



KOSA NEWS

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EDITORIAL...

Again I have received many interesting letters since the last edition of KOSA NEWS and the reunion at Kingsfield School on 7th April last, most of which I have been able to include in this current edition. The main aim is to get Old Scholars together, and it seems to working - even for families! JANET HODGKISS (nee PARKER) (1948-52) met her cousin ERICA IVORY at the reunion for the first time, and reintroduced herself to her other cousin, TIM PALMER, brother of RICHARD PALMER (1951-58).

We experimented at the last reunion by having jazz by the 'Frampton Footwarmers' for the evening. I think most people enjoyed the innovation, but I would of course be pleased to know what you think. It has been suggested that we could vary things with, for example, a musical evening with the best music of the 20th Century, classical, popular, dance music etc, to suit all tastes, with dancing where appropriate. Please let us know, and keep those letters coming to:

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DIARY DATES:

Autumn Lunch:

The Autumn Lunch will be held on SATURDAY, 14th OCTOBER 1995 at Lincombe Barn, Overdale Road, Downend at 12.30pm. We have kept the cost at £11 again this year. I have already received news from JIM and ANN WITHEY who plan to be there from Canada and DEREK BAILEY plans to be there from Colorado, USA, so if they can make it for the afternoon surely you can! To save postage we will not be sending tickets out this year, as if you pay by cheque you can confirm that it has been cleared by the bank. Applications on the enclosed form to our Hon. Treasurer:

Frank Rawlings, 74 Oakdale Road, Downend, Bristol, BS16 6EA Tel: 956 1050.

Tree Planting

You may remember in the last issue your Committee expressed a wish that, in the year which has seen the 50th anniversary of the end of the Second World War, we should commemorate in some way those Old Scholars who gave the supreme sacrifice. It has been decided to plant an English Oak in the grounds of the Old School on the morning of the lunch, 14th October 1995 at 10.45am. Arrangements are still being made, but we hope to make it a thoroughly KGS affair by having a very short commemorative service taken by an Old Scholar, and the tree planting itself will be carried out also by an Old Scholar. In any event it would be appropriate to see a large gathering of Old Scholars who served in HM Forces or attended KGS during the war years, so start recruiting! Who knows, in years to come future scholars may be reading plays under our oak, just as generations have done under the present oak. See the reminiscencies of LEE (LENA) LOADES (nee AMOS) 1929-35.

"They gave their all. Can you spare an hour to remember them?"

KOSA Goes for its Constitution...

A hundred and twenty-five people attended our successful Spring Event, part of which was the General Meeting to which I welcomed Old Scholars.

The evening's main business was particularly important, as this year the Committee wanted the adoption of a revised, abridged and simplified KOSA Constitution and the appointment of a new President.

I refreshed the memories of those present that the proposed draft constitution had been published in the last two newsletters and pointed out that extra copies were available. As no dissension or comments on the proposed draft constitution had been received by the Committee, I expressed the view that I felt confident that an excellent job had been done by my 'three wise men', FRANK RAWLINGS, FRANK STEPHENS and GORDON WICKENS who worked tirelessly on it, could not be bettered. I also pointed out that, if in the future, the needs of KOSA change, provisions have been made to allow amendments. The constitution was then proposed, seconded and approved.

The next pleasant job I had to do, according to the constitution, was to install a new KOSA President. The first president of the Association and later of the Eatonian Society, was the first headmaster of KGS, MAJOR EATON. Latterly the office of President had been held by former members of KGS staff - MISS QUINTON and BRIAN SAMMONS, and most recently by

FRED BABER, a former head boy. Sadly FRED was unable to take part in the last Spring Social held in the Hexagon in 1993 as his death preceded it by a few weeks. His friend and colleague of many years, DAVID PEACOCK, the KOSA Secretary, hosted and was Acting President at the following Autumn luncheon, but as he wished to retire from office, he therefore declined the Presidency.

The Committee therefore, in keeping with tradition, proposed that the next President of KOSA should be the Headmaster of Kingsfield School, the school that rose like a Phoenix from the ashes of our Old School. It may be a new name, but Kingsfield has, nevertheless, upheld many of the ideals, beliefs and standards of Kingswood Grammar School. The buildings may be different, but the Shield, the Badge, the School Motto, 'Esse Non Videri', and the uniform remains the same. I am sure that many of our members have relations and friends who have benefited from being educated at the school.

DAVID LEWIS, who has been the Headmaster of Kingsfield School since September 1989, has a BA(Hons) degree from Queen Mary's College, London. He was formerly a teacher at Rodway School when it was amalgamated with The Chase School and became Mangotsfield School, where he became Head of English and Deputy Headmaster, before becoming Head at Kingsfield.

I put the proposal to the meeting which was seconded and approved.

I then introduced our new President, DAVID LEWIS, who addressed the meeting.

I then asked the Treasurer, FRANK RAWLINGS, for the Treasurer's Report. He told the meeting that our financial position was satisfactory and that we have sufficient funds at present to enable us to proceed without asking for an annual membership fee.

I then pointed out to the meeting that, in accordance with the new constitution, we are required to hold a general meeting annually. In view of the long distances many Old Scholars travel to attend the Committee had decided to combine the AGM with a social event as we were doing on that particular evening. As our last General Meeting was two years ago, it seemed appropriate to give the meeting a short resume of what had happened during the last two years.

There had been two Autumn Luncheons, 1993 and 1994, held at Lincombe Barn, Downend. The numbers attending have not only confirmed that they were a great success but that they have continued to foster the growing comradeship amongst members. I then announced that the next Autumn Luncheon will be on Saturday, 14th October 1995 and asked everyone to make a note in their diaries and to pass the date on to others.

The great resurgence of interest in KOSA has happened because of a number of factors. First, the existence and mounting editions of the Newsletter, KOSA NEWS - the last one was No. 5. MIKE BENDREY is an untiring and stalwart Committee member who, as editor, has pioneered, collated and actively promoted the Newsletter, not only to publicise the events, but also,

through your contributions, has been able to keep alive memories of our days at KGS. Secondly, the publication of KEN MEEK'S book 'We Were There', a history of the School. We all owe him a debt of gratitude for researching and writing it. His book, I believe, is now in many parts of the world, and a leather bound copy is kept safely for future scholars of the School.

The publishing and postal costs of KOSA NEWS have been met through the continued generosity of members. If this continues, no formal membership fee is needed at present. The constitution allows for a membership fee, and if it becomes necessary the KOSA NEWS Survey has shown that £3 pa is acceptable.

As Chairman, I took the opportunity to thank my officers and other Committee members for the support they have continued to give me over the last two years. On the retirement of DAVID PEACOCK as Secretary, JOHN POWELL ably stepped into the breach. I am delighted he was willing to stand for re-election as Secretary. ERICA and GORDON WICKENS felt unable to remain on the Committee for another year, and I expressed my thanks to them for the help and support they have given me. I'm sure we will continue to see them at future functions. I announced that the Officers and the rest of the Committee were willing to remain in office for another year, and asked for the meeting's approval of their re-election. I commented, in passing, that FRANK RAWLINGS has been carrying out his job as Treasurer for 46 years!

I then asked the Secretary, JOHN POWELL, for any new nominations to

the Committee and the names ESME RAWLINGS, RON CLEMENTS and BILL COX were put to the meeting and approved. I welcomed the new members to the Committee, which meets approximately six times per annum.

The year 1995 is particularly significant and commemorative, when the country is honouring its war heroes. I announced that the Committee wished, with the approval of the members, to arrange for an Oak Tree to be planted in the grounds of the Old School with a suitable plaque honouring the KGS staff and ex-pupils who gave their lives or who were badly wounded during the second world war. This was approved with a show of hands.

This brought the AGM to an end and I expressed the hope that everyone would enjoy the following social part of the evening and later have a safe journey home. A big thank you goes to all the members of the Committee who made the event so successful. The experiment of having live music at the Social, thanks to the 'Frampton Footwarmers Jazz Band'. BOB GRAY looked after the catering and there was plenty for all. We all look forward to the Spring social in 1996.

Please do not forget the Autumn Luncheon at Lincombe Barn, Downend on Saturday, 14th October 1995. Reserve your places early as the venue is limited to 100 places. On the same day at 10.45am the English Oak will be planted in the grounds of Kingsfield School in honour of KGS staff and ex-pupils who lost their lives or who were badly wounded during the second world war. I am sure many Old Scholars will want to be present at this ceremony of commemoration.

Thank you for your continued support and I look forward to another successful year for KOSA.

PEGGY BOLT.

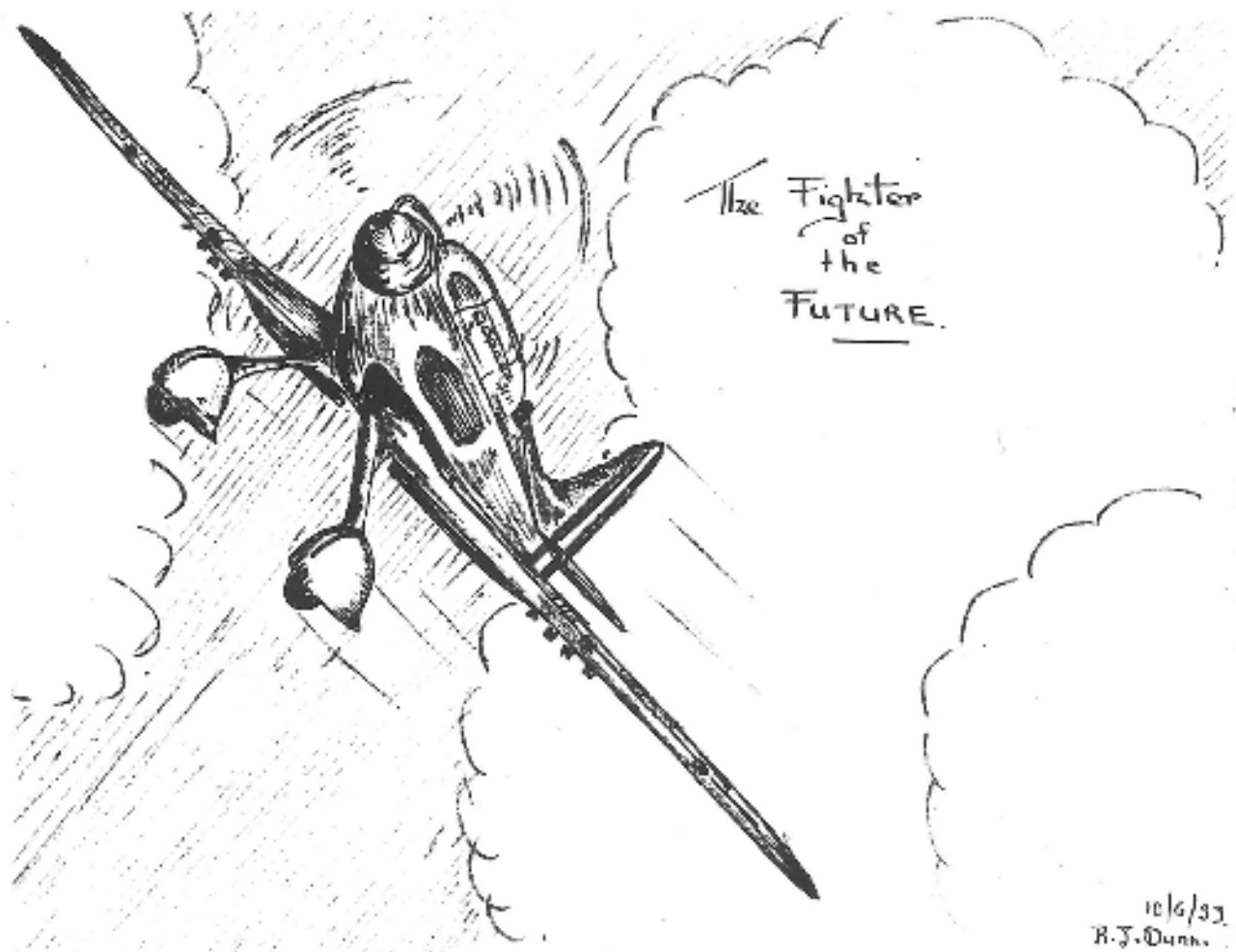
THE ARTISTS OF KGS...

In KOSA NEWS 5 we passed on the request for information on H J RENNIE DUNN by his sister DORA BOWYER nee DUNN (1933-?). Apparently PHYLLIS CHARLESWORTH nee WATTS (1929-35), who was a friend of RENNIE at KGS and afterwards when he was in the RAF, kept an autograph album in which RENNIE made many drawings. It can be seen from the drawings why RENNIE joined the RAF - there are many of 1930s vintage aircraft. PHYLLIS has very kindly lent us her book, and on page 5 we publish one of RENNIE'S many drawings as a fitting tribute to those who lost their lives in the war, of whom RENNIE DUNN himself was one.

Also in KOSA NEWS 5 I was corrected by JOHN BERRY that TRANTER was allowed to ride a motorbike to school in the 1930s, long before BARRIE FILLINGHAM (1951-57), whom I mistakenly thought was the first. Also from PHYLLIS' book we reproduce a drawing by TRANTER, and we can see why he made the request.

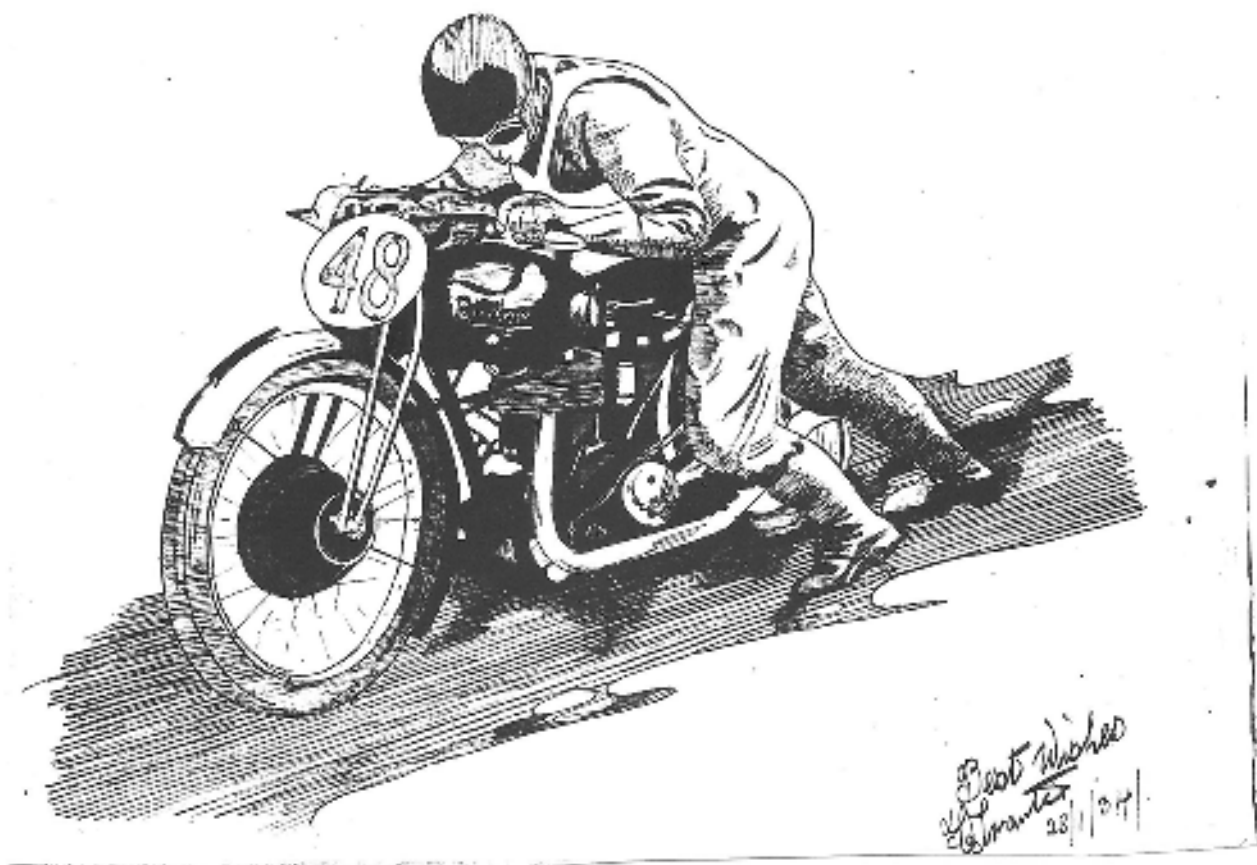
THE PREFECTS' ROOM...

EILLEN BENDREY nee MATTHEWS (1952-59), who was a prefect when in the 6th Form, reminds the Editor that there was a painting on the wall of the Prefects' Room, rather like a mural. She thinks that it was dated about 1945. What was it of, who did it, and does anyone have a photograph in their possession? Please let us know.



The Fighter
of
the
FUTURE.

10/6/33
H.J. Dunn.



Best Wishes
[Signature]
23/1/34

WE WILL REMEMBER THEM...

The Editor is indebted to FRANK STEPHENS (1930-35), JOHN BERRY (1932-38) and ALAN J SCADDING (1936-41) for supplying him with the names and some of the details of those whom we can trace as having been killed in the Second World War. They have scanned editions of 'Kingswood Chronicles' and other sources, but please forgive us if we have overlooked anyone. If you can add to the list, please let the Editor know:

K W Barnfield

Bateman

Begernie - killed by enemy action

H J Rennie Dunn - see page 5

Donald 'Duckey' Furber (1936-41) - winner of very first junior cross-country event, spring 1939. Aircrew in the RAF

Greedy - killed by enemy action

Hurley

R W Jones - a master

Flt Lt Kidd DFC - see page 17

Dawson Keith Kibbey (1936-40) - ATC then aircrew in the RAF

P Mountfield

G W Parnell - Oxbridge and University of California

R G Sammons - Missing, believed killed

Jack Stone (1936-39) - a soccer genius who left school at 14. Army, killed in Europe during 1945 offensive

Tickner - a master

H Williams

Dennis Wood - from Oxford joined RAF Air Sea Rescue Service

THE LIFE OF STAFF...

**NEWS FROM HAROLD V WATTS -
HEAD OF ART 1949-59**

"Thank you for your letter and copies of KOSA NEWS. I found them most interesting, for they brought back many memories of the years I spent at KGS

(1949-59) serving both under MAJOR EATON and Mr C N RIDLEY. While there, I was Head of Art, Form Master, House Master of Fussell House, and, in spite of suffering from severe bouts of asthma from the age of seven, played my part on the games field. After leaving KGS I served as Head of Art at Reigate Grammar School, and the Barton Peveril Grammar School, Eastleigh (where I joined my Kingswood friend and colleague GEOFFREY HACKSTON!). For the last three years I taught at the Mountbatten School (Ramsey) - a newly built school erected on the Mountbatten Estate. For the first time in my life I was able to start an art department from scratch. However after three enjoyable years, and having completed thirty years service, my doctor said that 'enough was enough', and so I retired.

"As a native of Bristol I was pleased, indeed, to work in KGS and, even though 'the going' was sometimes hard I devoted my life entirely to the school, and to bringing up my family. In KGS I made many friends and from my Department produced many really talented students. From the start of my teaching career I have kept a Students' Folio. In it their achievements are recorded, culled from newspapers, magazines and from many other photographs. In newspaper articles are the following names LIZ HUNTER, PAT BEESE, GEORGE WILLIAMS, SHIRLEY SHORT, JEAN PAYNE, GUY FEATHERSTONE, JUDITH WINCHURCH. MARGARET LOVELL is a sculptor with an international reputation, still exhibiting in the West of England Annual Exhibitions. She was a Hanham girl, and now lives near Bath. JUDITH WINCHURCH has just retired from teaching in a 6th Form

College, where she built a record as one of the finest teachers of Art & Craft.

"I endeavoured in my teaching to encourage all students to make the most of their abilities, to treat the subject seriously, to think, to use their imagination, to see that Art had, and has, a real value in everyday life, to realise that Art does not merely apply to painting and sculpture but everyday things as well. I was fortunate to have many gifted students. I hope, nevertheless, that there were many others who were not so well blessed, enjoyed their time in the Art Room and got some value from their efforts.

"Included in my Folio are articles and photographs of various demonstrations and processions. In one someone holds a placard reading "We want no Art Crack-pots here". Even though I had some sympathy with the reason for their feelings I felt sad indeed about the whole affair.

"There are also photographs of several KGS Productions, including Dido and Aeneas, a Junior Nativity Play, the Bartered Bride, the Gondoliers, and the Pirates of Penzance. I have only one of 'the Pirates', with myself as Frederick flanked by ANNE SLATER and COLIN WINTOUR. I am sorry that I cannot help JOYCE HORVATH (nee OSBORNE) 1948-53 in her request for photographs. I was always grateful to MR HILTON and MR HODSON for giving me the opportunity of playing in this production. This was, however, the one and the only one occasion afforded to me to appear in any operatic, or any other performance. I can still hear MISS QUINTON'S exhortations to the chorus "Sparkle, girls, Sparkle!" . She knew G & S inside out, and she told me that I had made one mistake in just one word. She made no comment about my late arrival in one scene - I was drinking a cup of tea and did not hear the

bell! AUDREY CLEMENTS (stand-in for 'Mabel') had to resort to shouting 'Frederick' at the top of her voice. I did not know even then that I was late...all because of one cup of tea! After the very last performance I was told that one 'old lady' had been so moved by the scene played with JOYCE OSBORNE with the song 'Ah, must I leave thee' that she burst into tears. I do not know whether she was carried out, but there my operatic career ended!

"I look back to the Kingswood productions, and I do not think they have ever been surpassed by any school. I wonder if there are any press reports of these productions?

"When I left KGS I was impressed by the kindness of the students, I had so many letters that I needed a secretary to keep up with my mail. So I apologise to those who wrote who may not have received a reply. Around our house I have gifts I received, and in my bureau I still have a box of Basildon notepaper which I treasure as I treasure all the gifts and kindnesses shown to me.

"Precious to me, too, is a final, and official, School Report compiled by members of the staff. Their remarks are witty, hilarious, and, some rather 'to the point', but showing the kind of spirit maintained by the Staff through all the years I worked with them.

"In my House I had many fine House Captains and other Officers who built a good spirit in the house by dint of their leadership, example and hard work. I think we won Sports Day on but one occasion. It was a momentous day. Unfortunately I was ill at home on that day. However, to my surprise I received a telegram. It was from MISS RICKETS, Fussell House Mistress, and bore a succinct message "Haskins Humbled,

Davies Defeated, Fussell First!"

"I remember, too, our Christmas Parties, with all the 'goodies' supplied by the parents and the Christmas Cake (enough to feed 5,000) made by one mother. I hope I thanked them for their generosity. If I did not do so, I do so now!

"As I lived at Horfield, I was sometimes given a 'lift' to school by MISS PERRY. She had a compact car, MISS QUINTON sat in the front and I sat, of course, in the back, always being greeted with the request "Sit central, Mr Watts, sit central". MISS PERRY was a careful driver and as we approached the bridge at Staple Hill we were met on some occasions by MIKE PREEN on his bike. Each time there began a race (not realised by MISS PERRY) to see who could reach the school first. I think the result was an honourable draw!

"Our very first car was purchased from GEORGE MORRIS. It had been laid up during the war and was in immaculate condition. Appropriately enough, it was a Morris 8 (DKB 425) and I was told by DAVID HILLING that it was a good buy as he had travelled in it and told me that MR MORRIS changed gear even to go over a stone. Soon after taking it over I 'tried it out' on some of the Bath hills, and at the top of one hill it stopped, but by driving it home very gingerly I managed the journey. It was found on examination that the carbon on the clutch plates had completely worn away and the clutch plates worn in parts to about one-sixteenth of an inch! (Car mechanics who deal with antique cars will understand these technicalities!)

"I wonder if any (staff) remembers the 'Introduction' given by MISS TIDDER (Chairman of the Governors) to the School before he came, but after his

appointment? It rather made me quake on their behalf. And is the REV. DOWN remembered? He said at the end of Speech Day that 'A charming young lady' spoke to him so nicely that he was giving the school a half-day's holiday. The following year an even more charming young lady spoke, and he was awarding the School a whole day's holiday. No one could charm more out of him than this! I think the 'day's holiday' was soon discontinued.

"I am afraid that I will be unable to attend (your reunion) for similar reasons to that of the 'I' of 'Three Men in a Boat'. On looking through the medical dictionary he found that the only complaint he did not have was housemaid's knee...I would be pleased indeed if you would send me KGS NEWS. I am sure that I would find much to remind me of the Old School and my friends there, and particularly, my students.

All best wishes,"

'The Old VIC' Alias Harold V Watts.

"PS Please give my best wishes for a happy healthy and successful life to any Old Scholar who remembers me! I do not know whether JOYCE OSBORNE would be interested in the 'Pirates' photograph? Does anyone know what happened to JACKSON or to MAUREEN JONES? I heard her mother sing in Bristol Concerts. She was known as MADAME MOGRIDGE! All success to KOSA.
HWV"

Those of you who attended the reunion in this April will know that HAROLD and his wife did manage to attend the occasion, and we were very pleased to see them both there. Subsequently I received a letter, from which extracts below:

*...During my time at Kingswood my wife, MARJORIE, almost 'belonged' to the school, too, for she shared good and dif-

ficult times. Although a Bristolian by birth, attended Fairfield Grammar School and trained as a teacher at the West of England College of Art, I spent several years away, at Buxton and Kingston upon Thames. I was pleased to return when MAJOR EATON appointed me on the staff of KGS...

"To return to the reunion! Both my wife and I had a wonderful time. Meeting our old friends was a great experience. My wife thought she would be a wallflower, but so many folk remembered her that she, too, had an enjoyable time....I hope the two members of KOSA who spent some time talking to my wife. I did not do them justice and would like to say how sorry I now feel....Thank you all very much indeed.
HWW"

BONJOUR...

NEWS FROM COLIN WINTOUR - HEAD OF FRENCH 1950?-

"Thank you for the kind letter and the editions of KOSA NEWS which I was delighted to receive. It brought back such fond memories of the school and you all. I am very grateful to you for thinking of me as you did and I'll be looking forward to future editions.

"I had a serious operation in 1993 and another just recently so I don't think I shall manage to get along to the April reunion. However I shall be thinking of you all and hoping that you have a great time together. "Incidentally, I was interested to see myself in the Staff photograph on page 7 of issue number 5 next to ELLIS PEAT who came to KGS one year before me (I've still got the photo, too).

Many thanks again for your kindness. It really made my day.

Yours sincerely,
Colin Wintour"

THE OTHER SIDE OF KGS...

The following letter illustrates that not everyone benefitted from the KGS education. Please respect the wishes of the writer by not getting in touch.

Her Majesty's Prison, Misthaus Bassett. ref: HMPM1495

Dear Mr Editor,

"How surprised was I when I found a copy of your KOSA News No 5 on the leaflets table of the prison library the other day! Seems it had been given to STANLEY CROFTSON (1953-1954) who's in the secure wing at our nick at the moment. I had a few words wiv him yesterday and he said that his nephew had picked it up in a house he broke into in Downend a couple of weeks back and brought it up here for him last visitin day. Small world aint it!

"Anyway I see that you wanted news of any old scholars so I thought I'd let you know about a few of the old KGS people I've met up wiv in the last couple of years. Stan, who I mentioned above always says how grateful he was to old JIMMY WILD for makin him do the cross country running. It was his runnin that got him away from so many successful little capers during his career and when he broke out of Dartmoor a couple of years back he'd got six miles away before the helicopter caught up wiv him! Old Stan has had a good run as they say and he's only in here now cos he injured his ankle during trainin! He always took the old KGS motto very seriously, ESSE NON VIDERI which meant "Don't Hang About".

"Last year as it happens I was in the nick table tennis team and we was

playin away at the Scrubs and who should I meet but old LENNIE KERWITZ (1954-1955). We had something a bit special him and me as we both got expelled on the same day. It was a bit of a laugh really, we'd blown all our pocket money on a useless old nag in the the Cheltenham Gold Cup and we were hiding behind the gym as usual lunchtime, havin a fag, when Lennie says he was hungry. Well we had no money left but we caught sight of this little old rabbit in a cage at the back of the Biology Lab. Well says Lennie theyre only going to knock the poor little buggger off and cut him up anyway so we might as well do it for them! So we gets this rabbit, knocks him on the head, no trouble, but we had some bother getting him to part wiv his fur coat I can tell you! Anyway we'd worked out that we could cook him by stuffin him in the central heating boiler which we did. The little sod must have been pretty well cooked when the boiler house door opened and in came a screw, sorry - teacher. Well he said that the smell coming out of the boiler house was so much more appetising than any smells coming out of the canteen that he could smell a rat if you see what I mean! Anyway he shops us up to the governor and then slides off somewhere to eat our rabbit. Well we had to go of course, the rabbit had been the property of the Gloucestershire Education Committee and was earmarked for a Governor's buffet lunch on sports day. After that Lennie went into forgery and I went into an opening in the commercial sector. (A loading bay door in a bullion warehouse!)

"Another of our KGS chums that I met a couple of years back was ADRIAN MUTLEY (1949-1962) We'd had a bit of a riot at Horfield nick and a bunch of us was taken in a coach down to Ford open prison in Sussex to be shown just what would happen to us if we did not behave

ourselves. Anyway there was Adrian sittin in a deckchair smoking a cigar, bottle of bubbly in his hand and this tasty bird in a brown gymslip and black stockings climbing all over him. He seemed quite pleased to see me and gave me a swig of his bottle. What you doing here I said, when you was at KGS you was a real swot. Ah says Adrian,"it was like this, I qualified as a Chartered Accountant built up my own practice, brilliant, loads a money, Then one day my office door was kicked down by the Fraud Squad and they said that I had transferred £250,000 of my clients money into one of my Swiss personal accounts. Of course I told them that it had only happened because I had accidentally hit the wrong key on the office computer but you know how unreasonable these people are." I could not of course disagree! I took the trouble to ask him something that had always puzzled me- why was he at KGS for so long. Apparently he couldn't pass 'O' Level Maths and in the end he had to buy a bent Degree from a Mail Order College in Bangladesh. What a lad, eh? A real credit to the old school if ever there was one!

"Someoneelse I saw on last visiting day was ANNA BLENKINSOP (1952-1952) who came to see one of her sons. Shes had a bit of a rough life has Anna, never been married, got seven kids and lives in a one bed flat on the 21st floor of a tower block in Kentish Town. Shes been on the social for some time but she told me that the council now employ her for a couple of hours a week to clean the outside windows of her tower block so things are now looking up for her! It's funny really, she said that she was going to write to you, but then asked me to do it. Well writing was never her strong point, nor reading if it comes to that. As it happens she wasn't supposed to be at KGS at all, her Eleven Plus exam paper got mixed up with someoneelses, Anna got sent to KGS and

the other poor sod to a special school for kids with learning problems! Anyway poor old Anna only got rumbled at KGS because she kept going to the wrong classes. In her fourth week there, she was eventually noticed sitting amongst an Upper VIth A Level Latin tutorial class and when questioned she admitted that she could not read the numbers on the classroom doors! Anyway the latest is that as she is the only resident in her whole tower block who hasn't got a criminal record she has been elected Chairperson of the local Nayburhood Watch Committee- so there's a bit of a KGS success story there!

"The only other thing I can think of was a funny thing in 1985 which I hope is not too far back to interest you. It was the last time I was out and about if you get my meaning. Me and a mate TED ARKRYT (1953-1953) was on a bit of a bender in Soho. We had actually managed to find my local "pusher" before he found me, which was a bit lucky and then we goes off and sinks enuff lager to float a rocking horse! About eleven that night we was walking not too steadily towards a back street club, which we had been told had a speciality act involving a camel. Well I've always liked animals me, fried, grilled, boiled, roasted and even raw once or twice, but I hadn't seen too many live ones and this was apparently a "live act". Anyway we finds the place and goes down some very dark steps to buy a ticket or whatever. We suddenly finds our way barred by this huge figure, 6' 6" high, almost as wide, at least 20 stone, dressed in a smart evening suit, bow tie, shiny black shoes the total Bouncer's kit- well bugger me - it was JOSEPHINE STACKMAN (1953-1957)! "Josie " I yelled, "its me Jimbo" She looked at me closely "Do I know you SIR?" she says. I says "Course you do, we was at KGS together, remember?" She says "Right,

that does it" and then picks me and Ted clean off the floor, carries us up the stairs and throws us into a big refuse heap outside the club door! Talk about the old school tie! Still it was really nice to see yet another KGS old scholar in a position of power and responsibility in the big City!

"There was a couple more things, you asked for information about old scholars during the war, well on the odd occasions that I ever saw my old man he used to talk about HERBERT BERKLEY-HOMES (1934-1937) who apparently became an Oberleutnant in the Waffen SS on the Russian Front but I dont suppose thats the sort of thing you're looking for. You asked about the old Coronation Souvenir coins, well, I know someone who could knock a few out for you if you was desperate! Course they'd need roughing up a bit to make them look genuine like!

"Well I must say its nice being back in touch again, I found most of my time at KGS to be very helpful in my later career but I was never sure about them French lessons. The first time I went to Calais I goes up to a frog rozzer and says in my best KGS lingo "Bonne soeur mon jour" Next thing I know I'm lying in the back of a 2CV with a blue light on the top. Although my attempts to open up a branch of my business in Europe got off to a bad start, watching my fellow scholars at KGS in action was educational in so many ways - pinching fags from the staff room whilst they was all down at assembly, trying to drown new first formers by pushing their heads into wash basins full of water, the tuck shop raids, the double dinner scams, setting off on cross country runs and never coming back, hiding under the school floor to get away from it all; Jeez was that place crowded during double maths! You couldn't find your way around down there some days because of the cigarette smoke.

"Well you'll have to accept my apologies for the AGM, I'm afraid it won't qualify for compassionate leave, know what I mean. I will certainly visit the old school site again, probably like I did last time, after midnight during the Christmas holidays. I much preferred the old wooden building, force one window and you were in the whole school, now it seems to be all separate buildings!

"Oh yea, don't put me on the computer, OK, and don't write to me here, if my mates and the staff find out that I went to a Grammar School it would seriously damage my reputation in this place!"

ANOLD BOY (1952-1958)

30 YEARS AGO...

In 'School Notes' for 1964-65 the Annual School Orchestra Concert was held in the School Hall on 6th April. ROLAND FUDGE, its leader, had his own 'String Quartet, 1964' privately recorded on disc.

WIN A PRIZE...!

DOUG EDWARDS (1945-50) has found some of his old University of Bristol, First School Certificate Examination papers of July 1950. And a good standard they are, too. As your Editor has wrestled with a particular question below from the Elementary Mathematics II paper for several weeks (time allowed for the whole paper 2.25 hours!), he has decided to offer a prize for the first correct answer received, complete with workings - trial and error answers not allowed. The prize is a free lunch at the reunion at Lincombe Barn, Downend on 14th Oc-

tober 1995. Come on, all you mathematicians, send in your answers!

Question 7:

Last year the fares to a camp for a party of boys was £35. This year 10 more boys are going and the fares will be 6d. per head more than last year. The total fares this year will be £42. If the camp cannot accommodate more than 100 boys, find the fare paid for each boy last year. (Remember that in real money £1 = 240d. - Ed.)

THE TALENTS OF KGS...

There is no limit to the talents of Kingswood Old Scholars! DOUG EDWARDS won a cup, in competition with 16 other composers, awarded by 'Radio Merseyside' for the composition of a hymn which is reproduced opposite. Doug tells me that he has entered over 30 competitions, plays piano and organ in church, and electronic keyboard for a group called 'Harvest Ridge' which plays 60s music of 'The Shadows' variety. He also writes railway books based on his own research.

PHYLLIS CHARLESWORTH nee WATTS (1929-35) has drawn my attention to a book on wild flowers written by ANITA JOSIE DUNN (1931-36), sister of RENNIE DUNN (see elsewhere). JOSIE'S book is entitled 'The Flora of Ditchley - Wild Flowers of an Oxfordshire Estate'. It is beautifully illustrated, and JOSIE has also had articles published on botany in 'Country Life', 'Hortus' and the Journal of the Royal Horticultural Society.

TUNE LUDLOW 8.6.8.6.6.6.8.6.

WITH VIGOUR

1. I WILL LOVE YOU O LORD JE - SUS, THROUGH EVERY DAY AND NIGHT.
2. I WILL PRAY TO YOU LORD JE - SUS, OF PROBLEMS THAT I FIND.
3. I WILL WORK FOR YOU LORD JE - SUS, THROUGH EVERY NIGHT AND DAY.
4. I WILL FOLLOW YOU LORD JE - SUS, WHEREVER YOU MAY LEAD.

1. I AM SO FRAIL I OF-TEN FAIL TO DO THAT WHICH IS RIGHT.
2. IT MAY NOT BE FOR ALL TO SEE, BUT QUIETLY IN MY MIND.
3. I'LL TRY MY BEST TO SERVE YOU LEST I FAIL AND LOSE THE WAY.
4. I WILL NOT WANT, NOR HESITATE, AS EACH COMMAND I HEED.

1. SO PLEASE MY SINS FORGIVE. LET ME IN YOU NOW LIVE.
2. PLEASE ANSWER WORTHY NEED, CAST OUT ALL LAZY GREED.
3. PUT OUT YOUR GUIDING HAND. LEAD ME CROSS SEA AND LAND.
4. THROUGH EVERY VALLEY DEEP. OER EVERY MOUNTAIN STEEP.

1. GIVE ME A GLANCE, A SECOND CHANCE, THEN KEEP ME IN YOUR SIGHT.
2. FILL YOU MY HEART, YOUR WILL IMPART, AND LET ME TO YOU BIND.
3. GIVE ME YOUR STRENGTH TO COME AT LENGTH TO HEAVEN AND THERE TO STAY.
4. OLD SINS BEHIND, TRUE LIFE I'LL FIND, YOUR EVERY WORD TO KEEP.

THE ATC AT KGS...

In KOSA NEWS 5 ALAN SCADDING (1936-41) offered to share with us the story of the ATC at KGS. Here Alan gives us a flavour of life as a member of the ATC in those momentous days:

"In February 1941 it was announced by MAJOR EATON that a unit of the newly-established Air Training Corps was to be formed at K.G.S. for boys in the V and VI forms, and for Old Boys of the school.

"About 30 to 40 of us responded to the call. We first met on Saturday afternoons and during the first month we were confirmed to be 'C' flight, 1234 Squadron (Flights 'A' and 'B' being at Chipping Sodbury and Thornbury Grammar Schools). The recently-arrived Sports and Geography teacher, MR WINTERTON, was appointed as our C.O. A local ex-regular R.A.F. NCO (Mr. Yard) became our Warrant Officer, Drill Instructor, etc. Visiting 'guest stars' from the pre-war cadet force in Bristol 37F (young men aged about 17!) drilled us remorselessly with very loud voices and impressive demonstrations.

"We were all supplied with uniforms, most of which did not fit. After about a month, we all had to attend a swearing-in ceremony and, after that, serious training began. Aircraft recognition, morse code, navigation, and aircraft knowledge lessons were given to us on Saturdays, Sunday mornings and Tuesday evenings by R.A.F. visiting experts. The enthusiasm was extraordinary. 'Old Boy' PHILIP HENRY CARTER was our first senior NCO, but soon departed in a blaze of glory for the RAF. KENNETH FUSSELL fol-

lowed as Flight Sergeant, but soon zoomed off into the Fleet Air Arm. He came back in 1942-43 as a Sub Lieut. R.N.V.R. and gave us a very inspiring talk about the Fleet Air Arm and its dangerous tasks with the Atlantic Fleet.

"By autumn 1941 MR. WINTERTON (now Flying Officer) felt that the unit was so successful that boys from the local area should be recruited, as well as those from K.G.S. Warrant Officer Yard selected about 10 of us to form a silent drill team and we practised these mysterious movements three times a week for about two months. (Silent drill involved about 100 drill changes without word of command.)

"In December 1941 the then comparatively new (c1937) cinema - The Ambassador - in Kingswood showed one of the famous wartime films 'Target for Tonight' now regarded as blatant propaganda. The film ended, the stage lights came on and the silent drill sequence took place. On completion, the spotlight shone on F.O. WINTERTON standing on a platform, who gave the audience a high-powered 'We want you, join us, your country needs you' pep talk.

"Within a month our numbers increased to well over one hundred, with keen recruits from all over the area. We became 1860 Squadron and MR. WINTERTON was promoted to Fl. Lieut R.A.F.V.R. in 1942. Maths teacher 'BUNNY AUSTIN' became Engineering Officer, as many of the new recruits were serving skilled apprenticeships and had their eyes on the R.A.F. technical branches. Departures into the R.A.F. became a constant flow. A.T.C. membership became mandatory for those wishing to be

aircrew. Bomber Command was building up for the eventual 1942-45 offensive and here were the recruits. For those cadets who successfully passed their A.T.C. tests, six-months RAF seniority was gained and RAF commission prospects became hopeful indeed.

"They were remarkable days, but it was not long before the Roll of Honour for ex-Cadets missing on Active Service started to be listed and was displayed for years on the notice board in the cross corridor at KGS between the 'new' (1936-37) building and 1921-36 building.

"1941-43 were the peak years for the A.T.C. for obvious reasons as I have illustrated. 1860 Squadron flourished in those times; more and more recruits arrived; football rugby and cricket teams were formed (we played K.G.S. at cricket and won by a very small margin in an evening match and even drew with the mighty Downend XI). A band was formed, under the talented leadership of SGT MOON and more and more activities were available under civilian instructors recruited to the cause.

"In 1941 week-long camps were attended at operational aerodromes. I attended the camp at Colerne, near Bath, in July 1941 and each day we were attached for a flying trip or time with a specialist team. At night we saw the black painted night fighters take off (Bristol Beaufighters) under full illumination at the runway for approximately 5 minutes, to intercept reported German raiders.

"By 1943 most of my school colleagues had entered the R.A.F. A few of us eventually joined elsewhere into the other Services. After the war 1860 Squadron A.T.C. moved from K.G.S. to new premises opposite Speedwell Baths. I received an invitation in February 1991 to attend

their 50th anniversary as I was the first Cadet in 'C' Flight 1234 to hand in my entry application papers to MAJOR EATON'S office on that eventful day in February 1941."

ALAN J. SCADDING K.G.S. (1936-41)

OBITUARIES...

We received the following letter from MRS OLIVE LACK in March:

"It is with deep sadness that I inform you of the death of my husband BILL, W.H.G. LACK on 30th October last year.

"He read with interest your magazine, especially the letters. Some names were familiar to him, but he remarked one day that those he could remember were becoming fewer.

"Bill was born in Staple Hill on 2nd July 1920 and after army and the colonial service retired as Environmental Health Officer for shipping at Avonmouth.

"Thank you for giving him the pleasure of making contact with his old school of which he was so immensely proud.

Yours sincerely,

Olive M Lack (Mrs)"

In a letter from ARNOLD EDWARDS he states:

" You will be sorry to learn that BARBARA SAMMONS (the sister of BRIAN SAMMONS) died in March. She was, of course, a long-standing member of KOSA although owing to poor health she had not been able to attend any function for some time.

We are always sorry to hear of the passing of any of our members and we express our sincere sympathies to their families.

HEADMASTER 'CHIPS' RIDLEY...

What was Headmaster Ridley really like? To many of us he was a remote disciplinarian. DEREK BAILEY (1949-53), from Colorado, USA, actually lived with the Ridley family and has kindly responded to the Editor's question as follows:

"Dear Mike

"Thanks for sending me GERRY BOND'S address and yes, I do agree with you that a lot of my pleasure in my involvement with KOSA has been the fact that I have regained contact with people that I had not had contact with since I left England. Which was, by the way, as you might remember way back in 1957 a mere 38 years ago. Gosh where does the time go to?

"Now as to your request for me to share with you some memories I'll be glad to. I've never done this before so bear with me if it is not what you had in mind or comes across as a bit disjointed.

"Perhaps, first off let me put myself and NORMAN RIDLEY into a time frame. He and Doris Ridley took me into their home in the fall of 1951. At that time we lived at what was then 27 The Park which was down the hill from the Kingswood YMCA. They had two sons, Anthony and Hugh who were both younger than me and I was 15. They both attended Bristol Grammar School and I of course KGS. I lived with them until March 1957 when I headed to Canada initially and then to the USA in 1960 where I have lived ever since.

"I agree with your comment that he was

seen as a remote disciplinarian since that fits my image before he took me under his wing. However, behind the doors of 27 The Park he was quite different. He and I got along well perhaps because we shared a common interest in the sciences. He was a mathematician and I was a budding chemist who got straight "A"'s in every chemistry course BRIAN SAMMONS ever taught me. His boys in comparison were language and liberal arts oriented (Today Anthony is Senior Master at Whitgift School teaching French and German and Hugh is Professor of German at a University in Dublin).

"I found him to be a warm and charming foster-father to me. He and Doris had inherited a farm in Lincolnshire after her father's death. Norman loved nothing better than spending some of the summer holidays driving a tractor and playing the role of Farmer Ridley. They had a herd of registered dairy cows and he spent long hours I recall discussing the pros and cons of cows with Jack Markham who was their farm manager. We spent lots of time clearing brush on a section of the farm that was still wooded with the help of his Corgi named Sandy.

"NORMAN also introduced me to my life-long hobby of photography. I recall myself making a contact print box under his direction and spending long hours with him being taught how to make prints in his less than professional darkroom in the loft. He had great patience with some of my difficulties since I had come from a very broken home and had more than my share of "growing up" problems.

"And I as an adult was able to repay

him at least in a small way. After Doris died in 1966 he came to Colorado and spent some weeks here with me in the Rocky Mountains in 1967. He told me both in conversation and by letter later on that that vacation with me was one of the best that he had ever had and in some ways I think was a key to getting him over the dreadful sense of loss that I know he took so hard after Doris's passing.

"Hopefully that gives you some feel for how he was outside the walls of KGS. If this does not cover the ground maybe I could try again. Do let me know when the fall luncheon comes up as I will be there for sure.

With every good wish,

DEREK BAILEY (1951-53)"

VIEWS FROM CANADA...

Dear Mike:

"Our copy of KOSA NEWS arrived yesterday and was avidly read by Ann and myself over breakfast. Enclosed, please find a money order for three pounds towards the cost of producing the newsletter.

"First, I must respond to the challenge, at the foot of page 10, to say that we do have the gilt (somewhat tarnished) medallion given to commemorate the coronation of Elizabeth II. In response to another query, I believe I made reference in a previous letter to a small plaque that was in the foyer of the lower entrance hall. On it, the names of ex pupils that had been killed during the second world war were inscribed. I seem to recall that Flt Lt KIDD, DFC was one of the names. No doubt it was destroyed in the fire in the '70s.

"I was most amused at BRIAN MUMFORD (well remembered as an artist in our class) describes himself as hailing from darkest Wick . I can only counter that we now hail from cryogenic Ottawa (it is snowing like hell outside as I type this). We had a few days when the temperature was below minus 30 and the wind chill factor was minus 59. And to think that my father used to worry when there was a few degrees of frost!

"I may have mentioned that we had plans for a visit to Cyprus and UK this spring. We have had to reorganise this (not for reasons of health) to the fall . September is now booked for Cyprus (with my brother, who has retired there) and we arrive in UK on October 1st. You can imagine how delighted that we both were to read, at the foot of page 1, KOSA NEWS 5, that the autumn lunch at Lincombe Barn is scheduled for October 14th. We shall be there! Please let us know, as soon as you can, of the cost involved, but do reserve two places for us now. What a stroke of luck!

"I have had two or three letters from DOUG EDWARDS since you sent me his address. In fact a couple of days ago, I received from him a short note together with two photographs, one of the 5th form, with Miss MARRISON as form mistress, and one, that I had no idea existed, of a bunch of KGS pupils at the Pembroke Harvest Camp (I think 1948 or 9) . PETER BRAKE, in KOSA NEWS number 2, had enquired if anyone remembered that camp and, yes, he is in the group photo. As are a very skinny JOHN GRAY and JOHN SALTER, CLIVE ROBBINS, JOHN and EDWIN FRITH (twins) and a host of others that I can still put names to.

"JOSIE VAGG, who is mentioned by her sister, MARGARET, was in our class. I remember that both of them were Head Prefects, at different times. I also noticed that HAZEL MOSLEY was mentioned by JIM BURGESS (page 3). FROGGIE DAVIS would often say, in his inimitable Welsh Wales accent "Let's have a pretty gel to clean the blackboard ...HAZEL MOSLEY".

"When I first went to KGS in 1945, the Head Boy was a chap called R E D N GARRET. I don't think I have come across another person since outside of royalty who had four Christian names. He was very smart and took away several prizes on speech day. The Head Girl at that time was ERICA IVORY and I have noticed her name in KOSA NEWS several times .

"One last thing. Outside of the great Assembly Hall, alongside of the tarmac in front of the old gym (where the girls played netball) there was a concrete plinth, with davits and a lifeboat. This was for use, during the war, of the Navy cadets, run by Lt. BRIAN SAMMONS. If we are to review the 50th anniversary, do let us, not forget the SENIOR (MY) SERVICE!

"Thank you, once again for an enjoyable read and for all the time and effort you must put in.

Cheers."

JIM and ANN WITHEY

A VIEW FROM DOWN UNDER...

FROM MARY BENTLEY (nee MILES)
1942-49:

"I was delighted to receive a copy of KOSA News - probably as a result of my brother's request; it brought back many memories grave and gay, of my years spent at KGS from 1942-49. Not

having read previous editions, I hesitate to reiterate information which you may already have published. I would therefore ask you to send earlier copies to me if that is possible - and I will then do my best to fill in a few gaps.

"For myself, I embarked on my Nursing Training at the Bristol Royal Hospital for Sick Children, and followed this by some years in charge of the Orthodontic and Children's Department at the Dental School in Lower Maudlin Street. During that time I continued my interest in theatre, which was a direct result of the encouragement and enthusiasm of MISS WATTERS and MISS DAVID, who gave me a love of Shakespeare and performance which is still with me. Many of us were members of the Old Vic Club at the Theatre Royal, as well as forming the Schools Dramatic Society.

"I have recently had the pleasure of a visit from TONY PERDUE, who was one of the backstage crew, working with PETER REDFORD, JOHNNY LAUDEN, BOB OTLET....I wonder if the dimmer boards over the stage were ever replaced...We talked of the lunchtime concerts we gave impromptu for the most part - characters like DICKIE HAYCOCK, BOB PHILLIPS, CRUSTY MERRITT and STIV CURTIS doing their version of 'Spring Song' with 'Hicker' as the spirit of the Season...OSCAR MILES (my brother) and BERYL MILTON in 'Hedda Gabler', and everybody in 'Blythe Spirit' where I got my baptism as a property master....I am still involved with a number of local Societies as a stage Technician/Manager/Director, and have been Stage Director for both the World and two PanPacific Jamborees in Australia. I recently retired from my

administrative role at the Hornsby Ku Ring Gai Hospital after nearly 24 years, so that I could devote more time to this work.

"My family migrated to Australia in 1966, and I now have five grandchildren; one son is an Honours Graduate from New South Wales University working with Bankers Trust; the other is a Fellow of the Australian Automotive Engineers Association with his own business.

"I hope to visit England again in 1996, and would like to attend any Reunions that may be envisaged. My dates at this time are not fixed, but will probably be around August to October. If you have an indication of the expected Reunion dates, it might help my arrangements. Incidentally, it took nearly three months for your Newsletter to reach me by sea...

"Regarding costs/reimbursements, I will ask brother John to handle this for me, as overseas remittances are not the most ideal way of going about it. I have copies of the only School Magazines which were produced between 1945 and 1949; also the first photo of the whole School taken after the war, in 1948. I will bring these with me in 1996.

"Discussing what it was that made KGS different recently, we came to the conclusion that although the war deprived us of many young teachers, and gave rise to many changes, we were exposed to a greater variety of influences from mature people who had more than just an academic background. They had enthusiasm for their subjects, and shared themselves with us in a way that I am sure is very rare. We were not crammed with information to regurgitate for examinations, but shown a pathway lit with the glories of history and literature, science and philosophy, and humour - who would ever forget the an-

nual Sports Money collections by Chuckles....and we were taught to think.

"Please keep me in touch with KOSA,

Mary Bentley (nee Miles) 1942-49"

"PS. TONY CURTIS was my guest in 1980s when he saw Australia for the first time, and made the contacts which produced the recent Exhibition at the West of England Academy..."

CELEBRATORY RUGBY...

JOHN COLE (1949-56), as captain of the Old Boys team that played the Ladies during the 40th year celebrations of Kingswood RFC, would like to point out that the sum of the players' ages (about 750 years) exceeded the sum of their waist measurements in inches, even if by a small margin. Furthermore that the clean tries scored by the poseurs in the backs offset the dirty deeds perpetuated (and penalised) in the mauls.

Does nothing change? Apparently not, for JOHN BISHOP (1952-58) still dropped the same proportion of passes as when J.C. first played with him for the School in 1955! It was true that everyone enjoyed themselves, so much so that the Ladies XV have requested a re-match, perhaps to mark the opening of the new ground and club house.

PHOTO ON PAGE 20 - 40 years on!
FRONT: S Seymore, J Ackhurst, S Hickmans, R Hubbard, J Bishop, J Cole, R King, V Yeoman, A Dawes
BACK: W Williams, D Moody, P Dix, J Salter, R Windsor, A Warren, D Ball, K Dykes, J Harris, D Breddy, P Dando, A Drew, M Bendrey, G Ann, B Endicott, R Bease D Pine, R Cromwell



Kingswood Grammar School
Hockey 2nd XI - 1955-56



Kingswood Grammar School
Form IVA - 1954

**KINGSWOOD OLD SCHOLARS' ASSOCIATION
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31st DECEMBER 1994**

	£	£
BALANCE AT BANK 1st JANUARY 1994		986.89
TRANSFER OF SURPLUS ON OTHER REUNIONS		241.26
RECEIPTS:		
Donation		250.00
KOSA News Subscriptions	430.14	
Costs	<u>237.81</u>	
Surplus		192.33
Annual Lunch	751.17	
Expenditure	<u>733.50</u>	
Surplus		17.67
Sales of Books		38.57
Interest Received		35
		<u>1,727.07</u>
EXPENDITURE:		
Sundry Expenses		12.20
Deposit Kingsfield School for 1995 Reunion		25.00
Deposit Downend Folk House Association for 1995 Lunch		20.00
BALANCE AT BANK 31st DECEMBER 1994		<u>1,669.87</u>
		<u>1,727.07</u>

I have examined the books and vouchers made available to me and in my opinion the accounts set out above form a true and fair view of the affairs of the Kingswood Old Scholars' Association as at 31st December 1994.

signed: Eric R Arnold, FCCA

29th March 1995

KOSA REUNION LUNCH

To: Frank Rawlings, Hon. Treasurer, KOSA,
74 Oakdale Road, Downend, Bristol, BS16 6EA Tel: Bristol 0117 956 1050

I enclose £_____ for _____ places @ £11 each for the KOSA Reunion Lunch to be held at 12.30pm on Saturday, 14th October 1995 at Lincombe Barn, Overdale Road, Downend.

Name _____ Guests' Names _____

Maiden Name _____

Address _____

If you have any special dietary requirements please inform us

Years at KGS _____ to _____

*I enclose £3 towards the cost of KOSA News

*delete if not applicable

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

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