the students.'

REMEMBERING COLIN...

Mars-man COLIN PILLINGER (54-61) was remembered over the weekend of 7/8 September 2019 at the Space Shed in Millennium Square in the centre of Bristol. The links between Bristol, the Moon and outer space were set out by a number of speakers in interviews by Jon Spooner, Artistic Director of the Unlimited Theatre. The shed is the headquarters of the Unlimited Space Agency. KOSA was represented on the Saturday afternoon and Colin's widow, JUDITH PILLINGER, and DOREEN PILLINGER (48-53), Colin's sister, were also there.

Dr Tim Gregory, a cosmo-chemist from the University of Bristol, talked about his technical analysis of meteorites and other space debris. Dr Gregory completed his research for his PhD under the supervision of Colin when he was at Bristol University. Tim had earlier made a documentary with JUDITH PILLINGER for Radio Bristol.

We were informed that rocks from space have the same make-up as the rocks on earth, but as they are likely to be 4.6 billion years old they have a special recognisable characteristic identifiable by the use of mass-spectrometers. We were surprised to learn that genuine space rocks can be purchased on eBay, but at a price!

The second speaker was Dr Simeon Barber who had worked on the instrumentation which had been incorporated in Beagle 2 to be used on Mars. Colin also acted as supervisor for Simeon's PhD at the Open University. Simeon was currently working on instrumentation to detect water on the South Pole of the Moon and also on Mars. He predicted that there would be a man back on the Moon by 2024.



FROM SPAIN...

Teacher from 62-77, JILL ALEXANDER (now Fuentes), is obviously pleased to hear from her contemporaries after we published her email address in an earlier edition. Jill writes:

'Thank you for the e-mail you sent. I have been taking advantage of the KOSA website, without contributing anything, for ages. It was certainly about time that I should donate something!

Later in the afternoon, Robert Massey of the Royal Astronomical Society and Alexandra Loske from the Royal Pavilion, Brighton reviewed their book on the history of the Moon, *Moon: Art, Science & Culture*.

'Following the publication of my e-mail address in the *KOSA NEWS* I have had a lot of contacts spanning the years from 1962 to 1979. It has resulted in the ebb and flow of e-mails with accounts of lives since leaving KGS or Kingsfield School to the present day.

The photograph (above) shows the Space Shed, with Jon Spooner (left) interviewing Dr Tim Gregory. GEORGE BUTCHER'S 4L1 of 1958 (below), courtesy of TONY HART (55-58) from Australia, shows COLIN in the second row from the front, second boy from the right.

'It has been a delight to make contact again. All contacts have been very pleasant and much appreciated by me.'



SUZANNE'S MEMORIES...

SUZANNE PHILPOTT (63-70) (now Martin) has had her memory triggered by an earlier edition:

'The Spring 2019 edition of *KOSA NEWS*, provoked much thought and indeed sadness for the loss already of so many of our peers, they had so much more of their lives to live. I salute them all and realise even more how important our infrequent meetings have become in the story-swapping of shared moments during those informative years.

'For me, HEADMASTER RIDLEY'S "lost anything" letter was not a good start. In year one PE we were required to hand our valuables in to the lost property box. My watch was not there at collection time though there was another left in its place. What followed was a series of letters between my mother and the headmaster with him inferring that either I didn't wear it that day, didn't recognise it or had already lost it.

'What followed would not happen today. My mother persisted and to my horror in assembly I was summoned to the stage and every pupil in the class had to parade in front of me offering their wrist for inspection. I was mortified and even more so when the watch was found. The poor girl had no idea it wasn't hers. There was no apology from Mr Ridley and the memory of my unfair treatment has stayed with me, it certainly removed any respect for him in the following years. It has ensured that in my adult life as a teacher I promoted fair play and a desire never to humiliate a child.

'Moving on to *Learner Teacher*; I have to agree that NICK OTTY (67-72) had some valid observations. We were mostly good at first but by the time we made

3rd year we were sort of established, not always biddable, and I confess that my Maths and French were considered CSE level, which in a grammar school was not at all the thing. We were streamed accordingly. Sadly in Maths we were presented with a very nervous teacher called MR BIRCH straight from university who really didn't know how to handle our class. I believe we were rotten to him and we tried every trick in the book to avoid learning Maths. He had to resort to reading us chapters from *Jack the Ripper* as a trade off for some Maths,(those tricks we played stood me in good stead for my own career), I was ahead of the class before they started.

'It had become obvious that we were not nice and our punishment was 3 Saturday morning detentions of 3 hours each (in uniform). I have to say as a discipline it worked but I believe the poor teacher couldn't cope and left with his nerves shot to pieces. I do recall an earlier newsletter asking if anyone had had one of these detentions and as no one else has "fessed up" I had better.

'I enjoyed my sport and recall the reason for us being banned from catching the train up to Wembley to watch the hockey. We encouraged one of our group in the crowded carriage to cut the tassel off the beret of a Chipping Sodbury pupil. It was funny at the time.

'Our Shakespeare trip to Stratford On Avon was entertaining. Three of our group hired a small rowing boat and were spied merrily sculling mid-river. I don't think they got away with it.

'In comparison with today's pupils we were naughty but knew our boundaries and with the right teachers we mostly achieved reasonable results.

We were the first lucky ones who actually gained a common room, well a wooden terrapin, but who cared, we had a drinks machine, old cast-off settees and a radio. We were able to revise for our O-levels in a totally new environment. I believe the teachers even asked to enter. How wonderful!

'We were also the first two years to enter the brand new 6th form block - different uniform, our own canteen and decent food with milky coffee. Study rooms, library cubicles were the lead up to responsible learning. We had arrived as young adults and that sense of purpose gave us the desire to achieve. So sad that the pupils of today will not have that 6th form unit; to me it was very special.

'So out of small beginnings - we got there and I have to say that I enjoyed my time at school. I must have to become a teacher. My thanks to Tony Pattemore, Steve Garnon and Lesley Waters (now Ramsay) for organising the last reunion; I'm sure they have some stories to share now that I have let the cat out of the bag.'

REMEMBERING DAVID...

ROY HUBBARD (53-59) remembers his time with DAVID GIFFORD (53-60):

'It was so sad to see the article regarding the passing of David Gifford in the Autumn edition of the *KOSA NEWS*, for I remember him very well indeed.

'My memories, although somewhat clouded and aged by today's reckoning, begin in the early 50s when my family first came to Staple Hill, emigrating from the land of the oval ball and the golden daffodil. And so it was at Staple Hill Junior School where we first made our acquaintance. In those bygone times of hot summer days and long bright evenings, at least every now and again, we would

play a lot of cricket on the rough and tumbled grass of Page Park. It was most fortunate that David lived within a door or two of the low boundary wall of said facility, and many hours of quasi test matches were spent until bad light stopped play.

'When the autumn and winter months arrived we turned to the less sedate game of association football. And between athletic sessions the art of trainspotting took precedence. In that particular gang was a young DAVID EWINS (53-59), amongst others whose names escape me at the moment. Junior school meant walking to our local favourite spotting pitches, whereas in the late Summer of 1953 our 11+ bicycles got us further.

'And so on to KGS where we spent at least 3 years together before arcing into different academic avenues. However, during those early days, one particular memory comes to mind of me skipping a football team which I named "The Barbarians", obviously influenced by the new game of rugby we were now enjoying. I think that David Gifford was in goal for us, with the likes of ROY WILCOX, BOB FUDGE, ALAN GAGE, DAVID HAWKINS et al, in a match that David had helped arrange with the Lyne family. Their players were two years older than us, but for whom we had no fear. We lost by a whisker, but at least they did not enjoy our junior cockiness.

'Then in 1959 we all went our separate ways, until about 2016 when David and I began sending birthday wishes to one another having the *KOSA* connection to thank for the reunion. Not a lot of detail in these short memories I'm afraid, but nevertheless showing that early friendships never die.

SACKCLOTH & ASHES...

Occasionally, but much too often, I'm afraid, your Ed makes mistakes, this often happening when assumptions are made. In reviewing IAN PEACOCK's (58-65) book, *Bankers: From Pillars to Pariahs*, in the last edition we discovered that a DAVID ROSEVEARE had addressed the *Mathematics Society*. It was bound to be OUR David Roseveare (45-53), of course, who quickly responded:

'Another interesting journal, Mike – thank you. I checked the obituaries and I wasn't featured, but was then amazed to read that David Roseveare (45-52) had lectured to the *Mathematics Society* about Maths on TV. Messrs PEET and HODG-ESON, my Maths teachers, would also have been surprised. This Roseveare was not at KGS – I feel sure I would have noticed someone with my name in my year.

'However, I have lectured at several international conferences in Germany, Belgium, Holland, Sweden and the UK. In 2000 I was the only Englishman to be invited to a conference at the National Academy of Education in Moscow, convened by President Yeltsin. We discussed what should be the basis of ethics in Russia after the fall of Communism, and concluded it should be Moses' Ten Commandments. However, considering recent events in Salisbury, I suspect they aren't taking the sixth one seriously!

'On a less serious note, did I tell you of something I did with a fellow post-grad at Bristol University in 1966? We took a metrological balloon up on to the roof of the old Chemistry building after dark, filled it with hydrogen from a cylinder, attached a long fuse to it which we ignited, and released it. The next day the

Evening Post reported that several people on their way home from work saw a huge ball of fire explode over Park Street. If the authorities should ever find out, I can now say it was another David Roseveare, yer 'onour!'

Needless to say we apologise for that mistake and any others we have made over the years in *KOSA NEWS*.

FOUND...

ROBIN FIDKIN (55-62) has responded to our request:

'In the latest *KOSA NEWS*, under *Where are they now?* DAVID BRITTON's (55-60) name appears.

'Dave and his wife Margie have been friends of myself and my wife Carol for many years. He was, like myself, a very keen sportsman in football and cricket, and we played together at Downend Enterprise Football Club for several years. We both started playing at the age of 15/16 in 1959 and I am pleased to say that we enjoyed quite a lot of success over a long period. I must mention also that he was Best Man at our wedding in June 1966.

'Margie and Dave have been residents of South Africa, mainly in Pretoria, for more than 40 years, and we were delighted to have them visit us about six months ago, and with them were John (his older brother) and his wife. We spent a few hours over lunchtime reminiscing over many, many things. It really was a thrill for all of us, and we intend doing it again. We do keep in touch by email regularly, and I have tried to persuade Dave to send me something for inclusion in *KOSA NEWS*.

'Both he and Margie are well and we most certainly will keep in touch with



STAFF...

Compare the number of staff in 1956 and 1973 with those in the photo of the staff in 1928 on page 4. However, some of the old names were still there in the 50s, viz Mr Howard, Mr Davies, Miss Perry, Mr Britton, Miss Quinton, Miss Powell

and Miss Watters. Perhaps the same stability is not in evidence today.

The 1973 photo has been autographed by Headmaster Ridley to Wynn Williams (Woodwork & Senior Master) on his retirement.



INFORMAL SHOTS...

Some photos which have been taken by the pupils themselves. Above 4H in July 1971. Below MISS SULLEY. The others are just Kingswood Scenes, but who are the boys?



them. Perhaps, if I copy him in on this email, he may send me a little piece for our magazine.

'I really enjoy reading KOSA and long may it continue to be printed!

...AND FROM DAVID...

My brother, John, has forwarded a photo of a page in the Autumn 2019 edition of *KOSA NEWS* indicating that you are curious as to my new whereabouts!

I must confess that I have intended to advise you that my wife, Margie, and I sold our property in Pretoria at the beginning of last year and relocated to a retirement village in the Kwa-Zulu Natal Midlands town of Howick.

It's a small town set in the midst of rolling hills which support many dairy farms and timber plantations. I understand (if the locals can be believed) that our population has the highest density of retired people, per square kilometre, than anywhere else in the country. This is evident by the pace of driving here (go over 40 kms/hr and you're likely to get a nose bleed!) and the traffic jams of "walking frames" in the supermarket aisles on "pensioners"day! This may be *slight* exaggeration but I'm sure you get the picture.

Anyway, I enclose our new address(s).

'John also mentioned that the *KOSA NEWS* is available on line. The postal system here does not enjoy the finest record when it comes to their delivery service and the on-line option sounds great.

My apologies for not keeping you up to date regarding our whereabouts and I look forward to hearing from you in due course.

KINGSWOOD RFC UPDATE...

CHRIS DARCH (64-69) brings us up-to-date on the developments at Kingswood RFC:

'Further to JOHN BISHOP'S (52-57) latest update about Kingswood Rugby Club (Issue 55), he failed to mention a fairly new initiative of Walking Rugby for the over 55s.

'It is an inclusive group of individuals aged from 55 to 85, open to all, irrespective of gender and abilities. It's non contact and very social and quite a laugh! It meets every Wednesday from 6.30pm to 8pm and on Thursday from 10am to 11am on the former Kingswood Grammar School pitches, behind the old Tennis court Pub that was. During the winter months we switch to the King's Oak Academy's astro pitches. So ROB SHERRINGTON and TONY PATTEMORE (63-70), and anyone else interested. Why not give it a try, if you'll pardon the pun?!

'If your appetite is whetted then please contact the WR chairman, John Thomson on 07954164590 and he'll give you further details.'

A quick check by the Ed when the memo was received from Chris suggested that things were prospering with Walking Rugby. Ladies' Rugby and Junior Rugby have also proved to be very popular and thriving.

SOCCER AT KINGS...

TIM BUSH (74-76) has sent KOSA a photograph of the 1977 6th Form Soccer team before the quarter finals of the cup against Chipping Sodbury (on page 17, with names). Kingsfield won 3-2, but went on to lose the semi-finals against Filton 4-0.



NAMES...

Back row: Gerald O'Regan, Steve Monks, John Gatehouse, Dave Oram, Simon Massey, Tim Thomas, Steve Over. Front row: Tim Bush, Nick Bishop, Rob Lovelock, Andy Bishop, Chris Edwards, Dave Lynette.

MORE NAMES...

From JERRY NASH (71-76): 'I was aware of the web site, but today my mum, (MAGGIE FORD (43-47) (now Heslop), gave me a copy of *KOSA NEWS* 55. I saw on page 25 my old form 1H of 1972. I am sure I can add some names if a clearer picture was available.

'I would also like to get in contact with any of the old form if possible (I am in contact with one or two on Facebook) Could I ask that you send my e mail address to WENDY DAFFERN (71-76)

(now Dodd) and see if she would like to get in touch. Now retired, I now live in Saltford. Some names on photo:

Back Left is Jerry Nash, Steve Delve, Andrew Richardson, Rob Lansdown, John Aspinwall, Malcolm Brown. Middle, Julie Hulbert, ? Carol Stride, Nigel Catlow, ?, Wendy Daffern, ?, ?, ?, Elizabeth Yule.

Front row as printed except it's Gary French, not Guy.



YET MORE NAMES...

By a co-incidence, on the same page in the last edition we published a photo of the group which visited Oxbridge in 1952. In consultation with her Natural History Society, BARBARA TUGWELL (45-52) (now Forrister) is now able to supply the names:



'Centre front is Janet Crew, behind is Jean Perry, Rosemary Morris, Rosemary Leigh, Morwenna Sherriff (we think), then Ann Morris. At the back we think is Joan Redford.

PINES EXPRESS...

JOHN BRITAIN (54-60) remembers the train interrupting his progress home, presumably at Warmley Station level crossing:

'In the last *KOSA NEWS* (No 55) there was a fine painting by EMLYN THOMAS (55-64) of the *Pines Express*, which I remember very well, as it used to hold me up going home for lunch.

'I have shown the photograph of the painting to the landlady of the *Midland Spinner Pub* and Graham Darby, the last signalman at Warmley Signal Box. They have both shown interest obtaining a copy of the painting at a cost to themselves.

Is it possible you could send me the

address of MATTHEW THOMAS (64-71), Emlyn's brother, to see if it is possible to obtain a copy of the painting and I will convey the outcome to the above as I only live a quarter of a mile from the signal box.'

We'll keep you informed of developments via *KOSA NEWS*.- Ed.

FIGHT..FIGHT..!

Remember the days when a difference between the boys (always the boys!) very occasionally developed into a fight? Shouts of 'Fight! Fight!' would ensure a group would quickly surround the contestants, and the whole thing would be over in a few minutes, or broken up by a prefect or a member of staff.



From the smiles on the faces we can be sure this is not a fight but a playground romp between KEITH YOUNG (54-59) (above) and VIC JORDAN (51-59).

Vic went on to become Head Boy during 1958-59. He obtained A-levels in Botany, Zoology and Chemistry and was awarded Cotswold Public Service Prize in 1958 and the Special Prize by the Parent-Teacher Association, in 1959.

Part of Vic's career was spent carrying out research at Long Ashton Research Station, an outpost of the University of Bristol, having obtained his PhD along the way.

DID YOU KNOW..?

That In 1973 Bristol celebrated the 600th anniversary of the award of its Charter as a City & County in 1373. As part of the celebrations, the 'Bristol 600' Exhibition was staged on the Downs from 20th July to 12th August, open daily 10am - 9pm. On 9th August the Exhibition was visited by The Queen and Prince Philip.

However, the Exhibition was officially opened on 20th July by none other than KGS Old Scholar Professor Sir BERNARD LOVELL.

PYRAMUS ET THISBE...

The photo (below) has been received by KOSA courtesy of MARY PLASTER (55-62) (now Canales). GORDON JACKSON (55-62) reported in *KOSA NEWS* 45 (Autumn 2014) that the production was done in 1956 by MISS HORSEMAN'S form of 1H in Latin. Miss Horseman herself taught Latin.

The players are:



Rear (l to r): Olga Vickerstaff (55-?, Gordon Jackson, John Huggett (55-?), Mary Plaster, Margaret Sparkes (55-60) (now Coggins).

Front: Richard Cordy (55-62), Mike Puzy? (55-?).

Does anyone know the whereabouts of Olga, John and Mike?

DEMOCRACY...

Commiserations to DAVID DREW (63-70) who was the Labour Member of Parliament for Stroud until the recent General Election in December 2019. David was swept away in the Tory landslide of seats, although not votes, in what purports to be our democratic system.

In the MP expenses saga of 2009, David was described by the *Stroud News & Journal* as honest and 'one of the saints' in that his expenses were considered reasonable when ranked 494th with all MPs, highest to lowest. No duck houses in Stroud!

OBITUARIES...

JEAN LOVELL (48-56) (later Walters)

We are sorry to report that JEAN LOVELL (48-56) (later Walters) died in Southmead Hospital on Thursday, 5th December 2019 where she was admitted with a virus infection. Jean's husband was PETE WALTERS, who was a long-serving Chairman of KOSA before he died. Jean was a relation of Sir Bernard Lovell of Radio Astronomy fame.

the front row.

In 1954 Jean was awarded the 5R (Arts) form prize and, along with Pete, she was Joint Captain of House for Fussell in 1955. After leaving KGS she worked for Lloyds Bank after gaining A-Levels in English Literature and History.

She was a consummate joiner, being a member of the Friends of Kingswood



Jean had served on the KOSA Committee since its reincarnation in 1986, and she was in the small group which met that year to discuss the possibility of producing a newsletter for the old scholars of KGS, which eventually became *KOSA NEWS*. From then on she was a firm supporter of KOSA's activities, usually organising the raffle at our lunches.

She was very sporty even from her schooldays at KGS and she played tennis well into her 70s. She played both tennis and hockey for school teams and she was a leading light in the English Society. In the 2nd XI Hockey team (above), Jean is second from the right in

Heritage Museum, a member of a walking club, and a member of Kingswood Y's Men's Club, helping to raise funds for charity. One of her hobbies was to produce stained-glass artefacts, and examples of her work were in evidence at her home in Kingswood. She will be missed by KOSA, but especially by her children, Richard and Alison, and sister Rosemary, who is also ex-KGS.

Jean's funeral was on Monday January 6th at Westerleigh Crematorium and was attended by her many family and friends.

JULIE JOHNS (68-75) has discovered a distant relative who has died:

GEORGE CARPENTER WILLIAMS (1935-2019):

'Sadly, I have just learned that an elderly second cousin GEORGE CARPENTER WILLIAMS, who attended Kingswood Grammar from approximately 1946-1953, passed away at a nursing home in Torrington, Devon on 10th September 2019, aged 84. The family had lost contact with him, but we believe he was a school teacher.

'He grew up in a bungalow in Abbots Road, in Hanham and, after university, married in Taunton in 1963. We believe he remained in the west country living near Wellington, Somerset and Chulmleigh in Devon more recently. As a result of receiving this information I have been in contact with some cousins on the other side of his family and discovered that one had been at Kingsfield in the 1970s, although we were in different years.

'As someone who dabbles in genealogy, this is not the first time I've discovered someone from Kingsfield was distantly related to me. So if there are any others of you out there with Williams and Lewis coal mining ancestors in the Potterswood area in mid 1800s, we may be related too!

'I will now also be browsing past issues of the *KOSA NEWS* to see if this deceased relative is mentioned in any photos or articles.'

MARK ADAMS (51-56) has informed us of the passing of a friend:

'I am sorry to let you know that MARJORIE BRYANT (53-58) (later Nicholas) passed away on 12th August 2019. Marge, as she was known, was a friend from our school days. We kept in touch and talked on the phone several times a year sharing our families' triumphs and

disasters. Our conversations always had much laughter, especially when remembering the fun we had with friends on our walks to and from school.

'Marjorie married David Nicholas (known as Nick) who also attended KGS(48-?) in January 1962. She had thought that Dave was really handsome and set her heart on him. As a couple they had many holidays including a trip around Europe on a Vespa!

'Marjorie worked for many years for Lloyds Bank in Bristol, Bournville Birmingham and finally in Derby where they settled as David worked for Rolls Royce there.

Marjorie and David ran youth clubs in Etwall and Repton for many years. They had 2 daughters, Sadie and Laura, and she and David eventually became grandparents to four. As a grandmother Marge helped her grandchildren through their GCSEs and on to University.

'Marjorie's health had declined over the past few months, sadly resulting in her passing away in August. She had a great sense of humour and will be greatly missed by all her family and friends.'

DEREK BAILEY (49-53) has sent *KOSA* an obituary of BRIAN LESLIE BAISH (49-53) written by Brian's son:

Brian's second birthday was the first day of World War Two. The war years left him with clear memories of air raids over the West Country, as the family moved from Knowle West to Midsomer Norton, and eventually to Pool Road in Kingswood. He credited KGS, and the developing education system of the time, with giving him opportunities his parents never had, and went on to Bristol University to study History. He began a career in



public service almost as soon as he graduated, working first for the National Assistance Board in Wigan and then closer to home in Fishponds.

Brian had a busy, active life - he was an expert at fencing, and he loved horse-riding. He'd spend his spare time volunteering, including visiting prisoners to play chess with them. In the mid-sixties he made the move to London, starting a 20-year spell at the Department for Education and Science. He became a top civil servant, specialising in many different policy issues, including funding for universities, introducing computers into schools, and giving children from disadvantaged backgrounds a better chance in life. When the government of the day decided to ban corporal punishment in schools, it was Brian who devised the policy and saw it through.

Early in his time in London, living on the Earl's Court Road in the swinging sixties, Brian met and married his wife Irene, and their son John was born. Brian retired early from the Civil Service, coming back to Bristol to be closer to his parents, and together with Irene he threw himself into a whole new range of voluntary work. They became room stewards

for the National Trust at Dyrham Park, setting up charity groups for local history enthusiasts. Devising events, creating newsletters and all the while widening their social circle, Brian and Irene enjoyed their long retirement. Thirty years after returning to Kingswood, they moved to Bath in 2016, where Irene still lives.

Brian died peacefully at Oakfield Care Home, Bath, on January 28th 2019, aged 81. A much loved husband, brother, father and grandfather, he will be sadly missed and lovingly remembered by Irene, John and all the family.

In the photo of V Remove of 1953, Brian is seated in the front row on the left of form mistress MISS BAGSHAW who taught History.

We have also been informed of the passing of PAT HARDING (48-55) and by an unfortunate co-incidence she also appears in the V Remove photo and is seated next to BRIAN BAISH. JEAN LOVELL (later Walters), whose death is also reported in this issue of *KOSA NEWS*, is seated on the right of Miss Bagshaw

Sadly, we have been notified of the deaths of Brian Hepworth (61-68) who died on 31st July 2019, Adrian Robbins (61-68), David Roberts (45-50) (14th May 2019), Karl Hecks (49-52) (14th May 2016), Kathleen Palmer (44-49) (later Norman), Jean Stock (43-48) (later Yard), Robert Weeks (43-48) (15th May 2019) and Anita Coates (51-56) (later Gingell, who died on 6th January 2020.

To all those who have lost a loved one we send out condolences.

THE MUSIC DEPARTMENT...

MATTHEW THOMAS (64-71) recalls times in the MUSIC department:

‘One member of staff who has been largely overlooked in KOSA is Mr D J RENDELL, the accomplished organist and pianist who was Head of Music ERIC HILTON’s assistant in what was, at that time, an illustrious Music Department; his lessons were enlivened by his dry sense of humour. I think he emigrated to Canada round about 1967, after which his silky keyboard technique was but a memory.

‘I enjoyed the anecdote (which I cannot now find, so apologies to the author) about the double bass which suffered from a close encounter with a gatepost when it was being transported through the entrance to KGS in Mr Hilton’s car. Mr Hilton’s reaction to this demonstration of the Law of Unintended Consequences is not recorded, but his patience must have been stretched to the limit when a careless fifth-form elbow nudged a pile of treasured 78 rpm. records, which crashed and smashed on the floor.

‘A plain-spoken Lancastrian and lifelong total abstainer, his relationship with Headmaster C N RIDLEY was not frictionless, and he could be on a very short

fuse indeed. But he was a substantial figure, with degrees from London and Manchester; his learning was deep and his musicianship impressive. It was ironic that, having waxed lyrical about the rewards (presumably not financial) of teaching, he should have called it a day in his mid-fifties when he still had plenty of fuel in his tank; as a prospective A-level student, I never quite forgave him for that. Curiously, there was little interest in the post; eventually Mrs MARY TOWERSEY strove valiantly to don his mantle without being knocked flat.

‘HELEN ESPLIN (?-71) and I visited him at his retirement home above Thornbury for piano lessons; the garden was stocked with alpines which he and his wife Mabel had transplanted from the European mountains, and a panoramic view of the Severn estuary delighted the eye through the music room’s French windows. Sadly, both the house and garden, like their owner, have gone now. The teaching I received there was better than my later tuition at the Royal Academy of Music. Another of ‘life’s little ironies’, in Thomas Hardy’s phrase.’

THOSE FIRES...

WENDY EDWARDS (51-57) (now Cookes) sends greetings and updates us on the fires in Victoria:



‘I thought you and your readers might be interested to hear about the truly terrible bushfires in Australia first hand.

‘Eleven years ago we were very much involved in The Black Saturday fires and from our property on a hill overlooking

the Vineyards we watched the Yarra Valley and surrounding areas go up in smoke, the fires reached our front fence...

'This time I am watching at a distance but with great horror a repeat of this. A few months ago our whole family spent a lovely skiing holiday in the lovely town of Dinner Plain in the Victorian Alps, and had to leave in convoy, roads were closed because of a blizzard; now it is under threat from fire and had to be evacuated.

'I have friends living in The Blue Mountains west of Sydney, a great beauty spot, they had a 2am phone call to evacuate, fortunately they were in Adelaide for Xmas with family! Other friends camping as they do every year in Gippsland spent the night on the beach with four thousand others being defended by a row of firemen; they were evacuated by the navy.

'I have family in the UK emailing about friends and other relatives they have been trying to contact, and I have been trying to reassure them that lack of contact is because there is no power in these places, and whilst loss of property has been enormous loss of life has been very small, much was learnt from the last fire and people evacuated when told.

'These events do bring out the best in people...the mayor of Bairnsdale was looking for empty warehouses to fill with donated food and goods...many people are left with just the clothes they stand up in. On the other hand, one lady packed her car with stuff so well she forgot to leave space for her husband...someone suggested maybe it was not an accident!

'However our ex-Adman Prime minister

has not fared so well. His trip to Hawaii and lack of empathy has gone down like a lead balloon. Our wonderful volunteer firemen turned their backs on him when he tried to shake hands. There was a rather pertinent article in the paper on line this morning headed *Death of a Salesman!* We wish!

'Really not sure how Australia is going to recover from this, our leaders have believed in 'The Lucky Country' for far too long, and like the US and the UK our leaders are clueless and still in denial about climate change when the results are here staring us in the face.

'Personally I am fine and all family and friends all accounted for. I am on the South West coast of Victoria in one of the wettest places in the state, it rained last night, is cool and smoke free...at the moment! But who knows what is in store. Best wishes to you all from what was once 'The Lucky Country'...Down Under.'

49ers REUNION...

BOB GRAY (49-56) reports on a get-together:

'On the 15th November 2019 thirteen old scholars plus two guests descended on the *Fox & Hounds Inn*, Acton Turville for a 49ers reunion.

'We met in the bar for drinks and plenty of reminiscing then moved to dining room where we had a delicious meal with more chatter and looking at photos. How we had all changed!

'Many of our colleagues were unable to come due to distance or illness but nevertheless we had a lovely day. The whole event was made possible by the hard work of JOHN BREDDY (49-56) who had managed to contact many old 49ers. He had also arranged reunions in 1999 and



2009 as well as this one. Whether he will be able to arrange one in 2029 remains to be seen. Thank you John for organising the whole day.'

A SMALL REUNION...

For some years now, a small group from 55-56 5MS have got together in January for lunch at the *Willy Wicket* in Downend. Many of us left in 1956 after O-levels, a year when GEORGE BUTCHER (English) was our form master. Many of us are still in contact with George, who now lives in Aylesbury with his wife Sheila. George, now 93, moved to Aylesbury Grammar from KGS in 1958.

The photo (below) shows - left: Stan (Buster) Burrage, Mary Powell, Mark Adams, Martin Harryman - right: Eileen Matthews, Mike Bendrey, Dave Hussey.



FUTURE REUNIONS...

There are future year reunions planned. TONY PATTEMORE et al are planning a get together for the 63-70 crowd at Tracey Park on 7th November 2020 and CHRISTOPHER GREENFIELD (60-68) is planning a meeting in late September. See Diary Dates on the front page for more information.

PIRATES OF PENZANCE...

This G & S opera was first performed by the School in 1951, but the photo (below) is from the production on four nights in December 1963.

According to the cast list in *Kingswood Chronicles*, there were nine in the Chorus of Police, but the photo shows only seven. The nine who took place in the performances were G F E Cook, R Fudge, M James, R W Lengfeld, Mr W H Leigh, D Marsh, M F Robinson, E Thomas and P R Wheatley. Can anyone



name those in the photo?

The criticism of the police by an unknown person in *Kingswood Chronicles* was very complimentary:

Humorous touches were provided by the timid Major General and the pompous Sergeant of Police, whose comic scenes were the finest of the evening....The police whose duty it is to capture the pirate were convincingly terrified before the gallant robbers.



FROM ABROAD...

The photo (top) was sent to us by Michael J Watts, who lives in San Francisco. The lower photo of 1956-57 Junior Rugby XV was sent by Tony Hart from Ballina, NSW, Australia.

KOSA BANK...

We appreciate all those who make a

contribution to KOSA, whether financial or by sending an article. Some, however, have asked to make payments by the BACS system. To those who wish to do so, our bank is Lloyds, BX1 1LT, sort code 30-98-06, account #00746093 and the account name is KOSA. It would be helpful if you informed the Treasurer of each transfer and include your name in the transaction with the bank. Thanks..

KOSA MATTERS...

Since the last *KOSA NEWS* the following have joined or rejoined the Association. School names rather than married names have been used:

Lewis Claridge (55-63), Brian Gibson (59-64), a re joiner in Paralimni, Cyprus, Carol Faulkner (71-76), Margaret Forty (50-57), David Britton (55-60), a re joiner in Kwa-Zulu Natal, South Africa, and John Taylor (54-?) and his wife Angela Vowles (55-?). Welcome to all.

If you are aware of any ex-Kingswood friends who are not in KOSA, then just forward their details and we will do the rest. Married names and names at school, addresses and years at school will suffice.

WHERE ARE THEY NOW..?

If you're changing address, please let us know. We have lost contact with Janice Thomas Maynard (64-71) (now Thomas), Owen Celeu (63-70), David Herod (46-50), last known of in Malaga, Spain, Nick Otty (67-72), an ex-member of staff, and Sandra Jerwood (63-70) (now Barton).

If you know the whereabouts of these lost members, please let us know.

KOSA SECRETARY...

MARGARET REECE (55-62) (now Wills), our Secretary, has resigned and therefore at the next AGM we will be looking for a new Committee Member and Secretary. Any volunteers? We, of course, would like to express our thanks to Margaret for her valued contribution to KOSA operations.

The passing of Jean Lovell (48-56) (later Walters) was a shock to us all. Jean had been a member of the KOSA Committee

since its inception and her contribution to the development of KOSA over the years has been enormous. Her input will be sadly missed and means that there is a vacancy for a member of the KOSA Committee.

BACK PAGE...

The photo on the back page was taken in 1974 of the oak tree and the Science Block section of the new SIXTH FORM and SCIENCE BLOCK.

The new building was opened on the afternoon of the 12th September 1968 by Major P D Birchall, who was the Chairman of Gloucestershire County Council.

After opening prayers and a dedication by Canon John Radford, whose son, ANDY RADFORD went to KGS, Headmaster C N RIDLEY outlined the purpose of the new building. The Chairman of the Governors, Mrs D J Hanmer, whose children also went to KGS, then introduced Major Birchall who officially opened the building and unveiled a plaque in the foyer. DAVID BATT, Head of School at the time, gave the vote of thanks to Major Birchall and the official party. The building was then open for inspection and tea was served.

The three-storey building was a replacement for the old Science accommodation. On the ground floor were two laboratories for Biology and General Science and the first floor comprised three Physics laboratories, a study room and lecture theatre. The top floor comprised three Chemistry laboratories, a study room and an additional lecture theatre. The 6th Form section included twelve tutor rooms, a library, an audio-visual room for Geography and Music, a library, a language laboratory, common room, and a dining room. Luxury indeed!

