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EDITORIAL...

A big apology for the late production of this edition. A combination of Covid-19 lock-down, illness, hospitals and operations have conspired to make the production of this edition a difficult activity. However, we hope to be over these problems now and we plan to get back to 'normal'. Our plans to organise a celebration of the centenary of Kingswood Secondary School/Grammar School/Kingsfield/King's Oak Academy have also taken a knock. One of the events we were hoping to organise was a lunch at the Brook Road Bistro - the old canteen. This, too, was overtaken by events, so the only commemorative activity was the exhibition of photos at the Kingswood Heritage Museum. It also featured a list of memorable ex-pupils who had achieved notable positions in their careers.

We hope to get back on track by having an Autumn Lunch and AGM at Lincombe Barn Downend on **Saturday, 15 October 2022**. Please put that date in your diaries now. We hope to combine the lunch with a reunion for the 53ers (see below).

No forms are in this edition again, so if you still wish to make a voluntary donation to the work of KOSA you may either make a bank transfer to Lloyds, 30-98-06, #00746093 or send a cheque to our Treasurer, Martin Harryman, 5 Brecon View, Bleadon Hill, Weston super Mare, BS24 9NF. A form for the Autumn Lunch and overdue AGM will be included in the next edition.

The Editor

53ers REUNION...

JILL BROOKS (53-59) (now Hayden) suggests a reunion:

'Many of you who started at KGS in 1953 will realise we are 80 this year! Could we meet up in October 2022 (Covid permitting) at Lincombe Barn in Overndale Road, Downend for a meal together and a chat about old times. If you would like your name included on a list please ring JILL BROOKS (I'm now Jill Hayden) on 0117 9373344 or 07968 508 855. Here's hoping for a big turnout!'

KOSA AUTHORS...

REV JOHN HARRIS (53-60) has written about *Mission Praise*, which was featured on page 9 of the last edition.

'The first is a revelation that I am sure I should have known about long ago - that ROLAND FUDGE (58-65) is a Rodway Hill lad. I have chosen, announced, played and prayed his arrangements in *Mission Praise*, seen his name and never thought of the connection with KGS. Anyway, we have now exchanged e-mails and caught up with each other's stories. He lives in an enviable spot in Yorkshire.

'The second concerns the Bendrey Bros saw mills at Bridgegate (page 5 of #58). There can't be too many saw mills in that area. When we came home to Mangotsfield to see my parents I used to take my Dad to the mill for off cuts as in retirement he used to make tables from them to sell as coffee tables - a ruin to lady's tights, but quite nice looking. My nephew also used to take him. It was quite often an embarrassment as he used to try and knock down the prices charged. His favourite line was 'How much for a pensioner?' with emphasis on the last word!

John has also drawn our attention to a biography of Old Scholar Sir BERNARD LOVELL, *Space has no Frontiers*, and has provided the following review:

'I saw a review of a book about our most famous ex-pupil, BERNARD LOVELL, in the *Methodist Recorder* during one of the lock-downs and have since read it. *Space has no Frontiers* is by John Bromley-Davenport. It is by no means a new book (2013), but biographies are ageless of course.

'It does not get off to a good start,

calling KGS. 'Kingswood School' and compounding the error by placing the 1976 fire in the 1960s doesn't inspire confidence. There is another victim of poor editing later on. All in all, the reader may think that every fact in the book ought to be approached with caution.

So I read it as a book in which there may be more mistakes than I detected, but which provided me with the broad brush strokes of Lovell's life. If there were more errors, then they did not detract from giving what I was looking for.

What came over strongly? I recall most perhaps the struggles he had with authority over progress in various projects, work places, equipment (doing great things with little) and so on. Whether it was local councils, universities (in particular Manchester) or government, Lovell proved to be a doughty adversary where needed. He generally got his way – perhaps a feature of so many people destined for greatness. Descriptions of colleagues are honest, some of them cooperative and qualified, but occasionally he came across others in high places who were neither.

'I was alerted to his work on radar in the Second World War and his moral dilemma of inventing new techniques in its use that would send people to their deaths. His setting up of Jodrell Bank tends to overshadow his other scientific work that is now captured in his prolific writings.

'Throughout the book there is the description of Lovell the man, the other side to how science remembers him. We are introduced to a happy and large family. There is a love of the natural

world that saw him and his wife setting up an arboretum. Sir Bernard was a talented musician, playing the organ at his local church. The list of musicians he saw perform at the Free Trade Hall is enviable. Another aspect of his life was his involvement in cricket, both as a member of Lancashire County Cricket Club and as a player for his village team in Cheshire. He was a man of many interests and talents.

‘Finally there is a thread throughout the book of his Christian faith. Brought up in a keen Methodist family, Sir Bernard did not have what could be called an orthodox set of beliefs, but like many he managed to fuse science and faith into a coherent whole that stood the test of time and the circumstances of life.

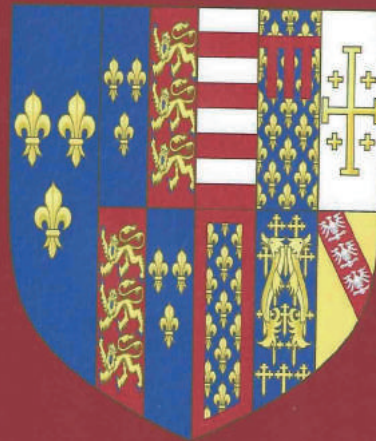
‘This well-written book made one reader proud of the education provided by KGS. that opened up, as it has for many, a world to grace by one’s presence in it and to serve to the best of one’s ability. That Sir Bernard Lovell certainly abundantly achieved. The book is published by Bene Factum Press and cost £20.’

We Know that Bernard Lovell was a prolific author in his own right and we have reviewed some of his books in earlier editions of *KOSA NEWS*.

Two further books by Sir Bernard we have discovered are *Man’s Relation to the Universe*, based on a series of lectures he gave to the Faculty of Natural Sciences of the State University of New York at Buffalo in 1973, and *Pathways to the Universe* (1988), co-written with Francis Graham-Smith.

A new book on Margaret of Anjou has

Margaret of Anjou and the men around her



B. M. CRON

been written by BONITA CARR (51-57) (now Cron), *Margaret of Anjou and the Men Around Her* is a scholarly tome of over 600 pages which includes a well-researched and extensive bibliography.

Margaret of Anjou was one of the key personalities of the Wars of the Roses who entered the English court at the age of fifteen amid the backdrop to the Hundred Years’ War. A must for any historian interested in that period of history. History and Heritage Publishing 2021 £15.95.

Bonnie, who now lives in New Zealand, probably has the writing gene inherited from her father who was John Dickson Carr, an American crime writer, who lived in Kingswood for a spell, hence Bonnie’s attendance at KGS.

BREXIT UPDATE...

ROGER DONE (55-62) has updated us on the position in Spain last year:

'I was interested to read the saga of TIM BEEDELL (68-75) and his wife in obtaining French nationality as a result of Brexit, in contrast to the situation for thousands of UK citizens in Spain.

'I have lived in this rural part of Andalusia for nearly 25 years. It is the Al-manzora region which comprises various small towns and villages. 15 years ago thousands of UK citizens started to arrive. Mostly pensioners and early retirees, some to permanently settle, others to purchase a holiday home, and some younger families hoping to set up small businesses.

'When Brexit arrived there was a cloud of despair and uncertainty, not only amongst the UK residents, but also amongst the Spanish, because we have brought investment to an impoverished region of rural Spain. What would happen to the bars, restaurants, car showrooms, building supply merchants, supermarkets if we left?

'Well after the dust settled nothing much has changed. People who had correctly registered have been granted permanent residence, with full access to the health system and with continuing voting rights for local elections, and we have unrestricted travel within the EU (or will have after current restrictions). No-one is trying to obtain Spanish nationality; in fact most have never mastered Spanish with Spanish businesses preferring to speak English.

'But for some people Brexit has been a disaster. Those who have been driving on a UK licence, being unable to pass the 5 yearly Spanish medical test,

face a problem. For holiday home owners their length of stay is now limited to 3 months every 6 months; an end to 6 months enjoying the Spanish winter sun.

'We wait to see how this will affect the ability of people to sell their homes if they wish to return to the UK, given that re-sales are almost exclusively to UK citizens. For people now wishing to move to Spain you will have to satisfy "foreign country rules", which require private medical insurance and an annual income for a couple of over 30,000 euros

'Of course things will not be clear until travel restrictions end, because UK citizens have problems travelling to Spain, unless they are permanent residents.

'Locally the pandemic is having little effect. Schools, bars, restaurants and shops have mostly remained open. Hospital admissions are under control. Most people in their 60s, 70s and 80s have had one or two doses of a vaccine, as well as front line workers such as teachers, police and fire officers, and other health related workers such as opticians and physiotherapists.

'So it has been life as normal since the New Year, except that face masks have become a permanent attachment to leave the house. You cannot walk down the street without it, although we can remove the mask in a bar or restaurant!'

REPROBATES' CORNER...

BERNARD CLARK (58-66) is our reprobate this time:

'In the autumn 2020 issue the Editor

expressed an interest in knowing the period of my 'internment'. I entered the hallowed portals in September 1958 and left for the FIRST time in July 1965. I left for a SECOND time in July 1966 and I am hoping to explain the reasons for that in a future epistle.

'On this occasion I want to feature the dreaded timetable entry 'Games/PE'. It was quite a shock after the dancing and prancing that constituted those activities at primary school to come face to face with the fitness regime of JIMMY WILDE, the Games Master. I have always assumed this must have arisen from his serving in a particularly sadistic branch of the military. It therefore became my mission, to avoid these activities as much as possible but that proved more difficult than anticipated. The forged parental notes, the vital 'missing' items of kit and minor injuries acquired at break time all eventually proved ineffective, sniffed out I suspect, by more military training. Our relationship settled down to long years of mutual misunderstanding. However, cricket was an exception when a snooze beneath the trees occupied at least half the session.

'Relief eventually arrived in the first year of the 6th form. The opportunity was open to all A-level Art students in the form of the annual school play. The required scenery was to be designed and painted' and this proved a legitimate form of avoidance for the autumn term at least. The winter term usually contained a certain amount of weather-related disruption and when this was not available the 6th form Art studio provided secret sanctuary, although a small amount of games-related pain had to be endured. Summer term was snoozing again and athletics could be

avoided or diminished by various ruses. Poor performance usually spelt total disinterest in the 'athlete' by Jimmy, although feigned injury was met with a degree of verbal displeasure.'

PEDANTS' CORNER...

In the best traditions of *Private Eye*, we are starting a Pedants' Corner to correct all those errors in *KOSA NEWS*. DAVE MASSEY (66-71) kicks off this feature:

'There is something that troubles me in the article in #57 about Brexit and the UK, now French, couple living in France.

'The phrase describing the couple as 'the subjects of Her Majesty' is totally wrong. The law changed some 40 years ago so that we are all 'citizens', which includes the Monarch herself.

'Although some people may be happy to be seen as 'subjects' many don't and strongly object to being seen in that light. Rees-Mogg referred to the public in Parliament recently as 'subjects' and rightly got slapped down for it. It certainly is wrong that it is imposed on them too, in whatever context. This was one of several reasons why the law got changed.

'It would therefore be good to see a full amendment of that published in the next issue. This from Wiki confirms the legal situation:

"The British Nationality Act 1948 redefined British subject as any citizen of the United Kingdom, its colonies, or other Commonwealth countries. Commonwealth citizen was first defined in this Act to have the same meaning."

'Are we British citizens or subjects?

"Until 1949, nearly everyone with a close connection to the United Kingdom was called a 'British subject'. All citizens of Commonwealth countries were collectively referred to as 'British subjects' until January 1983.

'Although the reigning monarch is arguably not a British subject, the current Queen is a British citizen according to law. ..."

I extended my apologies to Dave, but pointed out that my report was a translation from a French newspaper - Ed.

REMEMBER..?

LIONEL MATTHEWS (54-61) recalls a trip to Weston. Were you with him? 'I have this memory of a group of us getting on our bikes and cycling to Weston-super-Mare. I think there were about six of us, all lads because as other correspondents to the newsletter have mentioned in those years there was an inexplicable segregation of boys and girls, so no girls on the trip (shame!)

'It was in the summer holiday either between the fifth form and lower six or lower six and upper six, my memory is a bit vague there. It would have been my classmates, that is the 1954 to 1961 pupils. So that would be 1959 or 1960 that the trip took place. The only person that comes to mind was on the trip was ANGUS CHALLINOR, I don't know why I remember him in particular, perhaps he organised it.

'I have no visual memory of the cycle ride, it is a long way to Weston-super-Mare if you are not used to riding long distances (which we were not) but I don't recall anybody struggling or giv-

ing up. I do remember the time in Weston, I went there thinking that we would be doing what all lads do at the seaside, play football on the beach, go on the pier et cetera. However, none of that, the rest wanted to go to the Lido, not just for an hour, but all day. At that time I couldn't swim so I hadn't taken any swimming things, so I was bored out of my mind, which is why I remember that bit. I don't remember the trip back either, but it must have been quite a drag up through St George up to Kingswood. Again, I don't remember anybody struggling.

'If you could put this in the next newsletter and hope that anybody in KOSA who was on the trip could fill in a few more details for me.'

PHIL DARKE (47-52) puts pen to paper (literally) in response to the last edition:

'Until I became a regular recipient I seldom heard any news of my former classmates except through casual gossip. The following anecdote is a typical example:

'A neighbour was taking guitar lessons and I asked him how he was progressing. He replied that he had almost reached 'concert standard' but that his wife had vetoed further lessons because his female tutor was becoming too friendly with him. My sister was very friendly with the couple and au fait with Oldland Common gossip. She, laughingly, advised me to take the conversation with a large pinch of salt and that the 'music teacher was a lively Jewish-looking woman who also ran a local keep fit class'. My brother-in-law HUGH BURT, also ex-KGS, suggested the talented lady was MAUREEN CURRY (later Henneveld), as KOSA

NEWS later confirmed.

'DAVID COLES (52-58) (obituary page 24) can only be the man with whom, as a fellow draughtsman, I shared an interest in modelling and motor cycles. He was a meticulous craftsman and ran an immaculate Morris Minor obtained from the Bath firm that specialises in reproducing these popular vehicles.

'I read MARGARET LOVELL'S (47-53) contribution with interest. She seems to have a high opinion of her creations which are displayed in various public buildings. I am amazed at the high prices fetched by her unwieldy castings. An entire platoon of Art Master HAROLD WATTS would fail to convince me that they are artistic productions of outstanding merit. I must be wrong, however, because Ms Lovell has evidently carved (literally) a living and a measure of fame in the rarefied atmosphere of the art world.

(I would remind our members that the opinions of our contributors do not represent the opinions of KOSA - Ed.)

'I have scrutinised the photo of the Oldsters on page 30 of the last edition and recognised some of the personnel who at one time were classmates of mine.

They were as follows:

Back row: Michael Moon, Brian Willie, John Tobin. Middle row: Chris Musty, Lawrence Merrick, June Miller. Front row: Buckley, Hazel Lloyd, Jane Bracey, Paddy Yeoman, Mr Hodgson, Wendy Lansdown, Sheila Spiers, Maureen Curry, Clive Besley.

'June Miller was to me the 'Olympic Girl' of John Betjeman's poem and Paddy Yeoman was the highest of high

achievers. Clive Besley gained notoriety by 'shooting' Hanham Weir in a canoe and Chris Musty was a fellow railway enthusiast.

'I realise via KOSA NEWS that some are now deceased, but at 85 years of age how many are still with us? Pardon my ignorance, but what is the significance of the 'Remove' classification as applied to this particular 5th form?'

PRINCELY MEETING...

ROY HUBBARD (53-60) remembers The day he Met HRH The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh:

'The first time I met, or to be more precise actually saw Prince Philip was in 1953 at a cricket match played on the Duke of Beaufort's Estate at Badminton. He was captaining his Invitation XI against Lindsay Hasset's Australian tourists one sunny Sunday, one of those old fashioned games played for fun between the more serious stuff of Test and County cricket matches.

'In those days we lived in Staple Hill and to get to somewhere we had not even heard of we caught a train to Stapleton Road changing for one for Swindon. It stopped at Badminton whether the Duke or Duchess were on board or not; a private arrangement with GWR.

'Seating on the boundary was on straw bales, those on trailers were extra; large marquees for bars and changing rooms were a world away from Lord's and its Long Room. Prince Philip both bowled and batted in his Zingari cap, a decent cricketer in his own right by all accounts.

'Some years later, having passed all



the various tests, the next occasion was that of being invited to Buckingham Palace to receive my D of E Gold Award along with 140 others on the 3rd November 1959. The Scheme began in 1956 with girls starting 2 years later and on this day the first ones were being awarded their Gold Award Certificates.

'What a fantastic day out as the first part of our trip was a tour of both Houses of Parliament as personal guests of The Rt. Hon. the Lord Aberdare who was the National President of the YMCA. It was via the Kingswood, Branch of this organisation that my school friend DAVID EWINS (53-59) and I had completed both the Silver and Gold Standards. There were seven YMCA boys on this tour to be followed by a luncheon in one of the private dining rooms of the House of Commons.

'Then we were dropped at the Palace gates and made our way into the inner

quadrangle and through a side door into the Palace itself. We were met by footmen who took our coats and gave us our instructions. Lining up in two corridors, each side of the State Ballroom, we were told how we were to be called forward, how we were to address the Duke of Edinburgh and where we were to stand after the presentation. So much to take in but we were so much younger then.

'When I was presented he asked me what was my occupation and what I might like to do with my life. At the end he gave a short speech and a few of us were introduced to Sir John Hunt, the general secretary of the Scheme; little did I know that I would see more of this retired Brigadier who was to lead an expedition to Greenland the following summer; however, that is another story.

'Finally we met up with our parents who had also been invited to the Ceremony. After a few photographs and a couple of press interviews it was taxis back to Paddington Station for the long trip home.

'However, this article is really about Prince Philip and his wonderful Scheme that he designed to get boys and girls throughout the World to try their hand at pushing themselves to achieve that much more from life. And I would encourage any young reader to join the Scheme, you will not be disappointed. Remember, thousands of us all over the Globe have now taken part since the Scheme started over 60 years ago, so something must be going right for it.'

The photo (left) shows Roy Hubbard, Lord Aberdare and David Ewins.

JANET WRITES...

Ex-MP JANET ANDERSON (62-68) found herself in the last edition:

'Photo on page 17 of MR MORRIS' (Geography) 3M – middle row from left is 1) PENNY STRANGE, 2) is me, JANET ANDERSON, 3) is VALERIE EDWARDS. Also good to see post from CHRISTOPHER GREENFIELD (60-68).

We did indeed bump into each other when both working at the Commons years later.

'I have a vague recollection of a mock election at the school in 1964. I think Chris was the Liberal candidate and I was the Labour organiser. I asked, I think MRS RICHARDSON, if a group of us could have the day off to help in the actual general election that year. I was told no, but we all did anyway and got detention as a result. My day was the Labour agent at the time in Bristol North West and we were used to babysit children while their parents went to vote, something we could not do now.

'Have you got FRANCES HANMER (61-68) signed up? Her mother was the chair of governors and my last memories of her are falling off a ladder while trying to get into a youth hostel in Wales after hours! (Yes, all the Hanmers are members - Ed.)

'My late father, Tom Anderson, was the Labour agent in Bristol North West when Labour candidate, David Watkins, did not win, but he subsequently went on to win Consett, or North West Durham. But John Ellis did win in 1966 and later went on to be the Labour MP for Brigg and Scunthorpe.

'Although I was never a fan of Tony Benn, I do remember when he did our

speech night at KGS and had us enthralled. Also the famous 4 letter word cartoon that appeared in the national press when someone had written f*** on HEADMASTER RIDLEY's car but cannot find it online now.'

CONGRATULATIONS..!

To our other ex-MP DAVID DREW (63-70) on being elected to Gloucestershire County Council in May 2021.

OVER THE BORDER...

CAROLE LOVELL (54-61) (now Pitson) writes from Scotland:

'We are looking forward to seeing one of our daughters, 'exiled' in Northampton, when the Scottish border opens to you Sassenachs again, with the possibility of staying under the same roof, on May 17th. Red-ringed on my calendar. As for the other, who lives in Madrid and has taken out Spanish citizenship to continue living and working there after Brexit, apart from blessed Zoom we haven't been together for 16 months and counting. I'm sure everyone has a similarly regretful tale to tell about family disruptions this last year.

'I have only just got round to reading my KOSA mag. and I'm sure you will already have been informed that in BILL BARKER's 1960 Prefects picture on page 28 the missing names are FRANK DOBBINS and JEAN BRIDGES. The boy on the left in the front row sitting next to Bill is JEFF CHANDLER, not Bridges, which may account for the confusion over signatures on the back of the photograph. Sadly, as you know, both Jean and Frank died in the last decade. (By the way, my pic. must be just about the worst I've ever had taken!).'

WE WERE THERE...

MARTIN SOLLARS (70-76) and WENDY DAFFERN (71-76) (now Dodd) both remember the 1971 trip to Avening which we featured in #58 page 29. Wendy writes:

'I remember going to Avening House in 1972 with Miss Alexander, I have lost touch with everyone from my school days but we all had a great time. I hope MISS ALEXANDER (now Fuentes) and the class 1H are all keeping safe and well in these difficult times.'

Martin is able to provide many of the names:

'I was one of the signatories to Mrs Fuentes in 1972, I was 11 years old at the time. Apologies for the names wrong and forgotten but to my recollection the names were:

Jeremy Nash, Wendy Daffern
Shane Ellison, Rob Lansdown,
Marian Ford, D ?, Martin Sollars (me)
JuliaHulbert,J?Clement,JohnAspinwall
Tessa Willmore, B ? Elson, Melvin
Brown, Elizabeth ? Yule, R ?
Thomas, Steve Monks, Karen? Ging-
ell, Nigel Catlow, Elizabeth?,
Willmott, A?, Carol Stride, ? Burgess.
'I still remember the trip well. Especially
as I lost my father's expensive camera!'

...ORGANISED BY...

JILL ALEXANDER (61-77) (now Fuentes) writes from Spain:

'I have just received the latest edition of *KOSA NEWS* in the post. Thank you very much indeed for all the work you do in putting it all together.

'I have just sat down and read this Edition number 58 - Spring 2021 from cover to cover - only to see my name mentioned, almost at the end, on page

29.

'I remember receiving this signed card. It was a very nice gesture from pupils - a few of whom I needed to keep 'in line' some of the time!

'As you show there is a photograph of the rather grand house on the other side and I still treasure this document which is in my possession to this day. I came across it the other day when I was sorting out photographs. That 'Avening House residential trip' was over 49 years ago!

'Albums are a thing of the past and I have boxes of loose photos but they are full of lovely memories.'

ANOTHER EXILE...

Quite late in life, RICHARD DAVIES (49-56) moved to Auckland, New Zealand with his wife, Mary, to be close to their daughter, Clare. He sends news:

'I would like to thank you for sending the *KOSA Magazine* to me for the past almost 10 years. It has been wonderful to keep in touch with what has been happening with the old pupils.

'Mary and I had hoped to have visited the UK last year, but with the Covid problems it was impossible. We hope to come over next year if things continue to improve. We are both keeping well and Mary held the presidency of our, what was the Probus Club, but in New Zealand we had to change the name to Friendship Club thanks to the ***** Australians! It was a difficult year, to say the least.

'Claire is busy in her role as Educator at the Mercy Hospice in Auckland, which includes lecturing at Auckland

University, organising workshops and various 'Teachings' in Rest Homes. Her family are all well, thank goodness, Charlie has just started teaching History, together with Social Sciences, at a large school in South Auckland and Zach is coming to the end of his Law degree'.

MADE FOR EVER...

VERNON STOKES (38-43) has sent us memories of Made For Ever, a village many of us cycled through on our way to KGS. It is very comprehensive and we have kept part for next time:

'It was in Feb 1927 my life began and my home was *The Anchor Inn* which in later days changed its name to *The Made for Ever*. That was the village name and although the postal address is now Kingswood, the old village name still persists to us last inhabitants.

'There are only three inhabitants left from the original village and we, of course, were only children then. My parents lived at the 'house' as I knew it with my Grandmother Harriet Newman and her son Wilfred, who remained a bachelor all his life.

'Although I cannot remember my first illness, it came along in 1930 when I was 3 years old. I became ill with Meningitis and was admitted to the Children's Hospital where I was put into an isolation tent for quite a while. Had it not been for the care and dedication of the specialist who took over my care I would not be telling this story in my 94th year. I have much to thank them for the care and nursing they gave me with such a serious illness.

'My memories begin with my education at Mrs. Howes' private school in 109

Hill Street, Kingswood, later to become a Dentist surgery. From there I went to Kingswood High Street school and then later Kingswood Grammar School.

'In my early years, life was leisurely and everyone had time to spare, at least that is how I looked upon it. I became part of that life looking back today. I feel for those who have never experienced those days it seemed to me a very special way to live.

'The village consisted of a few houses in Tenniscourt Road and Fisher Road, mostly council-owned, no more than 8-10 at the bottom of Holly Hill Road and a few more at the top of Pound Lane. There were few gaslights in the village and at the chapel and the fish and chip shop in Anchor Road. Everyone knew everyone else and what their lives were about and where they worked. The Inn was the hub of social activity and everything revolved around it. The main source of deliveries was by horse and cart and cycles, and people walked to work in most cases.

'Most young girls from the area worked at Carson's chocolate factory at Syston Hill which in those days was a 7.30 am start. Powell's farm in Champion Rd. delivered the milk by his horse-drawn cart. It came in large churns and he dished out into jugs that were left on your doorstep quite early every morning.

'My Grandmother at this time in the 30s was the licensee of the 'House' (which I will call instead of pub). My Father worked as an Engineer at the local Douglas' motorcycle manufacturers in Hanham Road. In 1927 he was work-

ing on a lathe when a piece of metal entered his eye and he lost the sight in that eye for the rest of his life. I can remember Dad telling me his compensation was £25, but he carried on working there until 1936 when my Grandmother passed away and he took over the 'house' as the licensee.

'I started my senior education at KGS in 1938 and the next year in September we were at war I can remember to this day my mother's words after Neville Chamberlain's declaration at 11 am on Sunday as we stood outside with Dad. My Mother said that before this is over you will be in uniform, and she was right. At the age of 17 in 1944 I volunteered to join the Royal Navy and served for 3 years. I was part of the crew of the *HMS Implacable* based in Scotland.'

(More next time - Ed)

LINKS...

Nigel Powell has written, indicating some tenuous links between KGS and Rendcomb College, on the Isle of Wight.

'Thank you very much for sending a copy of the *KOSA NEWS* #58 featuring a short obituary of my mother PAULA MCKENZIE (44-48) (later Powell). Her sister, NORA MCKENZIE (45-52) (later Steven-Fountain), called me to say she enjoyed her edition and had contacted you for a printed copy.

'I was surprised by a reference to KEITH THORNE on page 20. He was the art, pottery and sculpture teaching inspiration whilst I was at Rendcomb College and encouraged me to be creative with Cotswold stone. He sadly died in 1982 a few years after I left in the mid-seventies. A link to the Newsletter with a short obituary is

Reprinted from the Journal of the Chemical Society, 1926.

CCCVI.—An X-Ray Study of Some Structural Modifications of Long-chain Compounds.

By STEPHEN HARVEY PIPER, THOMAS MALKIN, and HAROLD E. AUSTIN.

THERE is now considerable evidence showing that in several homologous series of long-chain compounds a linear relation exists between the length of the chain of carbon atoms and an important crystal-spacing which is comparable with the length of the molecule. It is tempting to employ measurements of these long spacings as a means of identification of such compounds: in fact, several successful analyses have been made (Robinson, *Nature*, 1925, 116, 45; Trillat, *Compt. rend.*, 1925, 180, 1330; Piper, Brown, and Dymont, *J.*, 1925, 127, 2194). We have found, however, that there are modifications and distortions in many substances which may cause the X-ray measurements to be very misleading, and a systematic study is now described of the following three effects:

- (1) Alternative forms of the same substance.
- (2) Distortions caused by mounting the specimen for X-ray examination.
- (3) The influence of impurities on crystal-spacing.

(1) Alternative Forms of Fatty Acids.

With one exception all the fatty acids we have examined give X-ray photographs which show that they can exist in at least two forms, each having its own long spacing. It has already been found by Müller (*J.*, 1925, 127, 602) that the normal paraffin hydrocarbons, when kept at suitable temperatures, show two alternative long spacings. The spacings we have found for the fatty acids, however, are independent of the temperature, the value obtained depending only on the treatment followed in mounting the specimen, and on the manner of preparation of the acid.

It is not easy to obtain large single crystals of these acids for study by the usual methods, but, as Müller has shown (*J.*, 1923, 123, 2043), if a thin layer of the substance is melted on a glass strip, the planes it is wished to measure lie parallel to the surface of the glass. This author finds that the same effect is obtained by pressing

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SPORTS CUTTINGS...

BILL BARKER (53-60) has sent a couple of cuttings which he took with him down-under in NSW. Bill was a member of Kingswood YMCA, as were many KGS folk. The top *Observer* 1960 cutting features the Netball A-team - back row: PAM WEEKES, CAROLINE FITZGIBBON, Sandra Bond and IRENE LUFFMAN. Front Row: JUDY WEAVER, MARY GIBBONS, Jenny Hunt. (Ex KGS in capitals.)



Photo: Matthews, Downend.

Members of Kingswood Y.W.C.A. "B" team (above) and the "A" team (left) who met in a South Gloucestershire Youth Association (Eastern Section) net ball match, played at Hanham Road Girls' School on Saturday.

Wick share 10 goals

Wick Ath. 5, St. Barnabas Res. 1
Wick Athletic shared the points on Saturday when they entertained St Barnabas Res. at Oldbury Lane. For Wick, Boulton netted four of his side's five goals.

In the first few minutes of the game Wick went into the lead but at the interval the visitors commanded a three-two lead.

In the second half, Boulton again reduced the lead, but Barnabas went further scoring twice.

Wick equalised and Boulton was out for the winning goal as visitors held out.

SHOCKING..!

LIONEL MATTHEWS (54-61) has sent a series of photos
'I attach the first series of photos (on page 14) which I promised. Both these and the rest of the photos which I will supply were taken when I was in the sixth form, that is 1960 and early 1961.

'The background to these was that one of the lads, who I can't remember, brought in an old Victorian electric

shock machine. If you caught hold of the handles attached to the wires and then turned the handle on the machine you were subjected to an electric shock.

'They also found that if you join hands and the person each end of the line took hold of the handles the electric shock passed through everybody in the line. As you can imagine this provided much frivolity.'

.A NEW MEMBER...

DAVID HAZEL (Cohort 65-72) writes:
'I have enjoyed the association newsletters and think it is perhaps time I actually joined.

'I was at KGS from September 1966 until Easter 1969. I should have been part of the 1965-72 cohort, but I spent my first year at the White House Grammar School in Brampton, Cumberland and moved south when my father took a job at Kingswood Approved School.



Left:
Smith (at blackboard), Atkins, Angus Challinor, Clutterbuck, Maurice Mealing and Dave Taylor.

Below:
Angus Challinor, Roger Fowler (with camera), Dave Taylor, Geoff McBroom, Smith and Atkins



Above:
Colin Pillinger, Peter Hilton and unidentified



DEMOLITION...

Most of us will recall the classrooms built on the boys' hard play area. The two original 'huts' or 'terrapins' were built sometime in the 1940s and well-served many generations of pupils, in spite of their asbestos roofs!

As the pressure of space impacted on an expanding school, two additional classrooms were added alongside the play area and these were brought into use in September 1952.

Now all four classrooms were demolished in 2021. When your Ed visited the site all that was left were piles of rubble alongside the machinery responsible for their demise.

Rumour has it that the canteen across Brook Road is also scheduled for demolition, but was still in existence when visited in March 2022.

Views of the 'Brook Road Bistro' not often seen are those of the kitchens at the back of the canteen and the back of the dining area. These are shown below.



Special Unit. I then moved north again in 1969 to Blaydon Secondary School, Country Durham (next to the old Blaydon race course, across the river from Newcastle). Moving from what had just become Kingsfield to a rundown comprehensive was a real shock.

'I started in Haskins with 2H-B (Vera Long as form mistress). I am not in contact with anyone from KGS and would be pleased to make contact with anyone who remembers me. Given I was only there eight terms and only distinguished myself at rugby probably few will though.

'After a career at home and abroad in the Royal Navy, the Army and the Ministry of Defence I am now retired and living once again in Cumbria, a few miles from Carlisle and close to my original school, but I still think regularly about KGS.'

FROM NEW ZEALAND...

Your Ed usually edits (or suppresses!) any congratulatory comments in the magazine. However, professional sculptor MARGARET LOVELL (50-55), who now lives in New Zealand, has specifically asked for her email to be published:

'Low and behold here is another magazine! Thank you so much, Mike. You have diligently and single handedly done so much - for so many of us - over the years. I am sure no single person could express gratitude adequately. All your hours of slog, research, visits, mailings etc. etc.... Thank you.

'I was just listening on *YouTube* to *Jerusalem*....(it has to be the Royal Albert Hall version!) and back flooded the memories of the last assembly, standing in the hall at KGS at just 16 years old (girls not fit to have 6th form

education/career...go earn some money for the family!) It actually may have been your last service then too? But I recall I felt "that's it - over - no sorrow"! (It was only a year later I did embark on a seven year student situation, then spent the rest of my life doing what I loved...sculpture).

'But so many of us have been inspired by what we have read in the magazine you made possible by your own efforts Mike - year in year out. We read of the fantastic achievements of ex-KGS pupils all around the world, and in a huge variety of positions. It seems that most who write in to the magazine all stress the same point....we really did not know how good KGS was at the time.

'We love the magazine, and like WENDY EDWARDS (51-56) who was my next door neighbour in Hanham - she now lives in Australia whereas I now live in New Zealand - we both share stories of when we were at KGS, through the magazine. Mr HAROLD WATTS (Art), was my great hero as he helped me along the way, even after I had left school. I am still affectionately in touch with his son and even email his grandson....(his great grandson is not yet old enough)! But the stories we can share are remarkable.....BONEY BRITTON (English), FISHY SAMMONS (Chemistry), FROSTY WINTOUR (French)? And Senior Mistress QUINNEY! These, and others, all come back to reality when we read stories in the magazine. We recall the boys we had crushes on and amazingly hear for the first time who had a crush on us....(if only we had known at the time!) ANDit's all thanks to you Mike!

'So I just wanted to say from hundreds of us, locally and around the world, how grateful we are.'

OBITUARIES...

The Ed is sorry to record the death of a very good friend, PAM JONES (52-59) (later Brabner), died in July 2021. Her funeral was held in Taunton on 10th August.

Pamela Brabner
13th September 1940 – 26th July 2021



‘Pam, who was born in Clifton, was always academically very bright and I have memories of her at Staple Hill Junior School correcting my pronunciation of ‘island’ when we split into

reading groups when I was about the age of eight. Sadly, Pam was also about eight when she lost her father, so her childhood must have been difficult growing up without a father.

‘At KGS Pam was awarded the form prize in her first year in 1A and again in 2A, 3A and 4S, together with the prize for French O-level in the 4th form. In her last year she was Head of Haskins House and obtained A-levels in Biology and Chemistry, indicators of her future career.

‘After a sparkling spell at KGS, Pam studied Pharmacy at the College of Pharmacy in Bristol. After Pam qualified in 1963 she worked in the pharmacy next to the Bristol Hippodrome until moving to Taunton when she married David in 1964 where he had joined his father in the family pharmacy business. Pam worked as a locum pharmacist at various Somerset pharmacies for a year or so before the first of three daughters arrived in 1967. A second

pharmacy was purchased in 1977 and Pam then ran that business until retirement in 2000

‘Since retirement they have travelled the world on cruises and enjoyed the use of a canal boat on the waterways of England. She even found time to do an A-level in Archaeology, one of Pam’s many interests.

‘Our condolences go to David and family and to Pam’s sister MONICA JONES (53-59) (now McCulloch).’

We have received news of the death of ALAN QUARTLY (55-62) on 7 January 2022. In a long address at St. Mawgan Parish Church, Alan’s life and achievements were reviewed. This is

a summary of the tribute:



Alan was a surviving twin, also considered unlikely to survive but won through. He demonstrated insatiable

curiosity from his early days at school and no one was surprised when he passed to go to KGS where he developed an interest in Science and all things mechanical. He joined the Air Cadets at Speedwell where he was awarded a flying scholarship but Alan’s contribution to the Air Cadet Force was throughout his entire career, culminating in being presented with long service medals by the Cadet Force and a Certificate of Commendation for Meritorious Service to the County of Cornwall by the Lord Lieutenant in recognition of his service to the Ply-

mouth and Cornwall Wing Air Training Corps. At School he was awarded the prize for enterprise and it was at KGS where he met JENNY HUNT (55-62) who became Alan's wife for 53 years

From KGS Alan read Physics at Birmingham University, where he joined the University Air Squadron and spent the RAF 1964 Summer camp flying Chipmunks at St. Mawgan. After graduation he gained his wings with the RAF at Syerston. After 6 years with the RAF he became a commercial pilot with BOAC, which later became BA. Eventually he became a Concorde pilot where he met many famous people on flights.

Alan had always wanted to fly from his early days spent at Bristol Gliding Club at Nympsfield after hitch-hiking there, to his trips around the bay in Weston-Super-Mare. The epitome was to fly Concorde, but if you engaged Alan in a conversation about the plane it was the technological aspects, the elegant design and the physics of supersonic travel that he would talk about.

Alan's attributes of Kindness, Curiosity and Service gave a life lived to the full for the benefit of many. He was accompanied by an RAF Guard of Honour, a fitting tribute to an active life.

Sylvia Pillinger's husband has informed KOSA of her passing:

"It is with sadness that I write to advise you that my wife, SYLVIA PILLINGER (46-51) (later Breddy), for some 62 years passed away on the 1st January 2021. You have kindly sent copies of the *KOSA NEWS* to her for some years.

'She was born in 1935 in Kingswood

and her family were the bakers - Pillinger, off Forest Road, Kingswood. PAULINE BAINES was one of her school friends who also attended Kingswood Grammar School.

'We married at Kingswood Methodist Church which we attended regularly which is now a wreck. My employer, the then National Provincial Bank decided that I should move to Devon and Sylvia married me in February 1958. As a family with the two boys, Martin and Nigel, we moved from Devon to Lydney in Gloucestershire and finally to Cheltenham.

'Our Breddy family has no relation to the Breddy family which I think lived in the Wick area. Our sons reside respectively Martin and his family in Farnham, Surrey and Nigel in Christchurch, Dorset and are supportive.

'Due to the male heir to the Pillinger line having died some years ago this branch of the Pillinger link has now ceased. The loss of Sylvia after so many happy years is somewhat devastating. I will miss her greatly.'

In the last edition we announced the death of MAUREEN CURRY (47-53), who had married CLIFF HENNEVELD (47-53), and we are now able to provide some details of Maureen's life.

It seems that religion was always important in her life. Her mother was Jewish but died when Maureen was born and as a consequence she was cared for and eventually adopted at the age of three by her aunt and uncle. Her father was a Salvationist, her new mother a Methodist and her new father a member of the Church of England.

Maureen attended a Baptist Sunday School as a child and she was later christened in the River Jordan.

After leaving KGS, she married Cliff when she was 20 and spent some years locally as a churchwarden. They eventually decided to move to Wales where she joined the Church of Wales and studied Theology to become a Reader, entitled to preach and conduct funerals. Her sermons were described as always underpinned by sound scholarship.

At her funeral, which was webcast, it was reported that she was reprimanded once in church for dancing to 'Lord of the Dance' when leaving church after conducting a service! Her generosity of spirit was evident in many ways, but particularly by her needlework of kneelers, which she donated and by her vestry prayers which she composed. A tribute to her mother was given by daughter Petra, who remembered their saying prayers together at her namesake site, Petra in Jordan. Maureen retired in 2020.

We have been informed of the death of MARGARET(Dolly) BEST (30-34) (later Amos)

After leaving KGS Dolly attended Secretarial College to learn shorthand and typing and worked at the offices at Carsons, Shortwood, cycling there for ten years in all weathers. After her daughter was born in 1946 she became a self taught seamstress.

In the 2019 Autumn edition of *KOSA NEWS* we reported on her life following her 100th birthday celebrations at Wick Chapel in 2018.

Dolly passed peacefully away at RUH

Bath on 14 August 2021 just 6 days before her 103rd birthday. She had lived for over 98 years in Wick before moving to Little Croft Care Home in Oldland. Her obituary was featured in the local *Week In* newspaper

Her funeral service was held at Wick chapel on *13 September* when around 90 people -

family and friends attended. A true testament to how well she was loved. She leaves behind daughter Kay, grandson Mark and family and her many friends. She will be greatly missed.

We have been informed of the death on 17 February 1921 of BRIAN MUMFORD (45-52) aged 86.

He died peacefully at home after failing health. He was born in Wick and lived his whole life in the same house. - a true "Wick Owl".

After leaving KGS Brian attended the West of England College of Art and he taught Art at Trowbridge and at Filton where he also taught history of Architecture.

He retired aged 58 to spend more time with wife Monica and his three children and later his five grandchildren. He and Monica enjoyed many holidays, including visiting son Andrew who had moved to Australia. He had many friends and enjoyed his large garden.

Over the years he was an active member of village life, playing cricket, serving as chairman of the Parish Council and a local charity, Wick School Governor, Church Warden and singing in the choir. He also wrote a History of Wick and for many years he edited the local Parish News.

Back in the late 1950s he was involved with the Kingswood/Siegerland holiday exchange scheme in which young people exchanged holidays with their German friends

DOREEN PILLINGER (48-53) (now Lindegaard) remembers and also reports the death of BOB DEMMERY:

'Thanks for the memories as usual. LIONEL MATTHEWS, page 12 wouldn't thank me for saying so, but I remember his nickname which was "Mugsy". I don't think I ever heard his actual name was "Lionel". I remember KENNY CARE too, but I'm pretty sure the chap identified as "Colin Demmery", page 16, was in fact Colin's friend Bob Demmery. Bob's parents, Robert senior and Edna, kept the Kingswood Hotel where my brother COLIN PILLINGER worked in the bar pulling pints during his holidays from University.

'I recently heard the sad news that Bob died around Christmas 2020. He had lived in Canada for many years. I don't know his school dates, but he was a bit younger than Colin. As for abiding memories I remember that he "got engaged" on a regular basis, and untangled himself with equal gusto.

On the morning of the World Cup in 1966, he arrived at our house to watch the football. He announced to the room that he was "supporting Germany". I was so cross that I threw him out! We made it up later and I'm glad to say I met him a few times at the Star pub in Soundwell when he came home to meet up with people our friend, the late EDDIE WHITE, another KOSA member, called "the Demmery Clan".

'I was also surprised to be told that in

a bar in New York one day - Bob travelled frequently as a travel agent - he met up with an Irishman, also called Bob. They chatted. One thing led to another whereupon they discovered they both knew me. I wish I knew what they said about me, and now I never shall. '

JOHN TIDBALL (56-59) also knew BOB DEMMERY:

I don't know how I managed to miss that page! BOB DEMMERY would have been a contemporary of COLIN DEMMERY (53-59), but I don't know of any connection.

'Bob probably started at KGS in 1955 and left in 1960. I knew him through the Kingswood-Siegerland exchange, so EILEEN MATTHEWS (52-59) (now Bendrey) must remember him too. His father ran the Kingswood Hotel, where Colin Pillinger got a holiday job as a barman. That's where we became friends, as Colin mentions in his book.

'Bob left school at 16 and worked briefly with JOHN GARRATT for Bass-Worthington. He soon found his future career at Thomas Cook in Baldwin Street. In 1966 he emigrated to Canada, where he worked for a travel company in Toronto, before setting up his own travel business. In semi-retirement he used to take groups of Army veterans on visits to war memorials in different parts of the world.

'He was married to Zona, his second wife for more than 30 years until his death in Ottawa from Alzheimer's just before Christmas 2020. They had two children, Elizabeth and Robert, who suffers from Down's Syndrome. He also had a daughter, Michelle, from his first brief marriage. Michelle has a

daughter, who now has a young son, so Bob was a great-grandfather!

'We kept in touch over the years, and we always met up on his frequent visits to the "old country". I also stayed with him in Toronto in 1967 and 1968, when I was doing a teacher exchange in Lake Cowichan, B.C.

'Among his many interests, Bob was a great fan of the late, great French singer Charles Aznavour.'

WENDY EDWARDS (51-57) (now Cookes) has written from Australia and included the sad news of the death of GUY FEATHERSTONE (50-58), who

was married to PAT BALL (51-58). Wendy has included the photo of the 6th Form Art Group in 1957. Wendy writes:

'Pat was my 'best' friend at school and Guy was my first boyfriend.....we both moved on! We kept in contact, mainly with Guy, who was a great correspondent. They spent most of their life travelling particularly after retirement, in a very well equipped mobile home , around Europe just returning home to Yorkshire for family Xmas. Guy sent the most amazing travelogue of their trips, he was a very talented writer. i have kept all of them. They eventually visited Australia twice, spending sever-

al months touring out-back, Guy wishing they had emigrated here when he had the chance. They spent a very enjoyable couple of weeks with us in 2012, just before my husband died.

'The group photo reminded me very much of HAROLD WATTS, an amazing art teacher! He kept in contact with me, as he did with many ex-students, after I came to Australia.....and I was certainly not one of his student success stories! We exchanged letters every Xmas until his death. I am in constant contact with MARGARET LOVELL (50-55).....a definite success story! She is still working as a



sculptor although she and her family 'retired' to NZ. It's her birthday soon when she will be 83as we all will be soon! We were friends and neighbours in Hanham! She always called me her little sister!

'Just a bit of nostalgia from Down Under As I was going through some old photos the other day and came across this one

Bottom row left to right: Michael Preen Barry Brown, Avril Middleton Middle row: Guy Featherstone, endy Edwards (Cokes) Top row left to right: Jennifer Lacey, Sandra Lewis.

Jenny Lacey, Michael Preen, Barry Brown, Avril Middleton and myself went to the West of England College of Art and Guy Featherstone to Manchester University. I'm not sure about Sandra Lewis.'

We sadly report the passing of ROGER FOWLER (54-61) who died from a form of sepsis. on 23 November 2021 at home.

After leaving KGS, Roger and his wife Carol ran the business of GZ Cars in Cadbury Heath, which he inherited from his step-father. They closed the business down some years ago and dwellings are now built on the site.

Roger was a kind and helpful person with a bubbly personality. He was a long-time member of Kingswood Rotary Club and a Past Master of the Fellowship Lodge. In the early days after leaving KGS he played Rugby for Kingswood Old Boys Rugby Football Club, as it was then. He was also Chairman of North Common Village Hall which he supported for over 50 years. He will be sadly missed by Carol and their two

daughters and his many friends.

We have been advised by her daughter Caroline that JOAN KING (34-39) (later PARRY) passed away aged 98 after a happy, long and healthy life.

She attended Kingswood Grammar School in approximately 1933 and so enjoyed the *KOSA NEWS*. Her sisters were some of the first girls to attend the school before her and she retained such fond memories of her time there and the education she received.

We have also been informed of the deaths of SYLVIA WALTER (55-59) (later Colton), KATHLEEN HAWKINS (33-37) (later Mountstephen), who was a Lord Mayor of Bristol, MURIEL COX (31-36) (later Muddle) at 100 Years old, JEAN HICKS (40-48) (later Jones), ALAN BRAIN (37-44), PETER HARDING (51-56), JOHN BRYANT (41-52), JOHN FLOWER PhD (38-45), MARY HEMMINGS (52-57) (later Gay), MARTIN FRENCH (63-70), who passed away in Thailand, and JACK BURNHAM (34-39).

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

OOPS..!

Apologies to MATTHEW THOMAS (64-71) who sent a piece in the last edition on ERIC HILTON'S (Music) early retirement. This was erroneously included at the end of page 13 as attributable to LIONEL MATTHEWS (54-61). Profuse apologies to both Matthew and Lionel.

THE PIPES...

At the start of the school year in September the boys' bike shed was surrounded with coke which had been delivered during the summer. This was to provide heating for the school during the ensuing winter, the boilers for the system being located near the bike sheds.

Heating in the classrooms was provided by a series of large pipes which ran the length of the school under the windows. In winter the boys made a bee-line for the pipes in each classroom as they provided the warmest part of the classroom. Pupils often congregated around the pipes at the front of the classroom early on winter mornings whilst waiting for the form teacher to arrive to call the class register.

It wasn't only in winter that the pipes were attractive to the boys, however. In summer, too. Their position near the windows enabled the boys to observe the girls' tennis courts. This encouraged GEORGE BUTCHER in an English class to shout 'Boys! Stop looking at those flashing white limbs and pay attention!' For months afterwards we referred to 'those flashing white limbs'.

AWARDS...

As a result of the Great Fire, the honours boards in the entrance hall were destroyed. The boards recorded those past scholars who had gone onto higher education and obtained degrees in a variety of subjects from a many universities.

After the fire, as much information as possible was collected to be entered in an honours book which was to reside at the school, initially in a glass case.

A book was certainly more appropriate than boards, as the number of scholars who went onto higher education increased extensively during the 70s and 80s, far too many to be recorded on honours boards.

KOSA has obtained a copy of the book, which covers the period from 1926 to 1983. Why the recording of awards ends in 1983 is a mystery, as many would have gone to higher education after that date from the successor schools to KGS.

On pages 24 and 25 we have, for comparison purposes, printed the first page and one of the pages from 1983. The differences are striking. In the early years most of the entries record very few people going to university, and those who do go mainly to Bristol, our local university. A few went to Oxford. The subjects in which they graduated were the traditional ones of the Sciences, Languages and Engineering.

The 1983 entries show attendance at institutions country-wide, with a greater variety of degree subjects studied. The introduction of the polytechnics had also made higher education available to a greater proportion of those leaving the schools, and this is shown in the number of ex-pupils attending those institutions.

Since that date, virtually all polytechnics have become universities and free university education of the past has been overtaken by the payment of fees. We have yet to see the effects that these changes may have on the numbers who attend universities in the future.

Further extracts in future editions.

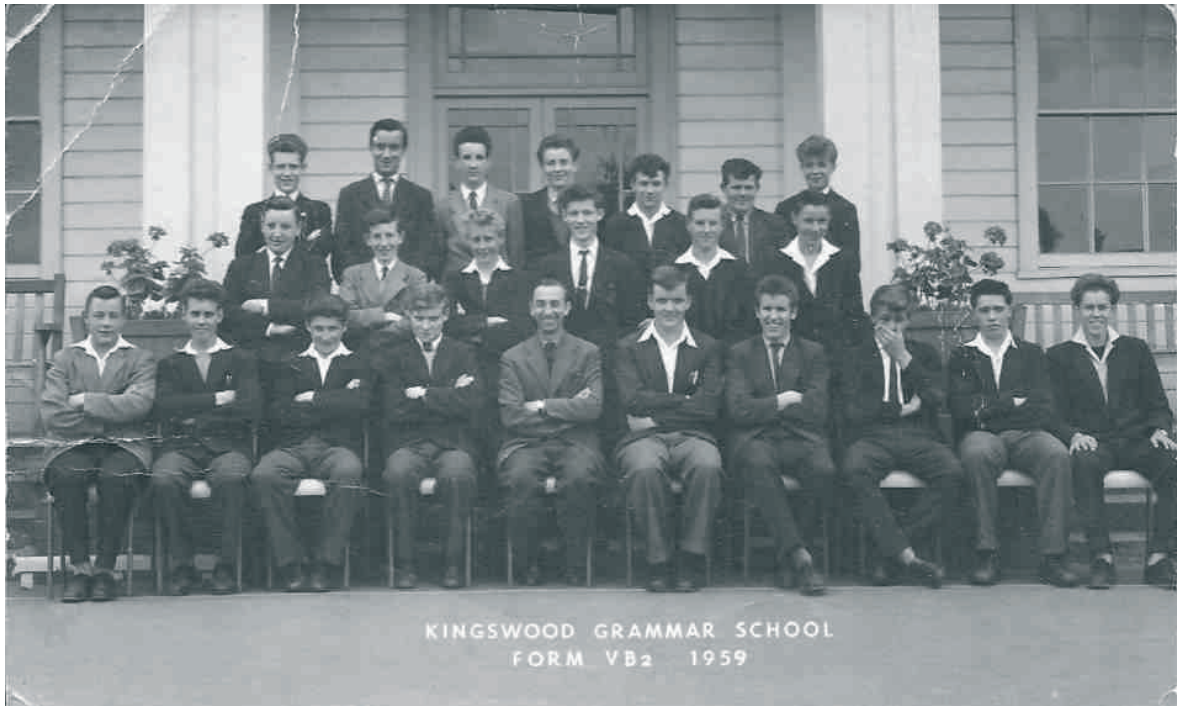
1926	Sammons B. H.	Bristol (Chemistry and Physics)
1926	Tanner M. G.	Bristol (Chemistry)
1926	Trobridge Winifred	Bristol (English)
1927	Birtill Elise	Open Scholarship, Somerville Coll Oxford. (French)
1927	Chell Dorothy	Open Exhibition, St. Hugh's Coll Oxford. (French)
1927	Clarke C.	Bristol (Geography)
1927	Dart Irene	Bristol (French)
1927	Edwards W. G. S.	Bristol (Geography)
1927	Lewis Hilda	Bristol (French)
1927	Reed Ruth	Bristol (English)
1927	Stock A.	Bristol (Engineering)
1928	Collins D. L.	
1928	Nes W. G.	Bristol (Physics)
1928	Osborne R. R.	Bristol (Physics)
1930	Beese N. W. D.	Bristol (Chemistry)
1930	Edwards A. J.	Stapledon Scholarship Exeter College. Oxford Bio-Chemistry
1930	Green D. C.	Bristol (English)
1930	Jones E. G.	Bristol (History)
1930	Pearce A. F.	Donald Stewart, Bristol (Physics)
1930	Perry R. G.	Kitchener Scholarship, Imperial College, London (Chemistry)
1930	Ollis Alice	Bristol (English)

1985	Jenkins Wendy	Liverpool Polytechnic History / English
1985	Jones Catherine	Plymouth Polytechnic Social Policy & Administration
1985	Kimmins Maxine	Southampton Mathematics and Chemistry
1985	Leakey Antony	Birmingham (1984) Chemical Engineering
1985	Macmillen Jacqueline	Bristol Polytechnic Environmental Health
1985	Mastin Steven	Plymouth Polytechnic Architecture
1985	Merrick Philip	Bristol Polytechnic Town & Country Planning
1985	Merrifield Elizabeth	Polytechnic of Wales (Humanities)
1985	Monks Christopher	Exeter (Physics)
1985	Moss David	Warwick (Applied Mathematics)
1985	Noble Ian	Nottingham (English/History)
1985	Pary Sarah	Exeter (Economics & Statistics)
1985	Phelps Kim	Sheffield Polytechnic (Education)
1985	Pitt Katherine	Salford (Modern Languages)
1985	Powell Ruth	Leeds (1984) (French)
1985	Robbins Andrew	Leeds (Geological Sciences)
1985	Robson Julie	Rolle College, Exmouth Education
1985	Russell Mary	Reading (Geography)
1985	Sanctuary Susan	Exeter (Social Administration)
1985	Scaplehorn Jonathan	South Bank Polytechnic Town & Country Planning
1985	Skinner Stephen	U.W.I.S.T. (Economics)
1985	Stokes Jonathan	East Anglia (Music)

THE UNUSUAL...

Perhaps someone can tell us how this informal photograph of 4H in July 1971 came about. It's unusual when compared to the formal shots taken annually by Arthur G Hancock as a record of each form. It's also in colour, as opposed to Hancock's black and white photos, and we're not sure whether there is a teacher present.

In contrast is the photo (below) of 5B2 of 1959. The unusual aspect here is the all-boys' class under 'Woody' Williams, who taught woodwork and later became Senior Master. Very occasionally in what was a co-educational school, all-boy and all-girl classes were formed. The thinking behind these circumstances is unknown.



KOSA MATTERS...

WELCOME...

The following have joined since the last edition of *KOSA NEWS*.

Pam Molyneux (51-56) (now Westwood). Pam was formerly known as Janice at KGS. Valerie Peters (59-66) (now Whittle), Ken Nichols (69-71), David Hazel (66-69), but in the cohort (65-72), Martyn Lewis (56-63) and Malcolm Finch (51-53).

If you're in contact with someone from School, then why not invite them to join KOSA? Just send their details, with their permission, of course, and we will do the rest. Remind them that we never oblige Members to pay a subscription, but simply invite them to make a voluntary donation towards the expenses incurred in producing and mailing *KOSA NEWS*.

FINANCE...

Below we publish the latest set of audited Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 31 December 2021.

Because of Covid-19, it was a year of limited KOSA activity. In spite of this, members continued to kindly send their voluntary donations to our Hon. Treasurer. Consequently, you will see that the Association is in a strong financial position, although we must be aware of increased costs approaching us. At the time of writing, both postage and printing costs are predicted to increase in the near future.

Our thanks go to our Treasurer, Martin Harryman, in keeping the books and looking after the finances of the organisation in such a professional manner.


KINGSWOOD OLD SCHOLARS' ASSOCIATION

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

BALANCE AT BANK 1 JANUARY 2021			£ 7,252.74
RECEIPTS:			
KOSA News Subscriptions	£ 2,044.00		
Expenditure	-£ 1,230.32		
	Surplus		£ 813.68
Sales and Donations	£ 25.00		
Expenditure	£ -		£ 25.00
			<u>£ 8,091.42</u>
PAYMENTS			
Expenses			-£ 15.00
			£ 8,076.42
BALANCE AT BANK 31 DECEMBER 2021			<u>£ 8,076.42</u>

AUDIT REPORT:

I have examined the books and vouchers made available to me during my audit and received full and adequate explanation of any questions raised. It is my opinion the accounts set out above form a true and fair view of the affairs of Kingswood Old Scholars' Association as at 31 December 2021. The bank balance carried forward of £8076.42 is represented by funds held at Lloyds Bank plc as at 31 December 2021.


Eric.R.Arnold
Eric.R.Arnold. FCCA
(original signature held on file)


M J HARRYMAN
Hon Treasurer, KOSA
16 Jan 2022

50th ANNIVERSARY...

In 1971 the School celebrated its 50th Anniversary. Our photograph is of one side of the gathering in the Hall held to celebrate the first half-century. Since then another fifty years have elapsed

and what was KGS has transformed via Kingsfield School to the current institution of King's Oak Academy.

What changes will the next fifty years bring?

