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EDITORIAL...

We have been producing *KOSA NEWS* twice a year for over 30 years with the same editorial team. We hope you like the format and its content of a mixture of news, stories, reminiscences, history and the news of reunions, both large and small, which have brought people together.

We have come to the stage where we need an assistant editor as an understudy, ultimately to take over the role as Editor. Ideally, we need someone younger than me (not difficult!) who is computer literate and lives in the Bristol area. Full training will be given and computer software provided. We are even willing to double the salary currently paid to the current Editor, which is £0 per annum! Our Hon. Treasurer would also like an understudy, again with a view to taking over. A retired accountant or bank employee would be ideal, but it's not a job which requires professional qualifications.

Regretfully no lunch this Spring due to the non-availability of our usual caterer on the dates available, but an Autumn lunch will be held in October. Look forward to seeing you then.

The Editor

DIARY DATES:

63-70 REUNION:

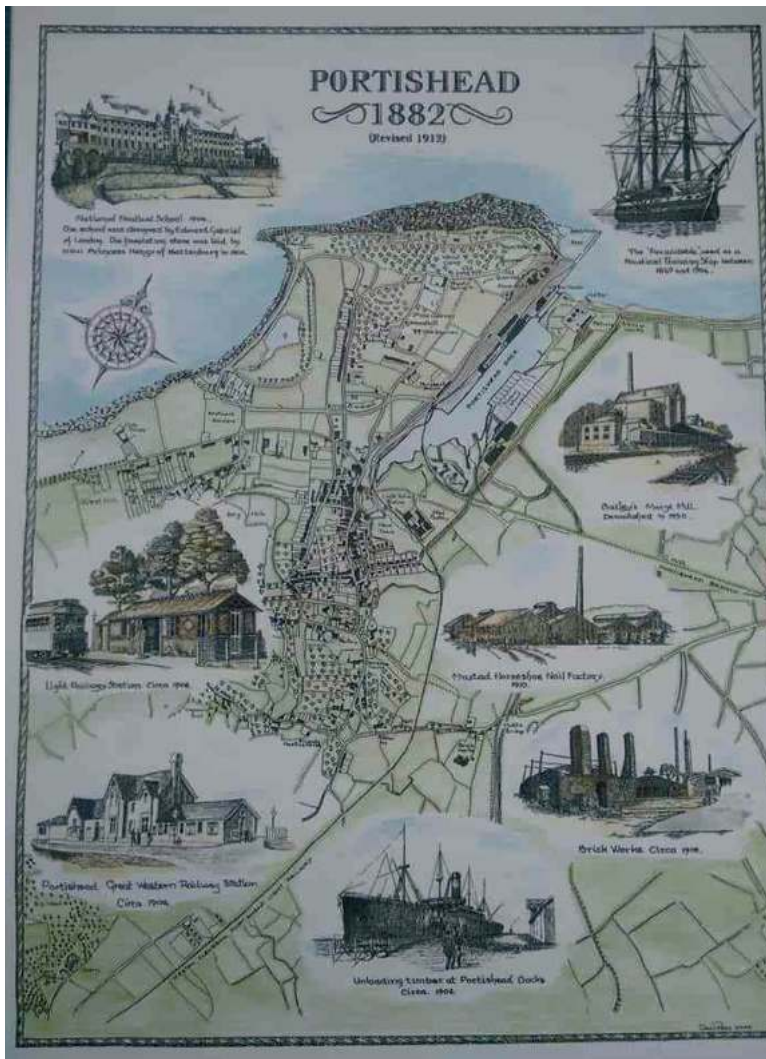
JULIE BABER (63-70) (now MacLean) has planned a Reunion lunch on **FRIDAY, 9th JUNE, 2023**. A venue to be announced when numbers are confirmed. Please let us know if you can come by phone, text or message; Tony Pattermore: 07720599223 or Steve Garnon: 01726 64884 (landline) Email: stevegarnon@btinternet.com.

AUTUMN LUNCH & AGM:

Please set aside **SATURDAY, 14th OCTOBER 2023** at Lincombe Barn, Downend BS16 2RW when you will have a chance to sack the Editor and the rest of the Committee! We meet at 12.00 to 12.30pm for a chat and a drink from the bar, and sit down for lunch at about 1.00pm after a short AGM. Please complete the enclosed form and send to our Treasurer (address inside).

PEN PORTRAIT...

DAVID ALWAYS REES was on the staff at KGS from 1958 to 1960 where he taught Games, Art and Crafts. We are indebted to his daughter, Caroline Stitfall, who has provided us with the photo of the staff on page 28 and a summary of his career. His short period at KGS was obviously the prelude to greater things.



'My father went to Loughborough College and obtained a Diploma, Loughborough College of Education in 1956. He then went to Kingswood Grammar School from 1958-1960 and taught Craft, Games and Art, Monks Park School, Head of Metalwork 1960-1967, Lecturer - Craft Design Technology,

Redland College 1967-1970 and Head of Dept Design & Technology, Filton High School 1970-1986

'He was also a published author - *Creative Plastics* (1970) and he also authored and co-authored many books to aid students to pass their GCSE in Design Technology in the 1980s.

'David was also a Chief Examiner/Area Co-ordinator in Design Technology for GCSE/O-levels and A-levels in the 1970s and 1980s for the University of London.

'A very skilled pen and ink artist, he drew many beautiful pictures of significant buildings and scenes in our home town of Portishead (see left). Sadly, he passed away on 21 March 2017'

BRIAN'S PAST...

In the last edition we published a poem by BRIAN ILES (45-50) which captured boys' activities from day gone-by. Brian has responded and added some flesh to the bones of his experiences of those days:

'Thees't know how to flush people out dustn't! Appeal to their vanity.

'Many thanks for printing my 'verse' (euphemism for doggerel). (Pages 19-20). I wrote that particular effort with feeling, because it conjured up the best years of our lives. The WW2 period for boys born in the mid-30s.

'Here's a glossary: *The Lost World* was Mount Hill Quarry, out of use by the 40s except as a playground. I pictured Conan Doyle's story of a remote landscape where explorers met prehistoric monsters. Such were the six-inch greater-crested newts – evats, we called 'em (a corruption of efts, I think).

'It was a thrill to drag the yellow-bellies from the clay-clouded water by using worms on cotton. But their cousins gave us a bio lesson. Riding 'froggy-back' on their females until the spawn was fertilized. Details I felt too shy to tell Miss Price, back in class the next day. The spawn was just like tapioca, that milk pudding so popular with war-time parents, if not their kids.

'We baked potatoes 'proper'. Deep in the fire in the roots of Jack Palmer's pear tree, at the edge of his allotment, near the quarry verge. We peeled off their carbon coats to get at the pith. We ate the lot. But the tiny round pears were no good for afters – hard as bullets. Instead, we smoked 'gutter-shag'. We scavenged fag-stumps from Hanham Road gutters, and made 'roll-ups' from the tobacco. Little beggars. Literally. Black mouths, filthy baccy, dirty jokes. Well, jokes told us by older boys, which we parroted but didn't understand.

'Curly Stuff was swarf from 'Dougs' – the nearby motor bike factory, by then doing munitions. They tipped it into the quarry by Hopps Road. No Health and Safety in them days. The metal shavings coated the whole quarry-side for quite a stretch. We competed to jump farthest down the piles. I can't remember one festered knee. So there couldn't have been much danger.

'In fact, the only danger was to Mr Bawn's carrots. Pinching them was naughty, I suppose. But I don't think the 90-year old ever knew. Two puzzles. One: Raw from the dirt, the carrots never gave us the tummy ache. Herd-immunity, perhaps. Two: Lots of kids went to Sunday School back then, so morality was in the air. Yet we were bad little boys. A third puzzle might be that, though the religion didn't stick, I personally learned to love hymns and oratorios from church.

'Looking back, Kingswood Grammar, 'Cong's' (Hanham Road Congregational Church) and the *Lost World* were all equally Education, Education, Education. for me.'

JOHN MARCHANT (47-54), who was a Hanham Road boy from part of the world which was described so well in *The Lost World*, wrote to say he was moved by the poem.

THAT APPEAL...

In Edition #60, JOHN BRITTON (52-59) asked about the current location of friend ANTHONY HOOPER (52-59).

Bob Harris, whose wife is PAT FLEW (52-59), has come up with the following information and photograph:

'Tony Hooper, who lived in Bitton, was a good footballer and he lived on the Aubry Meads estate. There was a Hooper's Farm in Longwell Green whose son was much the same age, but I do not think he played football. I enclose a photo of the Bitton Tony Hooper on the top of page 4; he is on the front row, far right'

No information yet on BRUCE PERRY (52-59), John's other request, whose photograph also appears on page 4 - Ed.



Above: Footballer Tony Hooper (front row, far right).

Below: John Dicks, Roger Beese and Bruce Perry (seated)



SPARES...

From time-to-time copies of *Kingswood Chronicles* are sent to us. *Kingswood Chronicles* was the annual

magazine which recorded the major events of the School for the year. It was given out at the end of the Summer Term. They contain a wealth of information from 1924 to 1970, when they ceased publication.

We have built up a small supply of duplicate copies and we would like to distribute them to members on a first-come-first-served basis. Just request copies from the Ed and they will be posted to you - no charge! The copies we have are as follows, one copy of each, unless otherwise stated:

July 1931, July 1932, July 1933, July 1934, July 1935, July 1936, July 1937, July 1938, July 1939, 1939-41, 1941-42 (2 copies), 1942-45, 1945-39 (3 copies), 1949-50 (2 copies), 1950-51, 1951-52, 1952-53 (2 copies), 1953-54 (3 copies), 1954-55 (2 copies), 1955-56 (2 copies), 1956-57, 1957-58, (2 copies), 1967-68, 1968-69.

LINKS...

Whilst KOSA's major objective is to re-establish and maintain contact between old scholars of the Kingswood Schools, we're happy to help others get together, especially when they have a Kingswood connection. ROBERT PILE (61-68) has approached KOSA with such a request:

'Thanks for the #60 Edition which I thoroughly enjoyed as always. My copy is always sent to my Mother's address in Oldland so she can read it first with her magnifying glass (she is almost 96 now but still has all her faculties).

'She was very interested to read about VERNON STOKES (38-43) in this edition because she remembers him very well from her school days. They both attended Mrs Howe's prep school (or 'Academy') in Hill Street at the same time until Vernon went on to Kingswood Grammar school

'However my Mother stayed at Mrs Howes until she was 16 (ca 1942) and they lost touch during /after the War. She went on to work at HP Lucas Ingredients after school, initially as an office assistant but went on to become his personal secretary in later years. She remembers Vernon's parents had the Anchor pub in Made for Ever at that time and was interested to read his recollections and also that he still lives nearby.

'Anyway she would love to make contact with Vernon again as I am sure they have many memories of Mrs Howe's. Is it possible for you to forward this to him somehow and tell him she would love to hear from him or meet him again? Her maiden name is Ruby

Williams and her elder sister Betty (RIP) also went to the same school

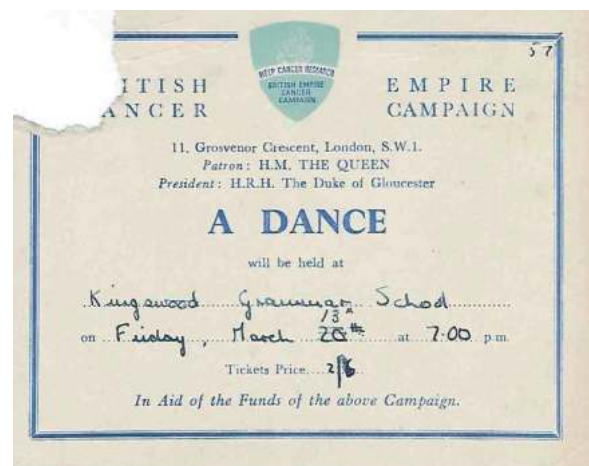
'I realise this is not in the normal KOSA NEWS remit but it would be great if they can swap memories of those days

'I was also very saddened to learn of the death of PENNY STAPLETON who was a classmate of mine and I always had a crush on her! I remember she lived in Hanham. JANET ANDERSON and VALERIE EDWARDS were also my 6th form classmates.'

We can report back that Vernon did phone Mrs Ruby Pile and had a long conversation about old times and they promised to link up again.

ANOTHER AGE...

We have been sent a ticket to a dance at KGS on 13th March. We think the year is 1959 when the 13th March was a Friday



Dances were often held in the School Hall, some by the Old Scholars. In this case it is held in aid of the British Empire Cancer Campaign and the charge for the evening is the 2/6, a half-crown; that's 12½ pence in today's money!

Anybody remember that occasion or, better still, attended the dance?

THE MORRIS' BIO...

So often we are only aware of a member's achievements in life when we are publishing news of their passing. Fortunately, ROSEMARY MORRIS (45-52) (now Smith) has given us a potted history of her career, along with those of her sisters, who were also at KGS. She writes:

'I thought I would send you our biographical information before it's too late - I'm now 88!

'MARGARET MORRIS (34-40), who died in 2021 aged 97, went to Fishponds Trinity College after the War in 1945. She did well and became an infants teacher and a headmistress in her thirties, first in Middlesex then in Bath, where she lived for the rest of her life with her friend, Eileen, who was also a secondary school head-teacher. She spent a year as an exchange teacher in Australia in the 50s and spent more time there after retirement, although she eventually returned to the UK.

'EILEEN MORRIS (38-45) (later Olive) died in 2017 aged 89. In 1945 she went to Cambridge, Girton College, and read English and Economics. Apart from being clever academically, she was very good at sport, and at KGS she was captain of both hockey and tennis.

She contributed extensively to *Kingswood Chronicles* when she was at KGS, writing notes on the Hockey and Tennis teams from 1940-45 and reporting on the Poetry Reading Society in 1945. In 1943-44 she reported extensively on the wartime Girls' Harvest Camps which senior children were encouraged to join to help with the war effort.

'She was very happy at university where she met her husband, Gabriel, who became an antiques dealer. Together they opened a shop in Wincanton. She was asked to teach English at Bruton School for Girls, which she did until she retired.

'She had a good alto singing voice and sang in several choirs and we both sang in the Dorset Bach Cantata Choir in north Dorset. She later moved to Castle Cary.

'I was in the last cohort to take the School Certificate (Matriculation) in 1950, before O-Levels were introduced. After A-Levels I went to London to train as a Speech Therapist. Quite a select few did that, but all has changed now. I worked in Bristol and South Glos and was quite a trail-blazer.

'After having two boys, in 1968 I went back to work part-time at a school for Cerebral Palsy children. Although the salary was small, I could choose my hours and when I wanted to work. For example, I was asked to see a lady in Dorchester Hospital who had had a stroke and I could state my hours. Those were the days!

'I retired in 1995, by which time I was the Manager of the West Dorset Speech and Language Therapists and was living in Weymouth. I was then asked to stand as a Labour Candidate for Dorset County Council and I became its first woman Labour County Councillor in 1997.

'Sadly, I lost my son, Christopher, with cancer in 2003 and I still miss him. However, my other son and his family live in Blandford Forum, so I see them quite often.

'Thanks to an article I read in *KOSA NEWS*, 3 or 4 years ago I met two school friends for the first time in about 60 years. They were RUTH FISHER (now Ryder) and BARBARA TUGWELL (now Forrister). We met at Barbara's house in Longwell Green. We recognised each other straight away! We talked for hours about the present (some of the time), the past (a lot of the time), and the future (not a lot). Since then Covid has raised its ugly head and I'm not sure whether we will meet again, Christmas cards will have to do!'

At KGS Rosemary was a Prefect and sang in the chorus of *Dido & Aeneas*. She was awarded the 6th Form prize for Music and In the 1950-51 *Kingswood Chronicles* she wrote the notes on The Dramatic Society and The Recorder Society.

The Morris Girls were quite a trio!

THAT WORD..!

In the last edition we reported the press cuttings which appeared as the result of Headmaster RIDLEY writing a misdemeanour on the board. MALCOLM FINCH (51-53) has written to report that the action was reported world-wide:

I write about the remarks made by the former headmaster C N RIDLEY on the blackboard back in 1966. If I can remember rightly from a copy of a newspaper report in the *South China Morning Post*, he actually wrote every swear word he knew on the board. The copy had been sent to me by my sister CAROL FINCH (49-54) (now Purvis) who is also a member of KOSA, who went to Hong Kong as a domestic science teacher, met her husband there

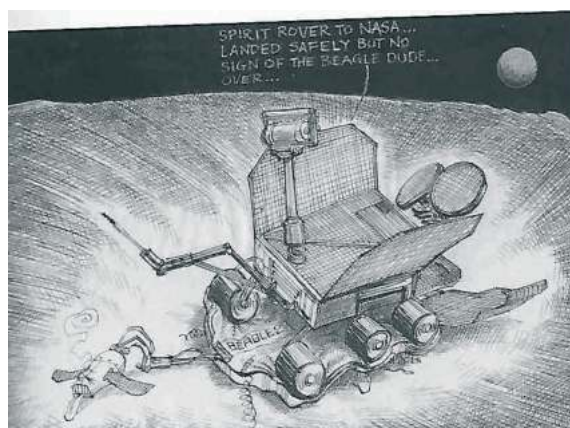
and spent most of her life there.

Her husband retired from being an architect and when he did so Carol decided to study architecture at Hong Kong University and obtain a degree, which she did.

Apparently Reuters, the international news agency, had circulated it world-wide. As I had returned to Gloucestershire from spending some 40 years working in London, I decided to drop this cutting into KGS when passing, I met MR WILLIAMS, my old woodwork master, who suggested that I gave it to the school secretary who told me that she had a scrap book with cuttings from all over the world but this one I gave her was a new one. I expect that scrap book went up up in flames in the fire. I just thought that folk maybe interested in the fact that it was in more than just the Daily Mirror!

BEAGLE 2...

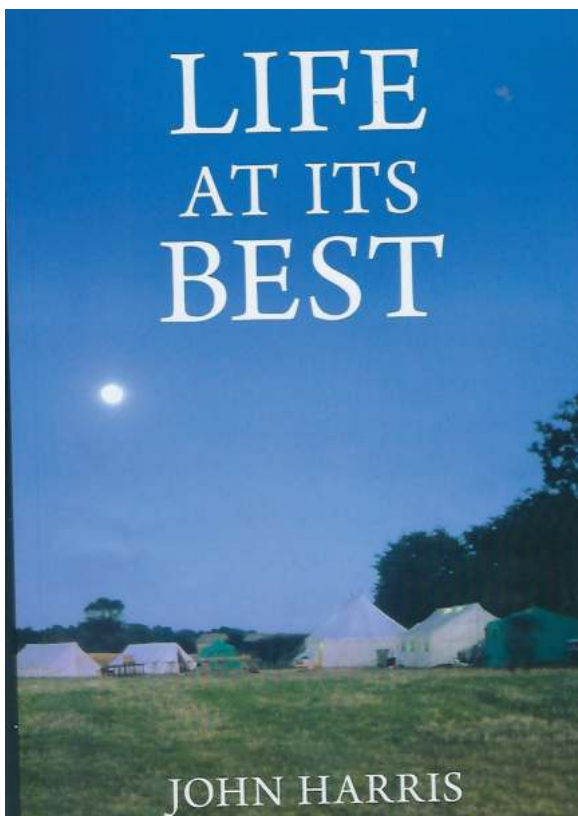
Malcolm's letter reminded your Ed that he passed on a cartoon to COLIN PILLINGER (54-61) which he saw in the same newspaper in HK. Colin included it in his book *Space is a Funny Place*:



'Spirit Rover to NASA...Landed safely, but no sign of the Beagle dude...Over'

ANOTHER BOOK...

Our collection of books by Kingswood authors is growing. The latest we have is *Life at its Best* by REV JOHN 'Tweedy' HARRIS (53-60) and is about the Christian Camps he has been involved with over many years.



John writes:

'I self published the book and so it is not sold in bookshops as a commercial venture - it is a labour of love and has taken seven and a half years to write. For those who would like a copy, I am charging £10.00 for the book and £4.00 p&p. My address is 12 Hadrian Close, Lillington, Leamington Spa, CV32 7ED and my email address is:

salt11@talktalk.net

'I think that the Camp began in 1951 but there is some uncertainty there, which doesn't seem to me very important. For the first years it was called Scripture Union Camp, then for a few years Christian Venturers Camp be-

fore becoming Explorers Camp in 1970. Part one of the book deals with the first two of those names and then the second part tells the story of Explorers Camp. We had our first on-site Camp since 2019 this year, and there were 50 there. Very thrilling after all we've been through.'

The book is made up of many of John's reminiscences of the camps through the years. It is a series of short 'stories' about the occurrences and the personalities who brought them about.

The Camps were often provided for less-privileged children and young people and they clearly gave much pleasure to the participants, which varied from about 50 to 100 plus. The camps mainly took place in the north of the country, in Yorkshire, Lancashire and the North East but occasionally in Wales, Angelsey and the Wye Valley.

The title of John's book appears to have come from a 16mm film made in the early days by the Rank Organisation for the Methodist Church.



Lots of photos of 'happy campers' are included in the book, with one of John, (who studied Music at Manchester), playing an old camp piano before setting it on fire! Little recycling in those days!

LETTER FROM OZ...

We've received a note from MARY MILES (42-47) (now Bentley) from New South Wales:

'Greetings from Down Under. It's a beautiful Spring day here with a cloudless blue sky,, nice change from the almost daily bucketing rain that has reduced much of the country to flash flooding, if not soggy mud....."A lavish wilful land" says the poem about a 'sunburnt country'....

'I received the 'NEWS a couple of days ago and realised that I might be able to correspond with the remnant of my KGS colleagues - the song used to be "All my friends are getting married"...but it begins to look like they are getting "buried" !

'As you say during Covid lockdown, not much happened....luckily! And I have used that time to get used to being 'retired' after a lifetime of activity in theatre/nursing....I can count over 200 productions that I have either 'propped', directed, managed, or occasionally taken part in over the past 40 years, almost full time, following my retirement from General Practice Management. Drama - an interest that I can claim started in the Hall at KGS under the encouragement of MISS DAVID.

'I will take this opportunity to give you my new postal address which is 5/75 St. John's Road, Glebe, NSW 2037, a redevelopment of my current village to bring it into line with Government requirements, which means a move to a sister complex. I shall be living in the City of Sydney and closer to my children, grandchildren and great grandchildren, all of whom chose to live closer to their work.

'I still have fond memories of being in the Guides' colour party at the church there in Downend, and cycling from Warmley, in the company of WEMBRIDGE, PURDUE, IVORY. and EDGLEY.....Happy days!'

THAT WORD AGAIN...

We have received a note from CAROL FINCH (49-54) (now Purvis):

'I was amused to see reference to HEADMASTER RIDLEY and the four letter word as I had seen it previously in the SCMP - the South China Morning Post in Hong Kong. I had been living there since 1961 and where I married and remained for the next 25 years.

'Mr. Ridley was a most unusual character whom I would probably have enjoyed the company of when an adult but, as a teenager, I found him terrifying so that walks along the corridor became an ordeal as I could be easily spotted, being 5'9" at 13. He would stand in his doorway, an arm would shoot out and I would be deposited into an armchair for a grilling on numerous occasions. Whether it was because my Mother was quite smart or my Father's arithmetic beating his 'new-fangled' methods I do not know, but the memory lingers on for me - as compelling a bit of KGS history as George VI's death announcement! CN Ridley certainly left a mark on a global scale and a small one. I just wish that I had had my brain turned on at that time to make the most of what he had to offer. Luckily I found the switch later!

'KOSA NEWS is gratefully received by both my brother Malcolm Finch and my sister Kaye after I have finished reading it. Thank you for all that you do to keep everyone so well informed'



100+1...

King's Oak Academy has replaced the old classrooms on the boys' play area with a spectacular new dining room, the photograph of which is shown above, taken by GEOFF COLE (55-60).

The new building was long overdue, as the old dining room, known as The Brook Road Bistro, had been condemned over two years ago. Consequently, KOA had been without a dining area for some time and for that reason it was not possible to have a reunion using the Brook Road canteen. The old canteen, shown in the last edition, will be eventually pulled down.

On 10 November 2022 KOA celebrated the opening of the new dining room with a tea and an exhibition. It was also treated as a celebration of 100 years

of educational facilities on the Brook Road site. Your Ed was invited to the occasion and the exhibition was largely made up of the photo exhibition which was put together by Kingswood Heritage Museum to celebrate the 100th anniversary last year. Also on show was the DVD of the KGS activities put together from the films saved from the fire. The films were not lost in the fire as, fortunately, they were kept at Senior Master WILLIAMS' house in Warmley when the fire destroyed the original building. Copies of the DVD can be obtained from the Ed for a fiver, including postage. Cheques payable to KOSA

As the result of a quick conversation with Principal KATHERINE OGDEN we hope to have future discussions with KOA to arrange for a visit to the site and a possible reunion there.

PEDANTS' CORNER...

RICHARD CORDY (55-62) has put things right regarding Kingswood Schools:

'One for pedants' corner. Kingswood School was founded by Rev John Wesley in 1748 for the education of sons of Methodist ministers. Unless I am mistaken Kingswood Secondary School was not. The original Kingswood School was situated at the bottom of Britannia Road in Kingswood, where the premises have since enjoyed many re-purposings. Kingswood School is now a highly prestigious educational establishment in Lansdown, Bath.

'When I was at Liverpool University in the 1960s I often found this a common confusion which I had to correct. Shortly after graduating in 1966, and not all that long before the conflagration, I had the pleasure of seeing my name on the honours' board; only slightly diminished because I was credited with a B.Sc., where actually I have a B.Eng. I wanted to read electronics and Liverpool University was one of the very few which offered that in those days.

'My engineering degree enabled me to realise my schoolboy fantasy of designing spaceships and it would be interesting to know how many other KGS pupils worked in the space industry in addition to the great triumvirate. In 1999 Matra Marconi Space closed their Bristol office and I obtained employment in a Last of the Summer Wine establishment employing 12 old codgers in a shed. My career took a bit of a dive from there and I was once accused of single-handedly restoring credibility to the UK nuclear submarine programme. I suspect that this was an overstatement, but that's another sto-

ry.....'

The great triumvirate referred to by Richard obviously includes SIR BERNARD LOVELL and COLIN PILLINGER but who else? Certainly PROFESSOR DAVID EWINS (53-60) worked for NASA.. - Ed

THE SMITHS...

'Many belated thanks from ROBIN SMITH and ANGELA CHARTERS (now Smith (54-61) both to you and the committee for your much appreciated work in keeping the newsletter and the association going. The older we become the more we like to be reminded of our KGS experience.

'It was an unexpected pleasure to find a very good quality form photo on the back cover of our 3L1 form with Mr Hocking. We are still in touch, if only intermittently, with many, and between us can put a name to most of the pupils. Robin is on the left of the back row and I am on the left of the row of standing girls.

'Please don't hesitate to pass on my email address as appropriate to KOSA members who may like to contact either Robin or me.'

Robin and Angela's email address is: <angela.mary.smith@icloud.com>. Why not drop them a line?

KOBRFC...

John Clease is writing a history of Kingswood RFC to celebrate its 70th Anniversary. It was originally Kingswood Old Boys RFC and if you have any stories, memories or information about those early years please get in touch: <john.kath.clease@gmail.com>

HONOURS...

On pages 14 and 15 we have continued to publish pages from the Honours Book to cover further entries in 1959-60 and 1970. We hope to cover the whole book in due course, but if there is any particular period, or names of those who went into higher education you wish us to publish, just let us know.

NOT CRICKET...

NIGEL PECKETT (58-64) has written about a disagreement:

'In the Autumn edition of *KOSA NEWS* two items caught my eye and both are related. The demolition of the boys' play area classrooms and the name of NIGEL EDWARDS.

'We are both the same age. I doubt whether Nigel Edwards remembers me but we were in the same year but different classes. Around 1960 we and others were playing cricket in the play area. We two had a break time disagreement about our game of cricket, fell to and started fighting. I remember it very well because I suddenly thought this was really stupid, rolling round in the dust hitting each other over a game of cricket. Since that minor skirmish I have never been involved in a fight. It struck me as a silly way to settle an argument and it has stayed with me for about 60 years.

'Another game of cricket in the same area caused MR HILTON (Music) to pause orchestra practice because I hit a ball through his classroom window. He was not at all pleased; he rushed out, shouted at me (a lot) and I was given a detention.

'I was in the second year in a classroom in the same area for a music

lesson. We were given a composition for homework. I do not remember what marks I got but I do remember a class mate with the surname HALLET. At home he copied out the music for the National Anthem. He was given 8 marks out of ten. Consequently, for the rest of my life the National Anthem music is worth 8 out of 10.'

MARGARET FROM NZ...



Sculptor MARGARET LOVELL (50-55), who now lives in New Zealand has informed us of some exhibitions of her work over there and over here:

'I'm excited to share the the news of my upcoming solo show in Auckland, New Zealand opening on February 14th and which runs until March 7th 2023. This show includes some new and never-before-shown pieces of various sizes.

'My work is still permanently on view at Porthminster Gallery, St Ives; David Simon Contemporary, Castle Cary, Somerset; and Andelli Art, all in the UK.'

If you're in the area of any of the exhibitions, why not go along?

1959/0 Huggins Wendy	Royal West of England College of Art (Art)
1959/0 Hull J. M.	Southampton
1959/0 Jefferies P.	County Major, London College of Advanced Technology (Chemistry)
1959/0 Lee - Marson Eve	West of England College of Art (Art)
1959/0 Lovell Margaret	Slade School of Art (Art)
1959/0 Martin P. H.	Leeds
1959/0 Mealing M. J. R.	County Major, Birmingham
1959/0 Nightingale Elizabeth	Reading
1959/0 Pizzey R. A.	West of England College of Art Art
1959/0 Sage Marion	Bath College of Domestic Science Domestic Science
1959/0 Saunders P.	St. Alfred's College, Winchester Education
1959/0 Shepherd D. J.	Imperial College, London
1959/0 Taylor C. N.	County Major, Bristol College of Advanced Technology
1959/0 Vincy Paulette	St. Mary's College, Cheltenham Education
1959/0 Williams Anne	Norwich College (Education)
1960/1 Ball D. R.	County Major, Manchester College of Advanced Technology Chemistry
1960/1 Barker C. W.	Leeds (Chemistry)
1960/1 Berrow Hilary	County Major, Swansea English
1960/1 Birchley Susan	Gurton College, Cambridge Economics

1970	Goddard C.	Newcastle
1970	Goodenough Sylvia	Nonington College (Physical Education)
1970	Griffiths Megan	Tortley Hall College (Education)
1970	Hall R.	Bradford (Chemistry)
1970	Harris June	Cheltenham College of Art (Art)
1970	Herlihy Dennis	Cardiff (Electronics)
1970	Hewlett Rosemary	Royal Holloway College, London
1970	Hooper Marilyn	Rolle College (Education)
1970	Jefferies Lesley	Exmouth College (Education)
1970	Kelly T.	Chorley College (Education)
1970	Kyffin R.	Bristol Polytechnic
1970	Lack G.	Imperial College, London Chemistry
1970	Leleu O.	Wolverhampton Polytechnic
1970	Lona Geoffrey	Sheffield
1970	Liversidge Kristina	Reading (English)
1970	Marsden Ann	Bedford College, London
1970	Melton D.	Newcastle (Naval Architecture)
1970	Olsson Lorna	Maria Grey College (Education)
1970	Payne Lesley	Rolle College (Education)
1970	Pfaff Barbara	Reading (Modern Languages)
1970	Philpott Suzanne	Nonington College Physical Education
1970	Rennie Brenda	Coventry College (Education)
1970	Rogers Sally	Exeter
1970	Roman Julie	Cheltenham College of Art Art
1970	Sheppard Lesley	Salford College
1970	Sheppard Marilyn	Brighton College (Education)
1970	Sherlock Jacqueline	Salford College (Education)

OBITUARIES...

David Marsh has written to advise us of his father's passing:

I am sorry to advise you my father ALAN ERNEST MARSH (54-61) passed away from asbestosis on the 17 May 2020.



Prior to his illness which he was only diagnosed with a year before his death, Dad was in excellent health. He was a keen golfer and kept himself in good shape, he even had a gym in the house!

Dad had a good life and had qualified as a chartered surveyor. He was actually a fellow of the Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors (FRICS). He had a very successful career and worked for the Valuation Office, was head valuer for the Island of Bermuda for 3 years and also worked in London for a few years. He retired at 55 and worked part time as a consultant. Sadly he had separated from my mother Mary in his fifties, and although he had a fair few

lady friends, sadly she was always the love of his life.

He passed away peacefully at home with his sons David and Simon with him. Dad always spoke fondly of his days at Kingswood Grammar School.

The Ed is sorry to report the passing of his long-time friend MIKE STANTON (48-53). Mike was a lifelong steam railway fan and spent many happy hours at Mangotsfield Station in the steam era. He also travelled widely pursuing his hobby.



After National Service he, along with the late RICHARD STRANGE (54-59), set up Mangotsfield Railway Circle to encourage like-minded steam buffs to meet regularly to chew over old times. He eventually became a committee member and then Chairman of the group, a position he held, in spite of increasing mobility problems, at the time of his death. Mike worked for the Bag Division of E S & A Robinson before he retired.

The photo (above) shows Mike, on the left, at his favourite pub - The Bridge Inn, Shortwood. MALCOLM GAYTON (53-57) is on the right.



DEREK BAILEY (49-53) of Colorado has informed us of the passing of MARGARET WILLIAMS (48-52?). Margaret appears on the photo of 5 Remove in 1952 (above). She is immediately to the right of Form Master BEN HODSON, who taught Mathematics.

His wife, Maggie, has informed us of the death of JOHN FREDERICK DURSTON (43-48). She writes: 'John, who was a very proud ex-pupil of Kingswood Grammar School, passed away on 1st May 2022. He was born in 1931 and lived in Downend with his parents and sister, Pauline. Two stalwart friends of John were brothers RON and HARRY KING, also from Downend, and the three were brought up on a diet of P G Wodehouse!

'John served in the Royal Signals Regiment during his National Service, being demobbed on the day Princess Elizabeth became Queen in 1952. He spent his whole career with the Halifax Building Society, starting as a clerk in the Bristol office, until retiring as the

Regional Manager for East Anglia and the Eastern Counties of England.

'He had maintained good health except for very painful Rheumatoid Arthritis and lived to 90 years old; he was always pleased to say that he still retained all his teeth!'

In the last edition we sadly announced the death of PENNY STAPLETON (61-68) (later Smurthwaite). VAL EDWARDS (61-68) (now Scott) has also informed us of the passing of SIMON STAPLETON (65-70) (Penny's younger brother).

Simon passed peacefully away, unexpectedly, on the very same day as Penny's funeral on 8th July 2022 shortly after being pleased to have been able to watch the funeral from his hospital bed with the hospital chaplain for company. Such a shock to all.

We have been informed of the passing of ANDREW SOLLARS. Kingsfield (74-79) by his brother, MARTIN (70-

76):

'It is with a heavy heart that I write a little about my younger brother Andrew (known almost universally as Andy) who died suddenly whilst on holiday in Turkey in September 2022.

'His time in school was something of a mystery to me as I was three years his senior and we did what most brothers in a school setting did, we pretty much ignored each other. He left at 16 and completed an apprenticeship as a motor mechanic working on Rolls Royce and Bentley cars. Subsequently he joined the family security products business where he spent the rest of his life.

'His passion was Rugby, playing mainly for Barton Hill RFC and later Barnstaple and South Molton. When his career playing slowed down he then coached the game, particularly setting up a young women's team in South Molton. I think he played his last competitive game at the age of 57!

'He then went on to race vintage British Scramble Bikes and was variously the Chair/Secretary/General dogsbody for his local club.'

CHRISTOPHER GREENFIELD (60-68) has written to report the passing of ROB LARKHAM (65-67):

'We are very sad to have to inform our fellow Old Scholars that our dear friend Rob Larkham, passed away on Friday 14th October 2022. Returning home from lunch with a friend in London, Rob suffered a fatal heart attack as he arrived at his home railway station. His wife, Teresa, who had been waiting to meet him, was able to have a few last moments with Rob while he was conscious.

'We remember Robert joining us in the Sixth Form in 1965 when his parents moved to Staple Hill from Weston Super Mare, where Rob had attended the Grammar School. His friendliness, his infectious sense of humour (coupled, of course, with academic ability!) quickly integrated him into our ranks. His then girlfriend, Teresa's, frequent visits to the school virtually made her an honorary member of the sixth form as well! They were both determined that we should all keep in touch and keep that flame of schooldays' fun and friendship alight.



'Rob was the moving spirit behind the group (known variously as the Committee, or the Gang of Four or the Rat Pack) which organised reunions of the KGS 'Class of '67' over the course of twenty years

and more. Rob's funeral took place at Aldershot Crematorium on 22 November 2022. Five of the 'KGS Crowd' were there along with scores of his relations and other friends.

The photograph above shows Rob in his sixth form uniform.

ROBIN 'Rob' FIDKIN (55-62) passed away on 15th January 2023. He was born in Bedminster, but at the age of eleven his family moved to Downend in time for Rob to start at KGS. He was



keen on all sport, but particularly Football and Cricket. He played his cricket with both Parnall's Cricket Club

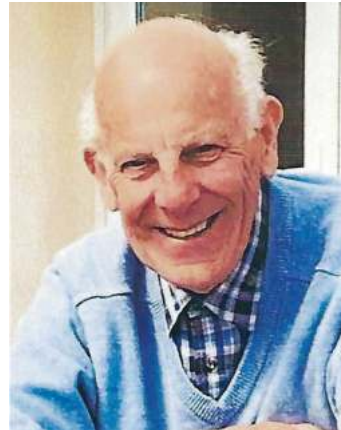
and RWP, as a wicket keeper and batsman. He also helped promote junior Cricket in Bristol and was involved with a youth club in Fishponds.

He was involved with several local football clubs over the years and was Vice-Chairman with Roman Glass St George Football Club, the oldest in Bristol, for over 30 years. Rob was addicted to running and often ran over 50 Marathons and Half Marathons, both locally and internationally, raising money for charity. At KGS he was cross-country champion.

Rob worked in insurance after leaving KGS, originally with the Provincial Insurance Company and latterly with Mark Richard, an insurance broker, where he became a Director for over 16 years. Rob was a keen gardener and a bird fancier and fed our feathered friends. Indeed, at his funeral, where there was standing room only, the service was opened by *And the Birds Were Singing* by Sweet People, which featured birdsong.

Rob supported Bristol City and, fittingly, his exit music at his funeral service was *The Red, Red, Robin*, the Bristol City Supporters' song. We extend our condolences to Carol and family.

ROGER EVANS (51-56) passed away on 1st January 2023 and the service to celebrate his life was held on 30th Jan-



uary. Prior to KGS Roger attended Staple Hill Council School and he left KGS to join the Inland Revenue after excellent O-Level results. He moved to the Cardiff office where he

met his future wife Beryl and they eventually had three daughters. Roger was a member of the Church Lads' Brigade and was very keen on sport, playing football for Downend Rovers in the 50s, and also tennis. He was a serious stamp collector for most of his life.

Whilst with the Inland Revenue, Roger was seconded to a charity which helped people in their jobs. On returning to Bristol in 1967, he became an active member of the community. He joined the local Probus Club, where he maintained club contact with the sick members and was twice President, became a member of a walking group, played skittles, donated blood and supported the Downend in Bloom Group who provide the flowers and plants which decorate Downend throughout the year. He was a nature-lover, particularly birds, interested in Local History and Ballooning.

Roger was a strong family-man who enjoyed taking his family to Victoria Park for picnics and holidaying abroad in France and Spain. He developed a particular love of French and improved his O-Level French by attending night-school. He and Beryl visited his daughter in Australia many times and recently enjoyed a visit by his grandson from

Australia.

Roger will be missed by all who knew him and this was evidenced by the 'standing room only' at his funeral. We extend our condolences to Beryl and their family.

Professor DAVID EWINS FRS (53-60) died on 25 January 2023 after a spectacular career, the seeds of which were sown and were evident at KGS. On leaving School, David graduated at Imperial College London (ICL) with a degree in Mechanical Engineering and completed his PhD at Trinity College, Cambridge. He subsequently became Fellow of Trinity and Professor of Material Science. In 1967 David became a lecturer at ICL and was appointed Professor of Vibration Engineering in 1983.

In 1990 he started collaboration with Rolls Royce Ltd and founded the University Technical Centre in Vibration, partly financed by the company. In 1995 he was elected a Fellow of the Royal Academy of Engineering and in 1999 he was visiting professor in Singapore. His book on vibration engineering has received over 10,000 citations, an indication of a leader in his field.

In 2005 David became Director of Bristol Laboratory for Advanced Dynamics Engineering (BLADE) at the University of Bristol and in 2006 he became a Fellow of the Royal Society, an honour bestowed on such dignitaries as Isaac Newton. As well as advising Rolls Royce on jet engine design, improvements which have been said to have saved them millions of pounds, David did work for NASA, AWE, Bosch, Boeing and Augusta Westlands. His advice

continued to be sought after retirement and from 2010 to 2014 he chaired the Scientific and Technology Advisory Board for EU Clean Sky Research Programme.

At KGS, David's school career was no less spectacular; Form prizes in 1A, 2J, 3A, the Redford prize and the 6th Form prize, both for Mathematics. He was Head of Haskins House and Head of School for 1959-60 and as the result of A-Levels in Pure and Applied Mathematics and Physics he was awarded a Gloucestershire County Scholarship to ICL.



On the social front, David was a train spotter, often at Mangotsfield Station, and your Ed spent a happy two weeks cycling and Youth Hostelling with him around the South of England and the Midlands in 1957. He never lost his interest in steam as he had a working Great Western 0-4-2 tank engine in his garden in Newton Abbot, complete with a good length of track. David initially married BRENDA CHALK (54-61) and was later married to Rosemary Roscoe.

The photo (above) shows David on the left as Head of School at the presentation on Prize Day 1959 by Head Girl JO CRITCHLEY to first Headmaster MAJOR EATON. On the right is Head-

master C N RIDLEY and centre is Chairman of the Governors Rev. W J Downes.

Ex Labour MP JANET ANDERSON (62-68) passed away on 6th February 2023 at the age of 73.



Although Janet was born in Newcastle-upon-Tyne, she moved to this area with her family and therefore went to KGS when she passed

her 11 plus. Her father was a Labour party agent and her mother played the organ at a Methodist chapel.

At KGS, where Janet was awarded the 2nd year form prize, she left with A-Levels in English Literature, French and German and went to the Holborn College of Commerce, which later became the University of Westminster, to study Languages and Business Studies. She also spent some time at the University of Nantes.

Janet entered Parliament as the MP for Rossendale and Darwen in 1992 after a spell as personal assistants to Barbara Castle and later Jack Straw. She lost her seat in 2010. In Parliament she was opposition whip from 1994 to 1996 and became the shadow Minister for Women. Following the 1997 election Janet became the Vice-Chamberlain of the Household, in which capacity she reported on the House business daily to the Queen. She was

then promoted to become Under Secretary of State at the Department of Culture, Media and Sport.

Whilst in Parliament she promoted free TV licences for the over 75s and discounted those for the blind. During her time as Minister for Tourism, rural tourism lost £100m per week as a result of the foot and mouth crisis and she was also attacked by the media for her levels of parliamentary expenses.

After parliament she decided to publish some of her letters to the Queen written in her role as Vice-Chamberlain. Under the title *Dear Queen*, we reviewed the book in an earlier edition of *KOSA NEWS* when we were sent the book by Janet. It proved to be an immensely amusing read in which Janet 'spiced up' her report of each day's debates by including some Westminster gossip. They were described as 'forthright, opinionated, acerbic and greatly appreciated by Her Majesty'.

Janet married Vincent Humphreys, a solicitor, in 1972, and she is survived by her second husband, fellow Labour MP Jim Dowd, and her three children by her first husband. Janet led a full life in which she made a large contribution to the politics of this country and her death was reported extensively in the *Times*, the *Daily Telegraph*, the *Guardian* and on BBC News.

It is with personal sadness that your Ed reports the death of BRIAN HODGES (53-58) as he was the Ed's Best Man when married in 1963. Brian was a lively character who was an active member of Kingswood YMCA in the 50s when it was a hotbed of KGS and ex-KGS members.

Brian was a lover of Jazz and attended many of the concerts at the Colston Hall when artists from America came touring. He went to concerts of Ella Fitzgerald, George Shearing, The Modern Jazz Quartet, Dave Brubeck and many others and he was a regular visitor at the Modern and Traditional Jazz Clubs which sprang up in Bristol in those days. Brian married MARY SHEARN (55-62).

Brian planned at an early stage in his life to enter the church and attended interviews in London with a view to training for the ministry. He was told to re-apply later, but it was not to be. Brian was always interested in medicine, having worked for a spell in Boots the Chemist, and he eventually went into nursing.

As a measure of Brian's tenacity, he suffered a stroke whilst in his 40's and, although spending much of his time in a wheelchair, continued in education. He moved to Sheffield and set up a course in Sheffield Polytechnic, eventually becoming Head of Department of Health Studies, covering nursing education, at Manchester Polytechnic. He regularly travelled to Manchester

by train alone in his wheelchair and he also travelled widely to give advice in his education sector. In Sheffield, Brian was the Chair of the North West Sheffield Grant Panel which gave grants to community groups. He had a wide variety of interests.

Although told he would probably not be able to walk, he was determined to do so again. Brian was an encouragement and inspiration to others. At his funeral, his son James described Brian as someone who will be remembered with a sense of humour, a huge sense of purpose and service to others and for the determination to live life to the full and never be stopped by anything or anyone. An inspiration and encouragement to everyone he met. We send Mary and her family our condolences.

We have also been informed of the passing of Ian Hull (53-58?), Chris Bryant (54-61), Muriel Williams (47-52?), Royston Bywater (34-39) in Canada, Olive White (later Salman) (43-48), Rex Montgomery (40-43) and William Blunt (41-46).

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



ANOTHER VIEW...

In the last edition we reprinted an article from *Kingswood Chronicles* on MISS E MORRISON (PE, Games and occasional Latin) on her retirement.

DOREEN PILLINGER (48-53) (now Lindegaard) writes an alternative view:

'The latest *KOSA NEWS* (no. 60, Autumn 2022) with the photograph of Miss E. Morrison presented me with a dilemma. Should I let sleeping dogs lie where they have festered for seventy odd years or share my memories of this teacher? Others may have enjoyed Morrison's "individual approach" (quote, Headmaster C.N. RIDLEY), but to me she had all the sensitivity of a brick.

'She must have been in her thirties when I first knew her. Short, less than 5 feet tall, compact, a pocket *Graf Spee*, with tight frizzy curls, she bounced along the corridor of the old cowsheds on over-developed calves, in her habitual garb of daps, socks, gym shirt and swirling grey pleated shorts. She had a whistle on a lanyard round her neck which she did not hesitate to blow if anybody was running or talking, both of which were strictly outlawed.

'Not that the whistle ever bothered me. I spoke very little and made myself as small as possible to avoid attention. Everybody thinks they are 'different', except that I really was. I am not seriously disabled, far from it, but I have a condition called Scoliosis, with an unsightly hump on my back. I need explain no further than to say that it is something I share with King Richard III. I was very ashamed of it.

'I donned a cloak of invisibility. Though

I played truant a lot, I was never caught. I was very average, quiet and gave very little trouble. I was rarely noticed by the other teachers. The exception was Miss Morrison. It was not that I hated her subject; in fact the exact opposite, I love sport and games, it was just that I was not much good at them. I was terrible at many of the exercises she devised. My ineptitude drew an attention I did not seek. Miss M., evidently oblivious to my physical shape (was she blind?) which made some exercises impossible for me, seemed to imply that if I made more effort she could cure me.

'One of my most dismal efforts was 'throwing the cricket ball'. My shoulder simply will not go back far enough. I can't even scratch my own back! The more I tried, the more I failed. The ball trickled a few yards along the grass and then came to pathetic stop. It was one of the five disciplines necessary to qualify against points for Sports Day. I could do all the rest, running and jumping, but without this one thing I never qualified. I longed to qualify. But Miss M. made no exceptions. It was worse because it happened every year. Finally when all her efforts came to nothing, she punished me. She put it in writing on my Annual Report in two words. BAD POSTURE. As if it was my fault.

'This was cruel. It upset me and my parents, but it could (should) have opened a conversation between all interested adults, home, medical and scholastic. My weird behaviour might, nowadays (hopefully) have set bells jangling. Unfortunately this did not happen, but you have to remember that this was a very different age.

'Since my diagnosis and the medical

pronouncement that my Scoliosis was untreatable, (as it was at that time) a conspiracy of silence had been placed around me and my condition. Whether this was due to embarrassment or out of a misguided concern to protect me I still cannot fathom. I was told not to talk about it. Whatever, it had a lasting effect on me, so that I closed down those few attempts to get fully beyond my barrier of shame. I never talked about it and as I did not broach the taboo subject others dared not do so either.

'This goes some way to explain why my school memories lack the rosy glow of most KOSA correspondents. My life was not ruined. It was not Morrison's fault, or anybody else's; it was just my bad luck. From the moment I joyfully threw my beret into a hedge on my last day at KGS I resolved to become a new person, a version of myself I felt I was always meant to be. This took a long time, and whether it was an improvement or not, is up to those who know me to judge. That it must have worked was demonstrated a few years later when by chance I met a former classmate, MICKEY WILTSHIRE, whose father kept the King's Arms in Kingswood. I must have been holding forth about something or other. "Doreen," he said, "I hardly knew you. You were such a little mouse at school!"

'I was well into my early seventies by the time the dam burst. I gave a talk on fossils(!) at my granddaughter's infant school, approximate age seven, which of course included dinosaurs. *Out of the mouths of babes and sucklings*. One little boy put up his hand and asked, "Why have you got a lump on your back, Miss?" Whether he sus-

pected I was actually a dinosaur I cannot say, but a lively discussion ensued about how dinosaurs were different and we are all different from each other, and that difference does not mean inferior. At last I faced up to the elephant in the room. I looked for advice on the internet. I discovered the Scoliosis Association UK (SAUK) which aims 'to provide support for children and their families affected by Scoliosis and to raise awareness among health professionals and the general public.' Better late than never.

'In 2012 I went to the Paralympic Games in London with my son. We had a great deal of fun when the genial volunteer attendants, on seeing my walking stick, absolutely INSISTED that I take one of the wheelchairs. Protests were in vain, my son pushed and I rode in state, though I felt uncomfortable when we encountered those with a real disability. The Games provided one of the most treasured experiences of my life. The athletes were an inspiration as were many other people we met. It gave me a lot of hope for the future.

'I still follow sports, though now, aged 85, from the comfort of an armchair. And I still can't throw a cricket ball!

'PS. Friends will know that my brother the late Professor COLIN PILLINGER also had Scoliosis. I have a selection of his books, all in hardback, fully illustrated: *My Life on Mars*, *Space is a Funny Place* (showcasing his love of cartoons) and *Beagle: From Sailing Ship to Mars Space Ship*. I raise funds in aid of SAUK, see above, and in memory of Colin who never let anything get him down. I sell the books at a bargain price of £3, plus a fee for

postage, (not applicable if you can collect from me in Brislington.) Please contact me for details, 0117 9093907 or email: dplindegaard@gmail.com.

'You may like to know that I have begun an email friendship with another KOSA member, JULIE MATHER-JOHNS (68-75), a fellow local historian. After a few exchanges I discovered she went to KGS though 20 years after me.'

A PRESENTATION...

Since we went to press with the last edition, Queen Elizabeth has been succeeded by King Charles. When the Queen was crowned on 2 June 1953, all children at school were given a gold

(plated?) commemorative Coronation Medal in a red and blue presentation box. Your Editor has kept his since then (see below).

We wonder whether today's pupils will receive something similar when Charles is crowned in 2023?

Many things have changed since those days when Winston Churchill was Prime Minister in 1953. The Coronation encouraged the purchase of TVs so that it was watched by 20 million people in black and white, but there were no personal computers and therefore no World Wide Web.

Few homes had central heating, fridges, washing machines or telephones,



and microwaves were something for the future. About 2.5 million cars were on the roads compared to 32.9 million today. The population of the UK was 50.6 million whereas today it's about 68 million and women represented 32% of the working population compared to 48% nowadays. There were, of course, many other changes which contributed to make the past a 'foreign country' to us.

BOB's PIX...

BOB STANTON (60-67) has sent us some photos of his time at KGS. Amongst them was the school photo taken in 1963. We have published the centre section on page 24 which features many of the staff and also Bob, who writes:

'I am immediately in front of Deputy Head DALZIEL, within swotting distance of Headmaster RIDLEY'S left hand!

'I was a pupil from September 1960 to the summer of 1967 after which I went to Reading University and graduated with a BA in Geography in 1970. I went into Retail Management with Lewis's Ltd (not the John Lewis Partnership) and then as a buyer for the group, based firstly in Selfridges in London and then relocated to Manchester. Following the demise of Lewis's I became a buyer for JCB in 1990 from where I eventually retired.'

REGULATIONS...

In 1967 a Prospectus Booklet was issued to all parents and prospective parents under the name of *The Kings School*. An application had been made to change the name to *The Kings School*, but this was subsequently refused by the authorities and we now know that Kingsfield was allowed.

Many of the regulations contained in the booklet were quite strict, and we publish below the sections entitled uniform and travelling;

The uniform regulations are contained elsewhere in the booklet and must be adhered to strictly. The purpose of uniform in the School is to give solidarity to the School, to avoid social differences, and add to the general appearance of members of the School. Parents will help with this by maintaining School uniform in a clean state and in good repair. The School Outfitters, The Don, Park Street, Bristol, maintain a good standard

of uniform at competitive prices. Guidance on girls' uniform may be obtained from the Senior Mistress, and on boys' from the Head of Houses.

Wilful breaking of uniform regulations will be dealt with vigorously.

School Uniform will be worn at School on all occasions, for School Matches on Saturdays, and for outings. It is not necessary for it to be worn during the evenings or at weekends.

Any complaints about the quality of materials supplied by the official outfitters should be made in writing to the Headmaster.

In necessitous cases applicants will be considered for a grant towards School uniform at intervals of 2 years. This should be made on Form 55H obtainable from the School Office.

Pupils come to School by bus, or on foot or by bicycle:

In the latter case the minimum distance between home and School is to be not less than 1 mile, as there are limitations upon the number of places in the cycle sheds.

All pupils cycling to School have to take a cycle test organised by the Gloucestershire Constabulary, before a permit to ride is issued. Until the test can be organised they may come by bicycle if parents give a personal certificate of the roadworthiness of the cycle and the ability of the child, in writing to the Headmaster. Bicycles must be locked up with chain and padlock, and no responsibility can be taken by the Headmaster and Governors for their safety.

A number of service buses run for our convenience. Pupils who live outside a radius of three miles of the School will be granted a free season ticket. Application forms for these tickets may be obtained from the School Office. If a child has to cycle more than three miles, a grant is payable for the upkeep of the cycle, for which application must be made. Motorised cycles are not permitted.

More regulations next time!



KINGSWOOD GRAMMAR SCHOOL,



June

1963

The photo on page 28 is of the staff in 1959. It was sent in by Caroline Stiffall, the daughter of DAVID REES. David is second from the left on the back row (see story on page 2).

BILL'S RESPONSE...

At his request, we sent a list of those who attended the last reunion lunch at Lincombe Barn in Downend, and this was Bill's response from Australia:

'Strangely I was in the process of sending a message to HEATHER BUCKEE (as was), to draw her attention to the event. She now lives in Perth WA. We were at primary school together and made contact through KGS web page some years ago.

'I've just scanned the list you sent me and know 13 people for sure and a couple of possibles. It would have been nice to be there but as I said before I have used up my 2022 allowance of trips to the Northern hemisphere!

'Pleased to see SIMON BANKS (53-59) 'Lardy' as we knew him because of his penchant for 'lardy buns' (can you still get them by the way?). He visited us once here when he was on a mission associated with 'The Winston Churchill Foundation' and we took him to 'Riding for the Disabled'. We visited him and Margaret when they lived in Warmley.

'PETE MARTIN was an old associate. We did Christmas Post from Bitton PO at the same time. Then there was JOHN BISHOP and MARY GIBBONS (52-58), PAM LEWIS (53-59), MONICA JONES, PAULETTE VINEY (53-60), RON WILLIAMS (50-58) VALERIE BOLWELL (53-58) and LINDA YEO-MAN (53-59) who is Vic's sister. KEVIN NOBLE (52-58) could be 'Nobby' No-

ble who beat me in the cross country. I also played in the 'Old Boys' with BOB GRAY (49-56).

Happy 80th birthday for those still to go through it!

KOSA MATTERS...

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Sometimes we lose contact with some of our members when they fail to let us know new addresses. Currently, we are trying to contact PAM GUEST (53-59) now Hanks, RAY EDWARDS (46-51), TERRY PLENTY (55-63), and JANET MARTIN (53-59). If you know where they are, please let us know.

WELCOME...

We welcome SHEILA DUFFELL (61-68) (now Pool) and ROBERT STANTON (60-67) who have joined the Association since the last edition was published.

BANK ACCOUNTS...

Our bank in Downend has suffered the fate of many branches - it's closed. Our Treasurer Martin asks if all new standing orders could be addressed to KOSA, Lloyds Bank, Fishponds, Bristol Branch, 697 Fishponds Road, Fishponds, Bristol, BS16 3UJ. The sort code and account number remain unchanged as 30-98-06 and 00746093. Existing standing orders remain unaffected and no action is required.

We are grateful for all the voluntary contributions made to enable KOSA NEWS to continue.

BACK PAGE...

The staff in 1959. How many can you remember?



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