



# KOSA NEWS



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## EDITORIAL:

I have had many welcome letters since the last edition of KOSA NEWS and am delighted to hear that we have been successful in bringing ex-KGS folk together, often after many, many years. An example is from the very short letter from BRIAN WILLIE (1947-54) about his reunion with SHEILA POW nee BENSON (1948-54). Short, but to the point! Glad we were able to help.

I believe most of us count ourselves very lucky to have been able to obtain the good education at KGS. Good teachers seem to be a characteristic of the school, no matter in which particular era we attended, with a good learning environment which stretched us, and plenty of extra-curricular activities going on which completed the educational process.

As I write, however, the Grammar/Comprehensive debate is featuring very strongly in the papers, especially the 'Sunday Times'. On the one hand, the grammar school education at its best was 'a rounded education tailored to individual abilities and interests', but if you didn't make it to a grammar school: '...my name was not read out, I was devastated...My mother was distraught and I can recall the feeling of failure...' I think we all know very bright people who, for some reason or other, didn't pass 'the scholarship', and I wonder how many who went to the secondary modern continued to under-achieve in life because of that rejection at so early an age.

I count my lucky stars that I was educated at KGS, but often wonder what life would have been like if I had failed the 11+.....I might have been a success!

Mike Bendrey, 26 Overndale Road, Downend, Bristol, BS16 2RT Tel/fax:9565689

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## DIARY DATES...

### AUTUMN LUNCH:

Lincombe Barn in Overndale Road, Downend has been booked for SATURDAY, 12th OCTOBER 1996 for the regular Autumn Lunch. The application form is included with this edition, so complete it NOW and get your cheque off to Frank Rawlings.

As 1996 is the 75th Anniversary of the founding of Kingswood Grammar School, we will be celebrating the event with a birthday cake and we might even open the odd bottle of fizz!

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## **From the Chairman...**

At 7.30 p.m. on Friday 29th March 1996 we held the Annual General Meeting and "Spring Event" of Kingswood Old Scholars' Association at Kingsfield School, Kingswood.

In view of the long distances many Old Scholars travel to get to KOSA events in Bristol, the Committee had decided again this year to combine the Annual General Meeting with a Social event.

In welcoming Old Scholars to the AGM, I mentioned that we were entering a very special year; 1996 is the 75th Anniversary of the founding of Kingswood Grammar School. In my Chairman's Report, I briefly reviewed what had happened since the 1995 Annual General Meeting and highly successful Spring Social Event, which had been attended by one hundred and twenty five people.

At the March 1995 event the lively performance of the Frampton Footwarmers Jazz Band, the plentiful supply of food by Bob Gray and staff, the availability of a bar, the excitement of a raffle, and an exhibition of memorabilia by Kenneth Meek, all made an impact. Judging by the noise level on that occasion, there was a high degree of camaraderie and trips down "memory lane" ! Mike Bendrey, as co-ordinator, and his willing band of helpers, made it all so successful.

Also I reported on the other main event of the year on Saturday, 14th October 1995. At 11am an English oak tree was planted in Kingsfield's grounds to commemorate those old Scholars and Staff of Kingswood Grammar School who were killed or injured during the Second World War, and in memory of those who served and helped to make victory possible 50 years ago. The ceremony was co-

ordinated by Frank Stephens who organised the making of the plaque and the buying, the planting and the registration of the tree at the Kingswood Civic Centre, and who liaised with the School.

Our President, David Lewis, presided over the proceedings and an Old Scholar, John Berry planted the tree. Another Old Scholar, the Rev. Alan Merritt conducted a short service of commemoration. After the tree planting ceremony I was given the honour of unveiling a commemorative plaque in the foyer of the School.

The wonderful attendance at the tree planting and the unveiling of the Commemorative Plaque was even surpassed by the numbers who came to the Annual Celebratory Luncheon afterwards. Lincombe Barn was bursting at the seams with 104 members and friends - filled to capacity.!

Among the many aspects of the Annual Luncheon, a significant one was the presentation of a £100 cheque to David Lewis (Head Teacher), as a token of our regard for Kingsfield School.

We had a speech of thanks from our President, David Lewis, the usual very good food provided by Bob Gray, a well used bar run by Frank Rawlings with a group of volunteers and a very successful raffle.

Commemorating that special day, we have a album of photographs recording some of the highlights. The photographs were donated by our President, David Lewis and Esme Rawlings. Later, other photographs of that and other occasions will be added to the album which will be available for members to see at our next event.

I reported to the AGM that our member-

ship numbers continue to grow and that we now send over 600 newsletters to Old Scholars, some in distant parts of the world. Increased and continuing interest in KOSA activities has originated partly from "word of mouth advertising" and more especially from the mounting editions of the Newsletter. I recorded a sincere "Thank You" to Mike Bendrey, who as Editor of the Newsletter, has done much to raise the profile of the Association.

I ended my Report by thanking my Officers and Committee members for the support they continued to give me over the previous year, stressing that their help and commitment had been very much appreciated.

The Treasurer, Frank Rawlings, then presented his Report. This was followed by the re-election of the President, the Chairwoman, the Officers and the Committee.

On the Agenda item "To fix subscriptions for the ensuing year", I pointed out that the Social Events we have held have been mainly self-financing and that the publishing and postal costs of the Newsletters have been met through the continued generosity of members. If this continues, no formal membership fee is needed at present. The Constitution does allow for a membership fee, and if it becomes necessary, the Newsletter Survey has shown that £3 per year is generally acceptable but we hope that a fee will not be necessary.

The AGM over, we moved to the Hexagon and for the social part of the evening. Many acquaintances were renewed to the soothing 1920's music of "New Romance in Duo", with a plentiful supply of food by Bob Gray and staff, the availability of a bar, and the excitement of a raffle. A very

successful evening!

The next event is the Autumn Luncheon on 12th October 1996 at the Lincombe Barn, Downend. Further details of the Luncheon appear elsewhere in this Newsletter. Please make a note in your diary and don't forget to reserve your place(s).

Hoping to see you soon

**Deggy Bolt (Olet)(1938-43)**

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### **Rugby Club News...**

JOHN BISHOP (1952-57), President of Kingswood RFC, gives us a potted history of the Club and the latest news on the move to the new ground in Warmley:

In 1954, 42 seasons ago, JOHN GRAY (1947-54), RON PARSONS (1945-50), and others having completed their studies at KGS, decided to form a Kingswood Old Boys Rugby Football Club. Appointments were made - President, Headmaster C NORMAN RIDLEY; Chairman, Maths Teacher ELLIS PEET and Captain DAVID OLET (1947-53), and fixtures were made via the Bristol Combination. The inaugural match was against Old Elizabethans.

The club started out playing home matches on the school pitch at Deanery Road. Mr Ridley presided for many seasons but within a year or two BRIAN SAMMONS of chemistry fame, had taken over the "chair". Captains came and went on a regular basis with DON BREDDY (1944-52), JOHN SALTER (1949-56), and JOHN TOBIN (1947-54) seeing the club through to the sixties.

It was during that infamous decade that

the club really developed but in the process gradually changed from an Old Boys' club to become "open". Kingswood RFC is the direct descendant of Kingswood Old Boys and is still very much the concern of several ex KGS pupils. The club grew, being able to field 3 XV's with matches played at Lees Hill and Hanham Abbots.

It is impossible to write a detailed history of KRFC without consuming the whole of this magazine and boring you to death in the process. However it would be remiss not to mention just some of the Old Boys who have done sterling service over the years.

ROGER WINDSOR (1955-60) was a marvellous captain, an effervescent chairman, and latterly a passionate coach. MIKE REDGERS (1950-57) performed miracles to produce victories out of potential defeats, thus boosting morale when it was most needed. ROGER BEESE (1952-57?) did his bit as captain during one of the most difficult periods of the formative years. He remains a member, presently holding the office of Vice President but is perhaps best recognised as a fund raiser through the organisation of countless raffles over many years. Even DAVID PAGET (1952-56), he of the world's slowest outside break/swerve, can still be seen regularly on the touchline which thereby qualifies him as the Club's most faithful supporter.

In 1979 KRFC moved to a new home at Church Avenue, Warmley where they built their own clubhouse. This building has seen much use over the last 16/17 seasons providing a typical rugby atmosphere for the several hundred players who have represented the club in that time. However Church Avenue has never been the best venue for rugby football

which caused the club to enter into discussions with Kingswood Council when the prospect of another move was mooted. Those long, intermittent, and tortuous negotiations are now at an end with the result that even as you read this article the club will have completed a move to - guess where? Yes, the club is back where it all began, at Deanery Road playing fields.

In October 1994 DAVID PINE (1951-56), JOHN SALTER, and JOHN COLE (1949-56) organised a Dinner and Rugby Weekend to commemorate the club's 40th Anniversary. Over 100 present day and former members sat down to dinner at the Lindens Hotel with some guests having travelled many miles to be there. They were proud to have been associated with one of the few tangible legacies of KGS and we are sure they will be pleased to learn that the club's future seems to be assured at the "ancestral" home. The club still uses the old school badge and is now a very well established local rugby club.

The formal opening of the new clubhouse will take place on Saturday 7th September. A number of events are being organised during that weekend to mark the occasion. If you would like to visit the club then it will be "open house" in September. Thereafter the premises will only be open to members and their official guests.

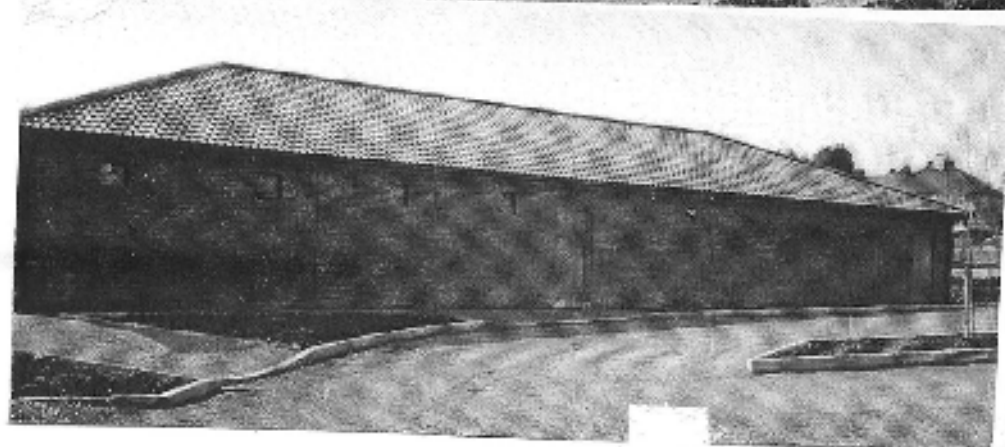
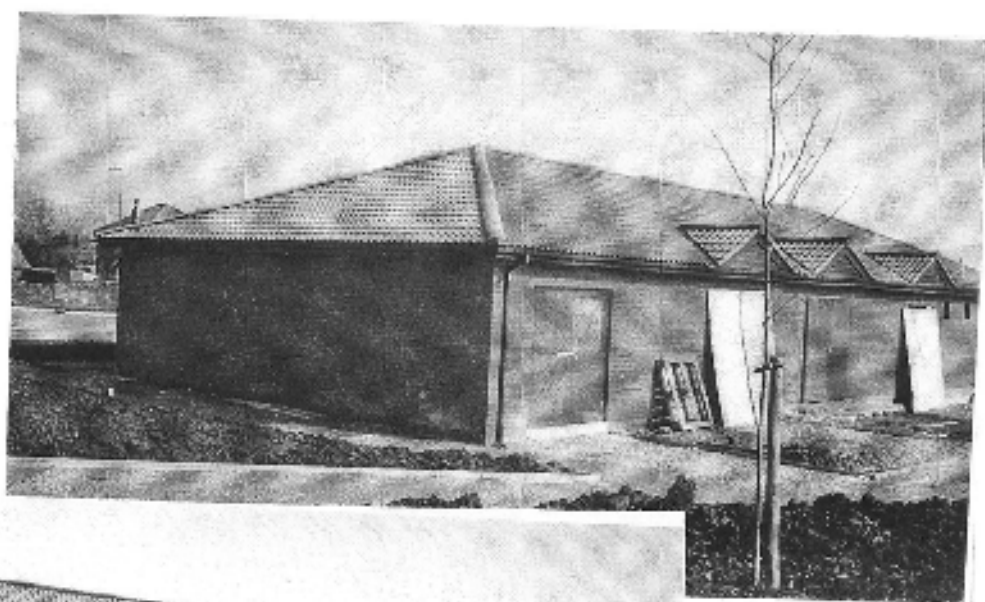
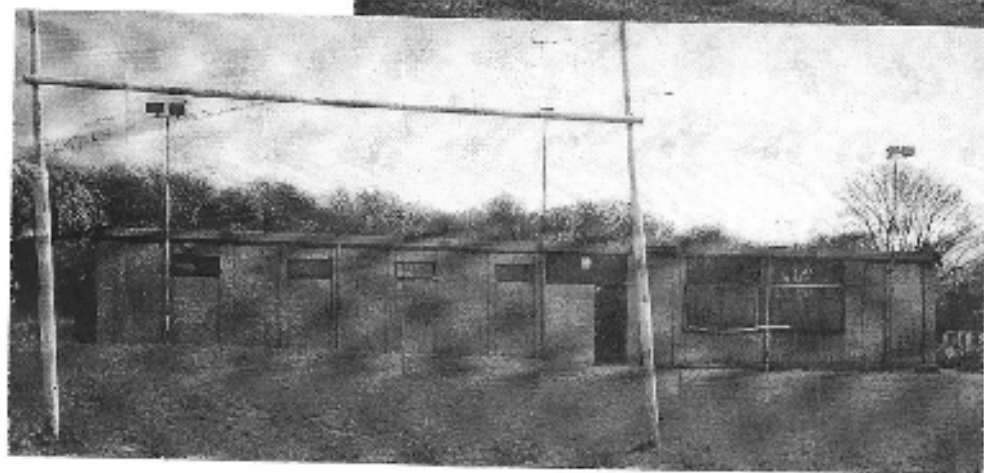
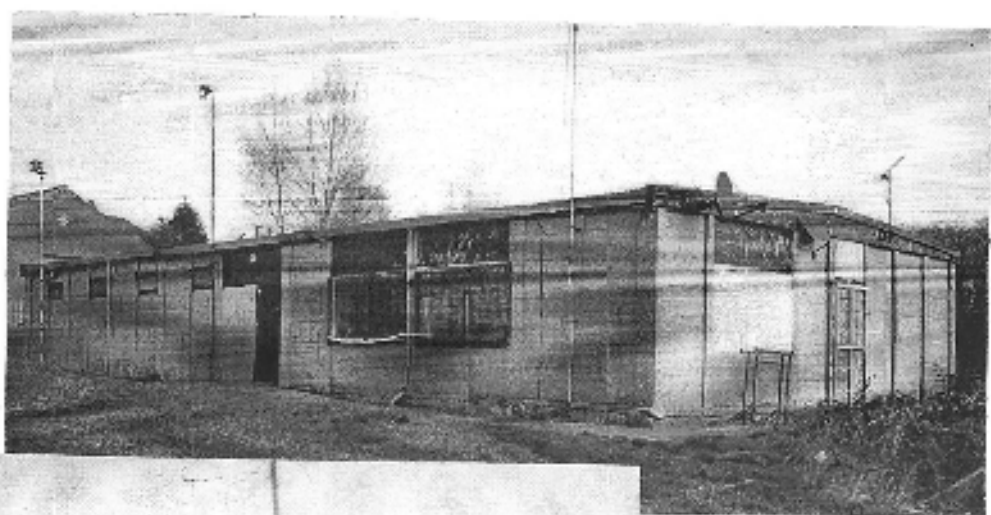
### **John Bishop (1962-57)**

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### **From the OLD to the NEW...**

On page 5 you will see the comparison of the old clubhouse built by the club members and the new clubhouse negotiated by the Rugby Club Committee and Trustees with Kingswood Borough Council before the latter's demise. Quite a difference!

**Off with  
the old.....**



**...On with  
the new**



## **KGS During W.W. II...**

I know that many have been fascinated by the articles by ALAN SCADDING (1936-41) about KGS in wartime. Here is the third of Alan's articles:

A brief review of some of the happenings at school and in the school summer holidays of the years 1939, '40 and '41 gives a good indication of the times.

When we broke up in July '39, it was like any other peace time year. The Summer Term had been highlighted by the competition on Sports Day between two Bristol firms of Italian ice-cream makers. Each had a van in the road near the house of the caretaker (MR. PEACOCK - "Pecker") and prices fluctuated from 2d. to zero to attract huge queues of customers. Such competition was not to be seen again for a long time. I understand that some of these Italians had to spend a period in the Isle of Man aliens' prison camp from 1940 onwards.

Everything seemed quite normal until about mid-August 1939. Camping at Stoke Fleming, Nr. Dartmouth, with the Fishponds Scouts it was a shock when three of the Senior helpers received letters instructing them to report to Army depots forthwith. These were young men in the 18-25 age group, today probably classified as 'Youth Club Leaders'. We never saw them again.

Things became grimmer as August ended. There were talks of blackouts, gas masks, air raid shelters and other preparations. On the actual day of September 3rd 1939 when war was declared, the whole time was spent assisting with blackout preparations, as air raids on a large scale were genuinely feared to occur straight away.

Within a few days a number of us in Downend had been recruited as Messengers for the Fire Brigade. This was an official post and we were supposed to cycle with messages to and from fire incidents in the expected air raids. One of our number, GEORGE JONES of Staple Hill, was so keen that he never returned to school at KGS. and rose, in time, quite high up in the Bristol Fire Brigade ranks.

Return to KGS. had been postponed until the school air raid shelters were completed. We returned later in September '39, all complete with gas masks and dimmed cycle lamps, to find that quite a number of the younger male teachers had disappeared into the Forces. Events during the Winter of '39-'40 were surprisingly calm. KGS. Junior XI football lost rather heavily to a London evacuee team at Saltford. News about the war was gathered from reading the weekly copies of 'War Illustrated'.

The invasion of France and Dunkirk changed all this "phoney war", as it was called. Visits to the school air raid shelters occurred almost every day from mid-May 1940 until the end of term. Travelling to the French oral exam in Bristol in June 1940 I saw thousands of the defeated Dunkirk army soldiers walking in a six-wide continuous but ragged stream from Stapleton Road station to a temporary camp in Eastville Park. I never saw a published account of this dramatic scene. Ten days later all the tents had gone.

Things were so grim in 1940 that the summer holiday period was cut short and 'extra mural' activities were introduced instead at the school. Three one-act plays were put on by the new Upper V. I shall always remember PETE SAUNDERS as Rob Goring in 'Alison's Lad'. Amazing what talent suddenly emerges.

My role was more mundane moving scenery. Different sports events were encouraged in this 'holiday' period.

A crop of new, but slightly older and very experienced, teachers had arrived from Cheltenham College, which had been taken over by the Army. One of them, MR. RILEY was a Sports teacher who announced the formation of a life-saving class, with the aim of reaching Bronze level by the end of the 'holiday'. About ten of us set off every day by cycle to Speedwell Baths from KGS. Slowly pushing our machines up the steep hill from the 'Tennis Court Hotel' to Kingswood, it was disturbing to be passed by MR. RILEY cycling up the hill like a whirlwind. He was certainly keen, and we all passed the tests - we had to! In spite of his formidable presence, MR. RILEY was the only master at KGS. in my time to call boys by their Christian names.

Some serious daylight air raids occurred about this time, particularly two attacks on the B.A.C. at Filton. When we returned to normal studies, daylight raids lessened after mid-September (The Battle of Britain) but the night-time raids increased in ferocity, with the 'blitz' raids of November 1940 to March 1941. A pin-point day attack by a single J-U88 on Yate at Parnalls' 30. acre hydraulic gun turret works was particularly devastating in February 1941.

After the invasion of Russia in June 1941, air raids almost ceased in the Bristol area (except for the Baedeker raid on Bath and Keynsham in early 1942).

The Summer holidays of 1941 were more normal, but more disciplined. Those in the A.T.C. departed for a week's camp in early July 1941 to Colerne. Many of us were influenced by that stay. Quite a number later volunteered for Air Crew. Some, like me, were intrigued by the ac-

tivities of the technical groups engaged in 'Radio Location' (later called radar) and in aircraft servicing.

Summer 1941 also saw the first of the KGS. harvest camps. Lasting three weeks under canvas at Berkeley, about 25 of us arrived individually on cycles. Two masters were in charge - MR. BRITTON (English) and MR. MORGAN (Maths). MR. BRITTON ('Boney') was a wonderful person and here he was particularly friendly and relaxed. Approaching 50, he had arrived on his sports cycle with his very young wife and three-year old daughter.

Each day we were allocated duties on farms or in the camp. There were no tractors, but horses. So if you were on the Silage Gang, you had to first catch the horse and tether it up to a large cart on which was mounted a large wire-meshed enclosure. By 10 a.m. the farmer had cut the day's crop of green grass. We then had to collect cartloads of this grass and walk the horse and cart to a silage tank, where the grass was pitchforked into the tank, and then covered with molasses pumped by hand-pump from a barrel.

Other duties, such as weeding, bean picking, etc. were much less popular, but we all had a go. Mid-day snacks on site consisting of bread and cheese and raw cider were provided by the farmers - for many of us our first taste of alcohol - quite popular.

Those on day duties at the camp had to prepare the evening meal for the out-workers, and quality and quantity had to be right, or else! The evening was spent playing football or cycling near Berkeley Castle. Under moonlight the castle looked very sinister - was it Edward II or Richard II murdered here? There was a cinema at Berkeley (still there I believe)

which we patronised on Wednesday nights. One film (The Case of the Frightened Lady - Edgar Wallace) is still fresh in my mind - a grim story.

All too soon the farm camp came to an end. The farmers gave a farewell party for us and we all departed - some back to school. One or two, like me, had to face reality and start looking for a job.

ALAN J. SCADDING (1936-41)

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### **A Chance Encounter...**

FRANK STEPHENS (1930-35) writes:

'For some time now my wife EDNA (nee POWELL), also an Old Scholar, and myself have sought distant sunshine about February as a palliative to the UK's short days and indifferent February weather.

'This year we decided on a P & O Caribbean Cruise. When we mentioned this to a friend who lives in a Frenchay flat he said that another resident in the same block would also be on board. We were given her name and when cruising contacted her and arranged to meet in one of the many bars and surprise, surprise she turned out to be another Old Scholar, FRANCES NAISH, who had attended KGS in the late 1930s. Her brothers, LEN and BASIL were at KGS before her. Small world!

Frank Stephens

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### **Members' Activities...**

It's amazing what ex-KGS folk get up to and are involved in. In the last edition we announced VIC YEOMAN'S (1955-60) pending cycling trip in Israel in aid of

SCOPE. Vic writes:

'Just to let you know that I survived the trip to Israel and returned unscathed, although very saddle-sore!

'We cycled about 220 miles (and I did cycle all the way) but it was no holiday. Woken at 6.00 a.m. and cycling at 8.00, we covered all sorts of terrain, some on-road but a lot off-road, through banana and grapefruit crops, lush green countryside and dry dusty desert.

'The weather was varied - warm, very hot, cold, wet and windy. The food was not, it was salad, every day, for every meal - even breakfast! We visited many places of interest, some with familiar names - Lake Galilee, the Dead Sea, Masada, Jericho, Jerusalem. The walking tour of old Jerusalem was very moving - the Wailing Wall, the route Jesus carried the cross, Golgotha.

'The cycling was harder than I expected but it was a great experience. Most important - SCOPE hope this event will have cleared £125,000. I personally raised about £1,750 but I could not have done it without your help. I am extremely grateful to you all for your contributions.'

Thank you very much.

Vic Yeoman

A visit to a Bristol Light Opera Club performance of 'The Merry Widow' saw ROGER CROMWELL (1951-57) singing a lead role as Camille, with BRIAN HARDING (1945-50?) as the Narrator for the production.

A quiet stroll across the Second Severn Crossing to raise zillions of pounds for hundreds of charities had snippets televised on HTV. Appearing as stars were



JANET CLARK (nee LEES) (1945 -50), whose birthday co-incided with the stroll, RITA REES (nee DAVIS) (??) who is now a leading light in 'HEADWAY', the head injuries charity, and of course DAVID FOICE (1949-56), who is now in charge of the bridge and made the wonderful event possible. Others who appeared in the programme in the background were BOB GRAY (1949-56), EILEEN BENDREY (nee MATTHEWS) (1957-59) and probably many others in the 15,000 or so who participated. A great day.

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### **A Private Reunion...**

Readers may remember the letter from BRIAN WILLIE (1947-54) who expressed a wish to trace SHEILA POW (nee BENSON) (1948-54). The following letter has been received from Brian:

Dear Mike,

'Very brief scribble coming up!

References:

1. KOSA NEWS No: 7 ...seduction letter
2. Phone call - Sheila (Benson) Pow to Mike Bendrey leading to ....

Re-established contact - Tony and Sheila Pow with Brian Willie after approx 35 years leading to ...

Visit of Tony and Sheila Pow to Brian Willie, April 9th to 12th 1996

Net Results:

1. Sore throat (talking too much!)
2. Aching sides (laughing too much!)
3. Three of the most enjoyable days of my life!

Purpose of brief scribble:

To say THANK YOU'

Brian Willie

A letter was also kindly sent by Sheila letting us know of the planned reunion.

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### **Still searching...**

MARION COOK (nee LONG) (1951-56) writes:

'...Foxy and I (Foxy is VALERIE PRET-LOVE (nee FOX) of the same sparkling vintage as Marion - Ed.) are very anxious to trace two buddies from school days - JUDITH WINCHURCH, who was mentioned in one of the articles by HAROLD WATTS. Judith lived in Cold Ashton and also had a brother CHRIS WINCHURCH at KGS. We would also like to trace MARGARET SMART whose father was head of Pucklechurch Primary School.

'Having moved away from Bristol 16 years ago I'm not in touch with many from 1956. I do know that DELVENE SHERMAN (nee WOODMAN) lives in Frampton Cotterell, and she may know the whereabouts of ELVA FORWARD and JILL THOMAS and maybe others....'

Marion Cook

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### **Points from the Post...**

Many letters have been received, for which grateful thanks. The backlog includes one from JUNE BIRCH (nee PICKLES) (1938-45) who told us that she was having a poem read on Radio Merseyside. Unfortunately, we cannot find the copy which June enclosed with her letter. Could you send us a copy, June, to be included in a later KOSA NEWS?

A card from LIZ STRONG (nee HILLING) (1953-58) told us that she is in touch with MIKE and BRENDA HOLLOWAY

(SEALEY) (1952-59) who live in Huddersfield and now have twin grandchildren.

ANN PATCHOT (OSBORNE) (1946-51) would appreciate any information on the whereabouts of ELIZABETH (nee HUNTER) who was a good friend and lived with her family for a while when at KGS. ELIZABETH was known as an excellent artist and was Curator of Newlyn Art Gallery before leaving to work and live in Greece. Any news?

REX CHURCH (1939-45) has a French wife and now spends a lot of time in France. He became a solicitor in the 1950s and was senior partner of a practice in Holborn. Rex is in touch with GWYN SAMUELS who, after serving in the Royal Navy, emigrated to Canada.

GEORGE BUTCHER (Head of English 1952-58) particularly enjoyed the portrait of HEADMASTER RIDLEY penned by DEREK BAILEY (1949-53) in KOSA NEWS No:6. George took to MISS QUINTON immediately when recruited, and recognised that there is something special about the school which you first teach in, in his case, KGS!

BRIAN PERRY (1945-50) took the last School Certificate before 'O' and 'A' levels and was very interested in the letter from NESTA JEFFERIS who had listed just about everyone in her class but Brian! He remembers that the strong uniform rule was tempered in 1945 and, as he had no brothers to hand down their clothes, his mother made the best of a plain brown blazer with a cap badge sewn on the pocket and a plain brown cap with blue ribbon sewn in a circle around the crown. However, he was very proud of his real leather satchel purchased from Coggins in Soundwell

Brian remembers contemporaries ALAN WYATT, an expert sportsman, PAMELA JENNINGS and HAZEL KEMBREY, both with beautiful golden curls, SHIRLEY PAGET, his first date at the 'Kingswood Odeon', DENVER PADFIELD, who impressed everyone by writing to the Mayor of Denver, USA and was sent a load of gifts and literature and MAUREEN CLENCH, who sat in front of Brian, who had long hair, and as a consequence had it dipped in the inkwell by you know who! The list goes on!

RITA REES MBE (nee DAVIS) (1939-45?) now runs Headway House at Frenchay Hospital, one of 52 Headway Houses throughout the UK. Rita became involved when her own daughter suffered a head injury, was in a coma for over 4 months but has since made wonderful progress towards recovery. Rita regrets not listening to MISS PERRY more attentively as she has had occasion to address a conference in France where she also has a holiday home. Rita enclosed a Headway brochure with her letter, so if you're looking for a charity to support, why not consider Headway?

REX MONTGOMERY (1941-43) remembers JOHN PURNELL and wonders whether GORDON WICKENS was one of the crowd who used to go cycling together. Other contemporaries he remembers are LEWIS COX, SAM KIDNER, DAVE LOXTON, the BRAIN TWINS and KATHLEEN AMOS. Where are they now?

Rex finished his schooling at Woking Grammar after leaving KGS, went into farming, married a policeman's daughter, and produced a son and a daughter. He ran one or two farms, and joined PIDA in Cheltenham. He now runs a pig management recording service.

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## **Obituaries...**

'It is with particular sadness that I have to record the passing of DEREK SAGE (1942-46), a family member and friend. Derek played cricket and soccer at school for Haskins House. He also played football for the School's ATC 1860 Squadron when they were runners-up in the Area Finals which took place at Bristol Rovers' ground at Eastville. A Service of Remembrance took place at All Saints Church in Winterbourne Down, Derek's village, on 15th February 1996. We extend our condolences to Derek's wife MARJORIE (nee ROBERTS) and brother NORMAN, who are also Old Scholars.'

MIKE BENDREY (1951-56)

'Members of KOSA, particularly those who were at school in the late 1930s, will be sorry to learn the death of Dr JOHN BATES (1933-40). John, who lived in Warmley, was an extremely talented pupil who achieved an extremely high academic standard. He was popular with his classmates and a respected member of the School's soccer and cricket XIs.

'In October 1940 he entered the University of Bristol to read Physics. Graduating with a First Class Honours in 1943, he spent the remaining war years in scientific research and took a PhD in 1948. Thereafter he pursued a university career, was elected a Fellow of the Institute of Physics and became Reader and Research Physicist at the University of Aberdeen.

'Unfortunately, ill health forced him to seek early retirement, and he came back south to settle in Chew Magna where he died in August last year. We extend our deepest sympathy to his widow Rene.'

BOB LEWIS (1933-40)

Members who attended the tree planting in October last year may remember JOHN VINCENT (1927-34) who attended, displaying his World War II medals. John's photograph appeared in the last edition of KOSA NEWS, together with a letter from BOB DYKE (1930-35), reporting that Bob had assumed that John had been killed during the war. Sorry to report that John passed away in Portsmouth a short time after the October lunch, which John also attended. John is survived by his wife, to whom we express our condolences.

We have also been informed of the passing of R J DYKE (1930-35) and IRIS SMITH (nee BENNETT) (1931-35). To their families, and to those of all members who have passed on, we express our sympathy.

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## **The Davieseses...**

Not to be outdone by the 'Bunch of Flowers', who all wrote to KOSA NEWS and appeared in the last edition, the DAVIES Clan - JOHN, BARBARA and KATHLEEN have sent us pen-portraits of where there are and where they've been:

BARBARA SMITH (nee DAVIES) (1941-46)

Barbara trained as a medical secretary and after working at Southmead Hospital transferred to U.C.H in London, eventually becoming an administrator there. Married in 1959 to a Government chemist, they have lived at Chesham Bois in Bucks ever since. Two married daughters and a pair of quite recent grandchildren keep them busy, as do their interests in the country, the National Trust and the WI. Barbara has happy memories of KGS., especially of MISS WATTERS who encouraged a life-time's enjoyment of literature and of MR. LOCKWOOD, who

## The March 1996 Reunion:

right - 1 to r:

John Powell (1943-48), Peggy Bolt (Oplet)  
(1938-43), Frank and Edna Stephens  
(Powell) (1930-35)

below - 1 to r:

Graham Bezer (1938-43), Jim Hayes (1939-43),  
Brian Lovell (1938-43), Frank Rawlings (1939-43)  
and Bob Denning (1939-43)



above - 1 to r:  
Rex (1941-43) and Mrs Montgomery  
and President David Lewis and Mrs Lewis



above - 1 to r:  
John Evans (1937-42), Ron French (1937-42)  
and Eddie Hawkin (1937-42)



right - l to r:  
Christine Copping (1951-56), June Demery  
(1949-55) and Terry Osborne (1949-55)



left - l to r:  
Mrs Ken Cullin, Maureen Cullin (Wallington)  
(1951-56), John Cullin (1949-56) and Brenda  
Frost (Woodman) (1949-53)



right - l to r:  
Cynthia King (Rogers) (1950-56), Guest, Stan  
Burrage (1951-56), Martin Harryman (1951-56)  
and Rita Burrage (Rayner) (1952-59)



left - l to r:  
Graham Windsor (1948-53), Pete Walters  
(1949-55?) and Jean Walters (Lovell) (1949-55?)





right - l to r:  
 Sid Willis (1935-40), Margaret Willis  
 (Wotton) (1943-48), Doreen Cruse  
 (Rogers) (1948-55) and Stan  
 Cruse (1941-47)



left - l to r:  
 Brian Lovell (1938-43), Peggy Bolt (Olet)  
 (1938-43) and June Long (1939-45)



Below l to r:  
 Ruth Ryder (Fisher) (1945-53), Pat Efford (Waldron)  
 1945-50), Ohlip Dent (1945-52), Hazel Woodman  
 (Kembrey) (1945-52), Maureen ) O'Neill (Clench)  
 (1945-52)



above - l to r:  
 The same ladies as above plus David Hilling (1947-54)

thought she could draw when no-one else did. She also wonders if she was the only girl to be handcuffed to the verandah of the Biology Lab. during one of 2A's numerous pranks!

#### JOHN B DAVIES (1936-43)

After Cambridge, John spent 10 years in the Aircraft industry, before joining the staff of what later became Wolverhampton Polytechnic, lecturing in Mathematics and analogue computing.

In 1952 he married Phyl Brown, Methodist Guild Secretary at Mount Argus, Barmouth. That part of Mid-Wales is very special to them both and between them they number more than sixty ascents of Cader Idris. John retired from the Polytechnic in 1983, but two married daughters and five grandchildren keep them very active still.

John has many happy memories of KGS both in pre-war and war-time conditions; these include the founder members of staff MR. HOWARD (Physics) and MISS QUINTON (Classics and R.E.), also MR. SEFTON and MR. MORGAN (Maths). Wartime memories include fire-watching duties (in a wooden building!) for which we were paid, on the night when Bath was bombed. On a happier note there was the hilarious production of "1066 and all that" which marked the end of one school year.

In the summer Cricket was all-important, even in war-time. John recalls his father playing in the annual Parents v. School match (the latter captained by PETER HALE) and making 50 off the school fast bowlers (HARRIS and EVANS) on a day when the ball was wet. They had their revenge on a later occasion when conditions were in their favour. All in all, a great time to be alive!

#### KATHLEEN M. DAVIES (1939-43)

First entered K.G.S. in wartime. She well remembers cycling to school from Staple Hill, and during air-raids diving under a hedge at the sound of a plane. Classes at school were also interrupted when they raced for the trenches dug into the school playing-field.

Despite marvellous teachers she was never the academic type, and left school before taking her final exams, going into retailing where she had a most rewarding career. After training at Jolly's of Bath, and thence to London and Manchester, she returned to London to become Millinery Buyer at Harrods, where she spent 25 happy years.

She is now retired and living in North Gloucestershire. She is involved with a number of local societies and records books for the blind under the aegis of Calibre (Cassette Library for the Blind). She has retained her love of cricket and has enjoyed the T.V. coverage in what has been a famous dry summer!

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#### Kompetition Korner...

No-one guessed (or knew) the link between the three form photographs of 1951, 1955 and 1959 which appeared on page 23 of KOSA NEWS No:7. HAROLD WATTS appeared as form master on the 1955 and 1959 photos, but he was also form master of Form IV? in the 1951 photograph, but was not present due to illness. So the answer was: HAROLD V WATTS.

This time a free October Lunch goes to the person who can name the productions on the back page and give the dates. Months and years might do, but if someone could name the actual dates.....fine!

## **Farewell to Morwyn...**

MORWYN BURGESS (1930s) of Southampton sadly passed away in May 1996, shortly after writing the following letter to Treasurer FRANK RAWLINGS. We are pleased that Morwyn obtained much pleasure from KOSA NEWS, as is evident from the letter:

'Dear Frank,  
Many thanks for the back numbers of KOSA NEWS. What a Pandora's box of memories they have awakened. I passed them to brothers BOB (1936-39) and BILL DIDHAM (1934-39) who both enjoyed a nostalgic wallow and are not yet ready to unlock windows of memory they thought long closed. I hesitate, too, to disturb other members of the BURGESS tribe, three sisters, one step-brother, one half-brother, two half-sisters and umpteen cousins from Hanham, but I will get around to them .... If you see ALAN SCADDING, tell him I'm still involved with the ATC - as a member of the civilian committee of 424 Squadron, Southampton. Best wishes,  
BUDGE'

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## **Dot's Question...**

'I must thank you most sincerely for several years' worth of very interesting articles - many of them bringing back lots of great memories of a very happy school life at KGS. Unfortunately I have not yet managed to attend a reunion but hope to do so when I am free of family commitments (does that day ever come?)

'I am putting pen to paper as a result of the latest issue of KOSA News brought my mind back to when I first became a pupil in 1951. In those days I remember the cockpit of an old aircraft at the bottom of the girls' playground, past the bike sheds, which was strictly 'out of bounds'.

I took not a lot of notice of it at the time, but always vaguely wondered what the story behind it was about and how it got there. Now, through KOSA, perhaps there is a chance of finding out. Does anyone else remember it? Also, seemingly, quite suddenly it was simply not there any more - what happened to it?

'Whilst writing I must also say thanks for the reproductions of the grand old photographs of the various year forms and especially the one of all the staff, with Mr Ridley and Miss Quinton etc - I am surprised at how many of them I can recall - though a lot only by their nick-names! Wonderful years!

DOT HOLMAN (nee CLARKE)(1951-56)

PS: Great to know that Mr HAROLD WATTS is still around! I'll always recollect his dynamic attitude to his teaching and the joy of sloshing paint at the floor to clean our brushes!

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## **The Thatchers...**

We're always interested in what ex-KGS folk have done and are doing since they stopped drinking at the 'fount of learning' (if they ever do!), and MARJORIE THATCHER has updated us on her son and husband:

'RICHARD THATCHER, my son, was a pupil at KGS from 1957 to 1964. He went on to Aston University, Birmingham and gained a BSc Hons in Architecture. He has since designed several buildings, including the new Crown Courts in Small Street, in Bristol and other cities. His father, GEORGE THATCHER (1930-36), is enjoying his retirement.'

What have YOU done since leaving KGS? Why not let us know? Do you wish to trace a long-lost school friend? Try the columns of KOSA NEWS - at no cost!

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### **A letter from Charles...**

Apologies are due from the Editor for the delay in publishing Charles Browne's letter received some time ago:

'A couple of years ago I saw a note in a local paper about your volume of recollections of Kingswood Grammar School, 'We Were There'. As I was in hospital at the time there was nothing much I could do about it, and it passed out of my thoughts as I coped with the immediate problem of recovering from a serious brain operation. But recently I was having coffee in a Bristol restaurant when a man came over to my table and asked if I had been at KGS. He was ARTHUR HALEY, who had been in the same form as I was for several years. I had to admit that my memory of him was dim. He did not stay on to the fifth form, and being one of the contingent which had to depart swiftly at the end of the afternoon to catch the bus for Filton I saw less of him than of others who lived locally and could socialise after school. Meeting him made me remember the book, and I called at Kingsfield School to ask how I could obtain a copy. They very kindly gave me one.

'I must congratulate you on your achievement. Most of the archive on which you might have drawn must have been destroyed in the fire, so you have done very well to obtain your material.

'My period was 1934-41. I note that there seemed to be few of this vintage at the 1991 Reunion. Perhaps many, like myself, had our lives so disrupted by the war that a fault line (to use a geological analogy) developed between schooldays and later life. It certainly never occurred to me to revisit the school or try to resume friendships. However, I do have a conscience about historical data (having been an archaeologist for most of my working life), so if ever I can make a

contribution to a future collection I shall be happy to do so. However, my memories of those days are patchy, and my recall of names abysmal.

'In the fifth and sixth forms I was one of the few boys who studied biology with MISS EYRES. For the HSC I took Botany, Zoology, and Chemistry (for a career in biochemistry which never got off the ground!). As PERCY LOVELL surmised in the book, she was a good though idiosyncratic, teacher. In Botany we did systematic surveys of local habitats, including the process of re-colonisation of old coal workings. If this data had survived it would have been useful for conservationists today. In the sixth form she encouraged and arranged for me to attend Saturday extra-mural courses at Bristol University. This brought me into contact with first-rate minds working in the biology fields. She also took some of us to hear university lectures by leading scholars whose names we had hitherto met only on the title pages of our text books.

'For me MISS QUINTON occupied the role of dragon. I have never quite forgiven her for putting me off the appreciation of Latin, but perhaps most of the fault lay with my impatience with the stylised, precious, and decadent language of the ancient authors. It was only years later that I discovered for myself the more robust dialect of early medieval Latin poetry. Miss QUINTON was a very complex character, with great gifts, but I am not sure that teaching was one of them. Her proper place might have been as research scholar in a university ladies' college. I think I would have appreciated her more in my maturity. On one report when I was in her form she wrote that "he should try to read more". In fact, of course, she meant that I should read more of the books that she thought would



be good for me, but my wife is inclined to blame her for stimulating my book buying habit. What would she make of the more than 4,000 books catalogued in my computer database - and that is only my working library? No doubt very few still would pass her test.

I have grateful and respectful memories of E. R. BROWN. My married sister lived a few doors away from him in Soundwell, and one way and another I saw quite a bit of him after school, particularly when he was distributing his 'Soviet Weekly' news sheet. My mother strongly disapproved of this political activity, but I have reason for being grateful to his teaching, which secured me a Credit in the School Certificate Mathematics exam - against the odds. A few years ago I had to present a report to a learned society meeting at the Science Museum in London. My train brought me there rather early, so I spent some time browsing in the museum book shop. There I found the biography of SIR BERNARD LOVELL and was delighted by the account of E. R. BROWN'S encounter with SIR BERNARD'S father. Unfortunately I did not buy it there and then, as it was a little bulky to take with me, and by the time my meeting finished the book shop was closed. I have never seen another copy since. I must get an agent to search for a second-hand copy.

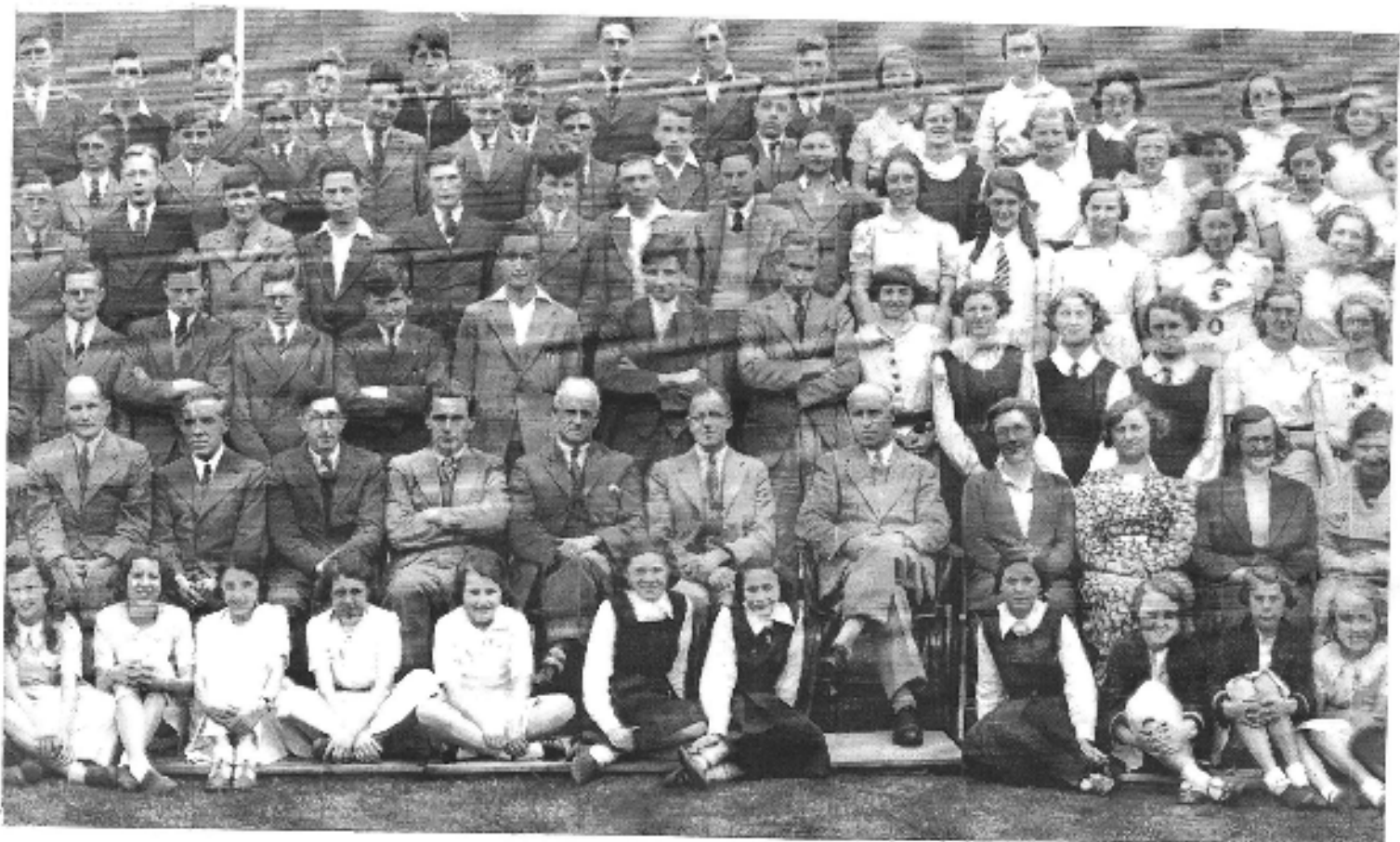
I remember the recorder group referred to in the book, and a visit by Carl Dolmetsch, the virtuoso recorder player, son of Arnold Dolmetsch. There was also an orgy of pipe-making from bamboo sticks, which taught us to understand the properties of a vibrating column of air but did not, as far as I remember, produce any musical results. My own musical development was not school based, and was more adventurous than orthodox. I took an interest in the serial experiments of the Schoenberg school, and had a rare re-

cording of Anton Webern's String Trio op.20. Once I took it along to a lunch-hour music group run by MR KEYTE, and it was played on the gramophone equipment in the main hall, to the bafflement of everyone. That was long before Stravinsky made Webern respectable. MR KEYTE was kind in his comments, but his musical environment was more Sigmund Romberg's New Moon, in which I remember him taking the lead with hugely enjoyable panache and swashbuckling, in an amateur production at the Princes Theatre.

W.J. SEARLE was a very civilising influence. I enjoyed his dry humour. One Monday morning when I produced for him my homework drawing he appraised it for a while and then asked, "I suppose you did this yesterday?". I admitted that the Sabbath had been the occasion of my secular activity, and he said, "Ah well, the better the day the better the deed". A few years ago I came across his name in connection with the Bath Society of Artists. My wife is a painter and organises the annual open exhibition of the Society at the Victoria Art Gallery, Bath. We have been sorting out the archives of the Society (founded in 1904) with a view to producing a history, and I found Mr SEARLE'S name as a member and regular exhibitor year after year. I wonder if any of his work is extant and known locally? Kingsfield School would do well to have one of his paintings. Perhaps the Old Scholars could track one down and present it to the school.

The onset of war produced unfamiliar pressures on the school. MAJOR EATON'S strong and calm character must have been of enormous benefit. You mention (p.51) the production of 1066 And All That, produced at the beginning of the first war-time term to take people's minds off unknown potential terrors. You





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Do you know anyone in these photographs?



are not quite correct in your description of the entertainment. It had the elements of variety, but it was a successful London musical based on the satirical book of that name. I took a minor part (reluctantly) as a Roman soldier looking forward to returning home from the intemperate British climate. I suddenly recalled that episode more than fifty years later when, at a conference of Roman mosaic specialists in Chichester, I donned tunic and toga to attend a Roman banquet in the excavated Roman palace of Fishbourne. It was a cold evening, so for self-preservation I retained a warm sweater and trousers, however anachronistic to the purist.

'In my last year at school I caused a minor sensation by coming to school on a motor bike, instead of by cycle. Unfortunately this did not last long because petrol rationing cut off supplies of fuel. As air raids developed MAJOR EATON encouraged us sixth formers to take on public service of some sort. I enrolled as a cycle messenger with the ARP, and spent tedious nights at an ARP post in Warmley waiting for the opportunity for heroism which never came. It was not the best way to prepare for examinations, but at that time all values became distorted - or perhaps we saw fundamentals more clearly. Even during our final HSC exams, on which university entrance depended, at least one session was interrupted by an air raid warning and we candidates had to go off to the shelters under the watchful care of the supervisor who had to make sure we did not compare notes.

'At the end of my schooldays I should have continued to Bristol University. I had secured a place, but in the autumn of 1941 conscription loomed and it seemed pointless to start a course which would soon be cut short. MAJOR EATON drew my attention to a circular he had received from the Ministry of Supply. At that stage

of the war the government was desperate to recruit anyone with scientific training for the "backroom" work of applying technology to the basic (and some esoteric) needs of the war effort. As a result I found myself dabbling in the chemistry of high explosives. It was tedious, and sometimes dangerous, but it revealed to me a taste and aptitude for research which I exploited in later life to good effect in the field of archaeology.

'I have found a couple of photographs of the period, and have printed them out as digital scans. The form photograph probably dates to the summer of 1939. On one copy I have indicated a few names. I am ashamed to say that I do not recall the names of any of the girls with certainty. They were all pleasant and intelligent and deserve better than that!

'The long roll of the school photograph I had to divide up into short sections in the scanner, allowing an overlap at the joins. I also made an enlarged scan of Major Eaton and his senior colleagues. The photograph probably dates to the summer of 1938. Perhaps with the help of the lists in your book it would be possible to date it by the members of staff present or absent.

**CHARLES BROWNE (1934-41)'**

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### **Rugby News of Yesterday...**

PETE BRAKE (1946-51) writes from Welsh Wales with his memories of early rugby at KGS:

'I would like to put it on record that the first rugby played by KGS was against Bath Technical School -as it was then. It was played at Deanery Road Pitch - using soccer goal posts! JIMMY WILDE was the

referee, and I can remember some of the names of those who played in that game - all of the same vintage as me, of course. JOHN GRAY, JOHN SALTER, JERRY BOND, CLIVE ROBINS, BOB WEEKS, PLUMLEY (what ever happened to him?), JOHN COLE, 'TAFF' HILLING, DAVE PETERS.....I am sure other people can name the rest. The game ended in a draw and was the start of a successful team. Most of us became founder members of the Old Boys Rugby Club and at one time went almost a whole season unbeaten.

'It must have cost us a small fortune to play rugby in those days, but it was worth it. I remember we used to travel to away matches in TONY BURGESS' (1944-49?) huge hearse-type car! I still have my first brown and blue hooped rugby shirt, not in good condition, but as it's almost fifty years old, not bad.

'I played a few games for Bristol Combination and the Territorial Army before moving to Wales and playing for Pembroke and Pembrokeshire. However, the enjoyment of playing for Old Boys' rugby was hard to beat - it was played for enjoyment and not only to win.

Regards - til KGS burns - again!!

PETE BRAKE (1946-51)'

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### News from EVERY(one)...

'STELLA GRANDISON (nee EVERY), who from her letter must have been at KGS in the 1930s, writes from near Hay-on-Wye:

'Through my sister PEGGY GIBSON (nee EVERY) and my friend RUTH (nee SPRACKMAN) I have at last acquired a copy of KOSA NEWS which I have found absolutely fascinating.....it brought back so many happy memories. 'Regarding

BRENDA ANSTEE'S autograph album, I cannot claim any artistic talent as I believe I copied my entry from a 'Blackie's Annual' which belonged to my sister!

'To cover sixty years of my life in a few words is a bit of a task, but I will try:

'I was married in 1939 and went to live in London where my husband was working for the PO Telephones on the anti-aircraft defence of London. Then back to Bristol and three children later once again to London where I spent 11 years as a school secretary. At the age of 49 I trained as a Home Economics teacher.

'This brings me to MR JONES. What a character he was! His brilliant teaching brought Chemistry to life, and I still remember his little chants and his way of illustrating chemical formulae by his marriages of boys and girls! When I entered 5 Upper I found myself a nice warm slot at the back by the pipes. MR JONES was our form master and he took one look at me, grabbed me by the hair and dragged me to a seat in the front, saying 'You are going to get a credit in Chemistry!' - I did, too, or I wouldn't have had a hair left in my head! When in the 1960s I did my teacher training it stood me in good stead. Of the 9 students in my group, all of whom had gone to girls' grammar schools, I was the only one who had learned any Chemistry and, all those years later it came back!

'RUTH and MARY MAWSON were mentioned in an earlier edition of KOSA NEWS. RUTH was in my form and it was some years after we left KGS that I bumped into RUTH SPRACKMAN in Bath. She told us then that she had a severely handicapped daughter. Later, while camping in Belgium, I met some people from Marshfield who could tell me that the daughter had made wonderful progress. I would very much like to hear

more about her.

'Another entrant in BRENDA'S album was by G. PARNELL. He was the ladies' man of the 5th year whose ambition appeared to be to date all the girls available. It was my turn when I was one of the bridesmaids in 'Trial by Jury'. I believe he went into the RAF and was killed in action. I seem to remember a photograph of him as a dashing pilot escorting Marlene Dietrich, or some other glamorous blonde in America.

'My best wishes to all,

STELLA GRANDISON (Nee EVERY)

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### More News from Scotland...

'NESTA CHALCROFT (nee JEFFERIS) (1945-50) follows up her earlier letter:

'I had another sister, BRENDA JEFFERIS, who attended KGS from 1949-54. GRETA AMOS from Wick was one of her friends then. Many times have I also wondered about the KENDALLS and the YEOMANS, who were both large families like the JEFFERIS family. I can remember AUDREY KENDALL, as although we were in different classes we always met rushing to school - 'Late as per usual!', as our names were placed in the late book.

'MARGARET VAGG must have remembered us from the late book entries. She was a marvellous sports-girl, especially as goalkeeper for the school hockey team. She was with a good crowd of girls then - the seniors were fair and full of fun. The standard of sport in school was high then, and I thank the way MISS MORRISON instilled a love of sport. Sometimes we thought her too strict, but it was for our own good. SHEILA FRANCIS was a superb tennis player, too. I think she was

in the same year as MARGARET VAGG. JIMMY WILDE was also a strict sports-master for the boys.

'DAVID ROBERTS married a TAYLOR girl whose sister married JOHN POMEROY from Longwell Green. John's sister JOAN POMEROY also went to KGS. She was a lot younger than myself, but we used to play for the Longwell Green Hockey Team. JANET BRITTON, a friend at KGS, her cousins SYLVIA SHEPHERD and her brothers and BRENDA WICHROW were all a good crowd. Are they all still in Bristol? We certainly had plenty of giggles. Sorry about being so inquisitive, but life in Scotland is so much slower, and any news cheers one up!

NESTA CHALCROFT (Nee JEFFERIS)

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### From Darkest Somerset...

ROLAND HUMPHREY (1948-1953?) writes from Highbridge:

'My neighbour MARGARET TRAPP (nee EDWARDS) (1944-50) kindly let me have KOSA NEWS No: 5. I went to Bitton School and went to KGS in 1948. It was MAJOR EATON'S last year and it was decided to switch from soccer to rugby as winter sport for boys. My brother EDWARD HUMPHREY (1949-54) was in the form below me, and besides 'NOBBY' GREENAWAY in his form was a boy called ALEC BRIGGS who went on to have a successful soccer career with Bristol City making nearly 200 appearances at left and right back. I don't recall any successful rugby players coming out of KGS!!

'I was in forms 1D, 2D, 3A, 4A, and 5 Arts, and in December 1952 we put on 'The Pirates of Penzance'. There was a picture of the cast hanging up in the school cor-



ridor, but I believe that it perished in the great fire! The producer was Maths teacher affectionately known as 'CRAPPER' HODGSON who retired to live in Keynsham. I met him one day in Keynsham Conservative Club and he passed away in the mid seventies.

'I used to play cricket with COLIN BEACHAM (1943-51) on the 8-acre field adjoining Hanham Woods. When rain stopped play we used to retire to one of the chicken hutches where he used to light up his pipe! He lived at the top of Willsbridge Hill and later moved to Timsbury; his father taught at Air Balloon School. My father was deputy-head of Woodstock Secondary Modern School and we lived in Longwell Green about a hundred yards from NESTA JEFFERIS, who had several sisters and brothers. (See previous letter - Ed.) BRIAN and KEN MEEK, whose father was a local policeman, also lived in the same road.'

Teachers I remember at KGS included SANDY LOOP, 'SCRUFFY' MORRIS (A very good tennis player), FAY GILLAM and MISS DAVID. Girls I remember were MARY HUCKLE, JANET EMMS, JEAN WILLETT, JOYCE OSBORNE, KATHLEEN TOWNSEND, DIANE POWELL, LINDA GAY, PAT KINGS SCOTT, MARGARET MAY and DOREEN PILLINGER. Boys include GILBERT GAY, MIKE GANGE, WILSON BARNETT, DAVID FOICE, TONY BROWN, DAVID BALL, DAVID PYLE and BRUCE CARPENTER.

ROLAND HUMPHREY (1948-53?)

### **After all said and DUNN...**

You may remember in KOSA NEWS Nos: 6 we featured the drawings of RENNIE DUNN who was amongst those who gave their lives in the war. DORA BOWYER (nee DUNN) (1933-38?), one of Rennie's

sisters writes:

'Through the kindness of PHYLLIS CHARLESWORTH (nee WATTS) (1929-35), my sister JO DUNN sent me a copy of 'We Were There' - the wonderful record of KGS and our beloved MAJOR EATON - a unique man and a lovable, liberal headmaster.

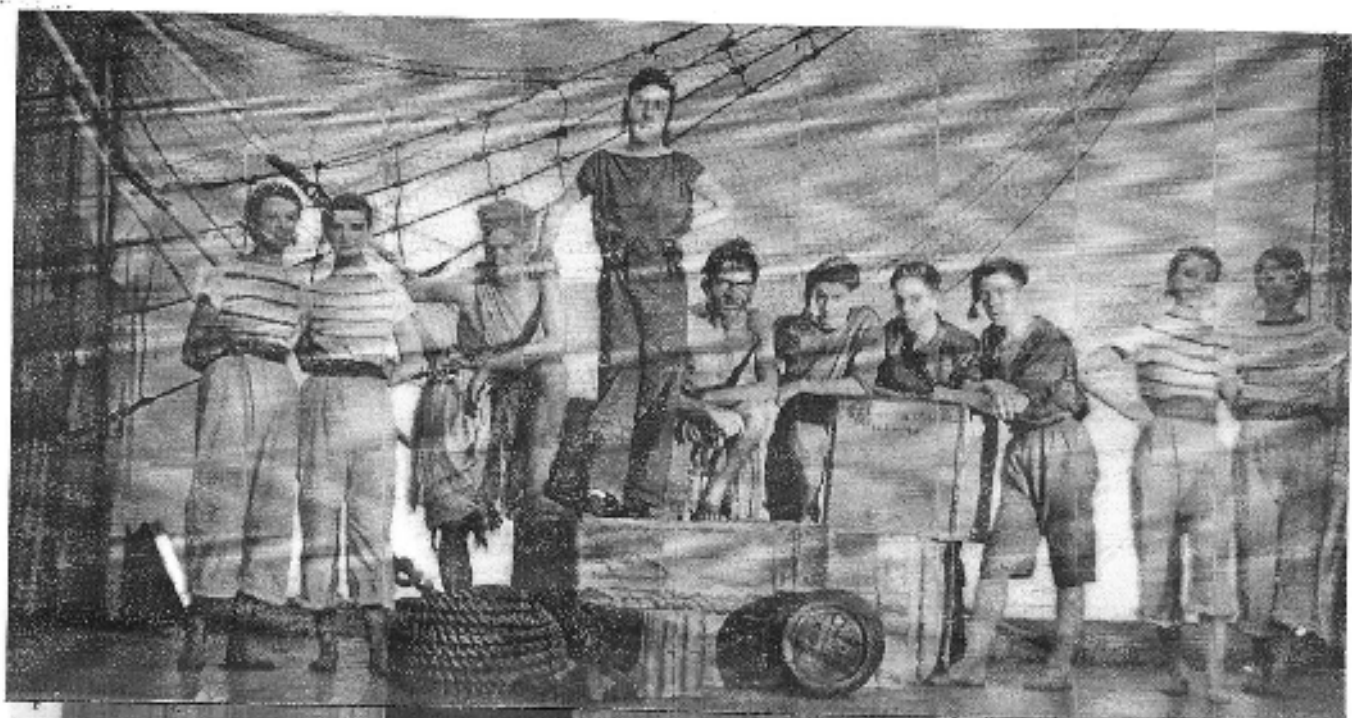
'Amongst all the accounts of school life, some names are quite familiar and good to hear about and are capable of reviving many memories. On the Honours Boards in the corridor near the headmaster's study RENNIE'S name featured 2 or 3 times. I do remember quite distinctly stopping to watch the chap on the ladder lettering RENNIE DUNN'S name in gold leaf and feeling immensely proud. I adored him. We gather that the boards were consumed in that tragic fire. We could hardly bear to look at the photographs at the time - our attachment to the place was so intense.

'Another thing, just after I left the Land Army and joined the WAAF in 1941, I went to school one afternoon in the summer to witness the formal presentation by my parents to the School of a modest, but pretty trophy known as 'The Rennie Dunn Cup' for, as far as I can remember, all-round athletics. To hide my emotions I watched the ceremony on the Terrace Steps from a nearby classroom window and can recall the solemnity and great dignity of MAJOR EATON'S brief address to the silent School and Staff. I suppose that, too, disappeared in flames.....

'How about a Memorial Trophy dedicated to all the Old Scholars who served in WW II, awarded for a recognition of effort and achievement or some such distinction?

DORA G BOWYER (nee DUNN) (1933-38?)







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**CARROT SOUP  
OF  
EGG MAYONNAISE**

**POACHED SALMON,  
VEGETABLES**

**CHOCOLATE GATEAU  
OF  
LEMON LUSH PIE**

**THE CHEESEBOARD**

**COFFEE & MINTS**

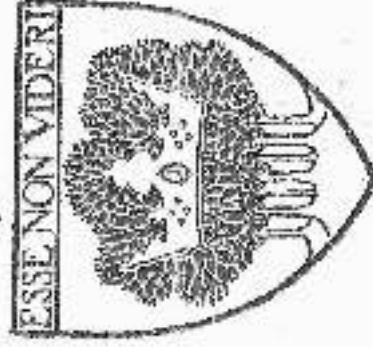
**BIRTHDAY CAKE & TOASTS**

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**LINCOMBE BARN,  
OVERDALE ROAD,  
DOWNEND, BRISTOL**

**SATURDAY, 12 OCTOBER 1996.**

<u>First Name</u>	<u>Surname</u>	<u>Maiden Name</u>	<u>Years @ KGS</u>				
Vic	Amos		1937-42		Gordon	Jones	1946-52
Barbara	Amos	Lambden	1938-41		Laura	Jones	Palmer 1940-47
Jennifer	Angell	Bennett	1951-57		Jeanne	Jones	1940-48
Derek	Bailey		1949-53		Evelyn	Kimmins	Tarling 1941-46
Pamela	Ball		1942-50		Doreen	Leat	Bellairs 1941-46
Colin	Beacham		1943-51		Gordon	Lee	1939-44
Janet	Bees	Crow	1946-52		Joan	Lee	Bridges 1940-47
Mike	Bendrey		1951-56		Bob	Lewis	1953-40
Eileen	Bendrey	Mathews	1952-59		David	Lewis	President
Mary	Bentley	Miles	1942-47		June	Long	1939-45
Marion	Biggs	Harris	1953-59		Pat	Lovell	Norley 1945-50
Derrick	Blaxill		1940-43		Mary	Lovell	Hardwick 1937-41
Peggy	Bolt	Otlet	1936-43		Brian	Lovell	1938-43
Gordon	Bolt		Guest		Priscilla	Maguire	Powell 1946-51
Mary	Brazil	Brain	1940-47		John	Miles	1942-47
Esme	Britton	Ridge	1941-47		Joyce	Miles	?
Charles	Browne		1939-41		Elizabeth	Monks	Green 1941-47
WD	Brunt		1941-46		Frank	Monks	Guest
Guest of WD	Brunt		Guest		Margaret	Morris	1934-40
Frank	Buckley		Speaker		Peter	Morris	1937-41
Jim	Burgess		1939-45		John	Mundin	1945-52
Philip	Carter		1935-41		Diane	Mundin	Fillingham 1950-54
Beryl	Carter	Roberts	1937-42		Sheila	Murch	Darke 1944-48
Nesta	Chalcraft	Joffers	1945-50		Emily	Nixon	Jackson 1936-41
Rax	Church		1939-44		Maureen	O'Neill	Clanch 1945-52
Ron	Clements		1939-46		George	Palmer	1936-43
Marion	Cook	Long	1951-56		David	Peacock	1926-36
Bill	Cox		1927-34		Margaret	Peacock	Guest
Stan	Cruse		1941-47		John	Penny	1940-47
Doreen	Cruse	Rogers	1949-55		Jan	Perriss	1949-56
Ken	Cullin		1939-43		David	Peters	1945-52
Barbara	Cullin		Guest		Ruth	Peters	Guest
John	Cullin		1949-56		John	Powell	1943-48
Maureen	Cullin	Wallington	1951-58		Molly	Powell	Guest
Anthony	Curtis		1939-46		Valerie	Prellove	Fox 1951-58
John	D'Alessio		1951-58		Frank	Rawlings	1939-43
Brenda	Demmery		1941-44		Esme	Rawlings	Roberts 1940-46
Robert	Denning		1939-43		Sybil	Reed	Jerrin 1937-42
Mary	Down	Jones	1943-50		Brenda	Richings	Newman 1945-52
Patricia	Efford	Waldron	1945-50		David	Roberts	1946-51
John	Evans		1938-42		Maureen	Round	Roberts 1942-47
Doug	Fletcher		1940-47		Ruth	Ryder	Fisher 1945-53
John	Flower		1936-45		Bill	Sandover	1936-42
Peggy	Ford	Iles	1936-41		Barbara	Sandover	Williams 1936-42
Hazel	Frank	Long	1942-50		Elaine	Shirfield	Bush 1956-63
John	Frank		Guest		Kenneth	Shirfield	Guest
Beryl	Fudge	Perks	?		Frank	Stephens	1930-35
Diana	Hancock	Darke	1939-45		Edna	Stephens	Powell 1930-35
Molly	Hasell	Hodges	1941-45		Alan	Tanner	1944-46
Eddie	Hawking		1937-42		Margaret	Vann	Iles 1942-47
Dorothy	Hawkins	Crook	1930-34		Marigold	Webster	Rixen ?
Jim	Hayes		1939-43		E F	Wellington	1932-36
Maureen	Henneveld	Curry	1947-53		May	Warrett	Warner 1931-35
David	Hilling		1947-54		Joan	Widgoose	Ward 1943-46
Marjorie	Hobbs	Powell	1934-38		Doreen	Williams	Mitchell 1937-42
Joan	Hogan	Baleman	1934-38		Margaret	Willis	Wolton 1943-48
Desmond	Jefferis		?		Sid	Willis	1935-40
GHR	Johnson		1945-50		Hazel	Woodman	Kembrey 1945-52
Diane	Johnson		Guest		Barbara	Yates	Teal 1936-39