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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Old Georgians,

As we enter the new millennium I am pleased and proud to report to you that the College has entered the 21st Century as indisputedly one of the best in the country. The traditions of excellence at the centre of the Boys' Grammar School are well and truly maintained.

Our Advanced GNVQ and A Level results in Summer 1999 were our best ever with A Levels at 96.6%. Only 6 U grades from 1197 entries.

The Governing Body has been significantly enhanced and expanded under the outstanding leadership of our Chairman, John Rostron. Paul Bagshaw, Eric Usher, Rob Fletcher and Ronnie Fearn continue to make an invaluable contribution.

Nationally our voice is heard and respected. I am still invited to contribute to national debates and working parties. When I am not invited and we have a strong opinion to express, we take the initiative ensuring that our voice is heard and that the point is made. This is not always popular - but one of the reasons we are highly respected.

The biggest change to advanced level qualifications takes place this year, starting with September's cohort. It won't be easy. Owing to national planning, we are very short of preparation time. However, I promise you that KGV will meet the challenge. We are already putting forward proposals for the physical expansion we shall need for the extra classes in the enlarged curriculum. Staff teams are working hard with the preparation of new learning materials.

Environmentally we are planting hundreds of trees, a millennium garden, recycling paper and investigating Combined Heat and Power provision. We are doing our best to be a responsible organisation in the local community.

The past year has been eventful and successful. The agenda for next year is exciting and challenging. On a personal note, many thanks for the good wishes and congratulations I have received on being awarded and OBE in the Queen's New Year's Honours List. I am, of course, very pleased and proud. I certainly regard the award as much as recognition for the outstanding work of College staff and governors as for myself. It is a wonderful start to the new century.

Hilary Anslow OBE

CHAIRMAN'S LETTER

Dear Old Georgians,

After last year's splendid (as usual - thanks, Stan) annual dinner, which continues to consist of good food, too much wine, excellent company and auld lang syne, it seems as though the national media circus has been drumming the millennium fantasy into us with ever-increasing fervour.

Now, writing this letter at Yuletide, I seem to have a foot in both camps on the artificial debate about when the millennium should be celebrated. My term, extending from Maundy Thursday to Maundy Thursday, means that I will have officiated during the millennium year which, with Easter being as late as it can be, means that this chairman's 'Year' in one of the longest possible.

Time has been picked up by the media - a surprise best-seller has been a book about Harrison's chronometer; a canard (or was it) circulated about the French wanting to revise the Greenwich meridian so that zero longitude would be known by the name of a French city, possibly Le Havre; minimal-value minor-celebrity opinions are prefaced by 'at the end of the day'.

Time and calendars are bound together and the OG calendar of events, given in this edition of the Red Rose, is compulsory reading with your own diary (time again) to hand. I draw your attention to three very sociable but low- (very low-) key events:

- Chairman's Savoie Weekend (free accommodation)
- Summer Barbecue and Quiz (free swimming)
- Snooker and Hot-pot Supper (free darts)

Check the dates and put them in your diary now

The increasing number of College Old Georgians is adding a new vigour to the Association, and their welcome appearance at events is bringing a breath of spring to all activities. Now, a couple of 'volunteers' to join the Association committee and present another viewpoint would get the millennium under way in most suitable fashion.

I look forward to interesting and enjoyable times for the Old Georgians by the Old Georgians. The College continues to produce the best. Let the Association benefit.

That's it. I've written too much. Time gentlefolk, please.

Mike Hyde

EDITORIAL

Although we are looking forward to a successful Year 2000 for the Association, part of our attention is inevitably diverted to the following year - KGV's 75th Anniversary in 2001. Although we have no current plans to build a dome, we shall, at least, be marking the occasion with significant expansions of two of our principle enterprises, the Old Georgians' Annual Dinner and the Red Rose Magazine.

75th Anniversary Annual Dinner

Plans for the Dinner in April 2001 are still vague, but the general view of the Committee is that we should consider holding a larger gathering, which may be at the same venue or, possibly, elsewhere. Any OGs with a view to express are welcome to do so, but they should not delay because planning may have to commence soon after Easter 2000. Clearly, this item will be on the agenda of the Association's AGM, held immediately preceding the meal.

75th Anniversary Red Rose

Many may remember, and some may still have, the Golden Jubilee Red Rose published in 1970. This 157-page book commemorated the 50th Anniversary of the founding in 1920 of Southport Boys' Secondary School, which became King George V School in 1926. It is this latter date which we take as the origin of the 75th Anniversary, not least because we quite forgot to mark 1995.

Old Georgians are asked - nay, urged - to send contributions to the Red Rose Editor *no later than September 2000*, so that the 2001 Red Rose can be a comprehensive collection of news, photographs, memories and reflections on KGV in every stage of its history - both School and College.

It is proposed to send the magazine free of charge to all OGs on the address list, but it goes without saying that any contributions to the considerable cost of printing and postage will be most welcome.

KGV Remembered

The final shooting stage for this video programme of camera interviews with OGs remembering their schooldays, will take place before and after the 2000 Annual Dinner. Those who wish to contribute should volunteer on the evening, and those who wish to be interviewed, but will not be attending the Dinner, should contact the Red Rose *no later than Easter*.

Paul Bagshaw

OLD GEORGIANS' ASSOCIATION OFFICERS 1999-2000

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1947 G K Bridge	1948 D F Sutton	1949 P Slater
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1957 K Rostron	1958 J R Edwards	1959 R A Lloyd
1960 H E Nettleton	1961 G Barnes	1962 G Walton
1963 H H Long	1964 H H Long	1965 M B Enright
1966 H Evans	1967 A V Langfeld	1968 A Fairclough
1969 H J M Royden	1970 D Brown	1971 R Abram
1972 S B Rimmer	1973 A J Chandler	1974 J R N Petty
1975 S B Fletcher	1976 J N Rostron	1977 C W Jerram
1978 E G Cowen	1979 T H Dutton	1980 G Livesley
1981 M M Lockyer	1982 R Fletcher	1983 J C West
1984 J J Marriner	1985 G T Seed	1986 M J Waring
1987 R A Barnett	1988 B M Rimmer	1989 J R Pilling
1990 P D Bagshaw	1991 R C Fearn	1992 E A Ogden
1993 J R Elliott	1994 R O Jeffs	1995 M J Fearn
1996 A Bond	1997 A Bond	1998 C Threlfall
1999 M R Hyde		

ANNUAL DINNER SPEAKERS 1988-99

- 1988** Norman Thomas (Non-Georgian) Radio Lancashire
1989 Sir Miles Irving (Evans 45-53)
 Professor of Surgery, Manchester University
1990 Ken Edwardson (Leech's 45-53)
 Consultant Surgeon at Clatterbridge Hospital
1991 Paul Davies (66-72) ITN Reporter
 Television Journalist of the Year 1990
1992 Den Dover (49-53) Member of Parliament for Chorley
1993 David Massam (Grears 45-50)
 Director of Prescription Medicines, Code of Practice Authority
1994 Peter Brunt (Evans 50-54) Consultant Physician
 at Aberdeen Royal Infirmary;
 Physician to Her Majesty the Queen in Scotland
1995 Brian Viner (Woodhams 73-80) The Mail on Sunday
1996 David Lonsdale (Spencers 73-80)
 Television and Theatre Actor
1997 Alison Tarpey (85-87) Granada Television News
1998 Derek Holden (Edwards 1945-52) LUGC President
1999 Alan Davies (Holland's 1974-80) Jubilee 2000

OLD GEORGIANS NEWS

James 'Jack' Adams (Grears's 1951-58)

James and Judy are happily retired in Williamsburg, Virginia, USA. One daughter works in London, another in New York and a son works in San Francisco.
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N Allen (Edwards' 1939-45)

An interesting suggestion, that we set up a Guest Book on the Old Georgians section of the KGV Website, has come from N Allen. It is hoped that, by the time the Red Rose appears, his very good idea will have been acted on.
 e-mail: nodo@speedline.ca

Brian Anderson (Woodham's 1952-57)

Brian owns and runs 'Mr Posh', a specialist menswear hire business in Crossens. He has recently joined the Old Georgians Association and would be pleased to hear from any of his KGV contemporaries. He plans to attend the forthcoming Annual Dinner in April, 2000

Joanne Ball (1986-88)

Joanne is currently Head of Year 8 and 2 i/c Geography at the Chasetown High School in Staffordshire. Recently, she gained a M.Sc in Education Management at the Manchester Metropolitan University.
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George David Barton (Spencer's 1939-44)

After a school career at KGV, George undertook teacher training at the College of St Mark & St John, Plymouth. He taught for a short time at Christ Church School, Southport before taking a commission in the Royal Navy from 1947 to 1951. He married Norah in 1968, and son David works as a Rugby Union journalist on the Western Daily Press.

Roberto Biondi (SO 1996-99)

Roberto is working in hotel management and property development.

Philip Broadbent (Leech's 1939-44)

Philip has written from Canada to tell us of the death of Charles Ernest Woodward. (see Correspondence section)

Dr Steven Brooks (1969-74)

Steve e-mails the Red Rose (see Correspondence section) from France where he is Scientific and Financial Manager at the Institut Pasteur de Lille. He particularly enjoyed the OG section on the KGV website.
 e-mail: Steven.Brooks@pasteur-lille.fr

David Brown (Mason's 1952-60)

The Dental School at Guy's Hospital, where David has taught since 1972, has recently become the Dental Institute of Guy's, King's College and St Thomas' Hospitals. He continues to teach dental biomaterials and has been appointed Director for External Affairs of the new Institute. In addition, David has been sworn in as a Court Assistant of the Worshipful Company of Horners - company No.54 in the city of London.

Winnie Choy-Winters (A7 1981-84)

Winnie gained a B.Mus (Hons) in Music from the University of Birmingham and married Alan Winters. She was Head of Music at a Cambridgeshire secondary school and an A Level Examiner for ULEAC, before she became a peripatetic music teacher for Bedfordshire. She now combines this with a family and building her own house.

e-mail: acwinte@ibm.net

Paul Corbett (MS 1997-99)

Paul took A levels in 1999 and is reading Architecture and Environmental Design at the University of Nottingham.

Gordon Croome (Leech's 1968-73)

On leaving KGV, Gordon joined the National Westminster Bank. He married in Malta in 1983 and gained an ACIB qualification in 1986. Since 1997 he has been project managing the migration of back office lending processes into the Bank's nine lending centres of excellence located in major UK cities. Gordon is currently Process Manager Lending at the Bank's Business Operations Support in London.

Lucy Cushion (MS 1997-99)

Lucy is reading Geography at Sheffield University after taking A levels at KGV in Summer 1999

J M M Dalby (Edwards' 1950-56)

Mark retires as Archdeacon of Rochdale in March 2000. He moves to Malvern to take up the Chaplaincy of the Beauchamp Community, where he will minister to church-based almshouses.

Tom Daly (AH 1996-98)

Tom is in his second year at Worcester College, Oxford, where he is reading Modern Languages. In 1999 he featured in a Channel 10 video programme entitled 'Tom at Oxford', which was made for showing to Oxbridge applicants at KGV College.

Geoffrey F Dixon (Headmaster 1949-76)

Geoffrey continues to play golf enthusiastically (if slightly less vigorously). A regular opponent is Harry Foster (Gear's 1942-9). Geoffrey is a frequent contributor to the correspondence section of the Red Rose, as well as a regular at the Annual Dinner.
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Robert Duce (Edwards' 1977-82, H 1982-85)

After gaining a BA Hons in Economics and Accounting from Leeds University, Robert qualified as a Chartered Accountant at Touche Ross. He met Claire, his future wife, in 1991, with whom he 'back-packed' before returning to the UK and marrying in 1994. After working for the Royal Insurance 1994-96, Robert set up a Japanese Noodle and Sushi Bar, which is found in Exchange Street East in Liverpool.
www.notsushi.com e-mail: rob@notsushi.com

Christopher Dyer (Mason's 1949-53)

Chris has now retired from Local Education Authority service in the East End of London. Much of his time was spent with the families of pupils with severe learning difficulties. An extract from his letter to the Red Rose, recalling some School Plays of the 1950s, is in the Correspondence section.

Steve Edgeller (P/M 1984-87)

Steve now lives in Wilmslow where he works as Senior Planner for a national firm of property surveyors, G L Hearn Planning, after leaving Vale Royal Council in June 1999. He ascribes his interest in town planning to Peter Comfort's A Level Geography teaching. In June 1998, Steve married Elizabeth, whom he met four years ago whilst working in Northampton.

Peter Farrer (Leech's 1957-64)

Semi-retired Peter is associate lecturer at the Open University on the MBA programme, is a non-executive director of the Guild Healthcare Trust, and is a freelance human resources consultant.

Jonathan Farrow (Honeybone's 1977-83)

Jonathan is a partner in MGI Midgley Snelling Chartered Accountants. He is married to Debbie Weeks (KGV 1982-84) and has two children.
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John Flitcroft (Leech's 1942-48)

John's letter, referring to a 1940s collection of Red Roses, is in the Correspondence section.

Martin Grindley (Rogers' 1970-77)

Martin, who emigrated to Melbourne two years ago, says he enjoyed reading the Old Georgians section on the KGV Website.
e-mail: mdg@ozramp.net.au

Brian Grundy (Edwards' 1944-52)

Brian lives in Pennsylvania USA and remembers his years at KGV with fondness. In particular, he recalls his form-mate Miles Irving, and someone called Usher, who may be Eric's brother.
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Kenneth Halsall (Rogers' 1949-56)

Ken has kept some of the photographs from his time at KGV, and it might be possible to make copies for those who require them. They are: School Photographs 1952 and 1955, Rogers' House Photograph 1955-56 and Second XI Cricket Team 1956. Those interested may contact Ken on 01704 229274 or the Red Rose on 01704 565075 - e-mail: redrose@easicom.com

Michael Harrop (Woodham's 1976-81, P2 1981-83)

Michael and family have moved from Norway to Bushey in Herts to take up an RAF staff appointment at Headquarters 11/18 Group with responsibility for the Royal Air Force's Fighter Controller advanced training policy.

Dr Cyril Hershon (Spencer's 1948-55)

Despite retiring, Cyril has been called back to the university, as well as being pressed into service by the Association d'Etudes Occitanes, who have published two major works of his in the past year: Volume 3 of the Breviari d'Amor and Faith and Controversy: the Jews of Mediaeval Languedoc. He was pleased to have been commissioned by the city of Beziers on mediaeval Jewry.

Robert Hewitt (Leech's 1948-55)

Bob was a Southport councillor as well as a teacher at Broughton Hall School in Liverpool where, after taking early retirement from full-time teaching a few years ago, he now works as part-time Reprographics Officer.

Colin Hilton (Spencer's 1966-73)

After moving from the position of Senior Assistant Director of Education with the Knowsley Authority to become Director of Education & Leisure in St Helens, Colin commenced duties in December 1999 as Liverpool's Director of Education & Lifelong Learning.

Rev W A Holden ('The Woodlands' Mason's 1921-26)

There is a letter from Rev Holden in the correspondence section. He made a visit to Southport in Summer, during which fellow-OG Hubert Long accompanied him on a visit to view the War Memorial at KGV College.

Nicola Holliehead (SO 1996-99)

Nicola is taking two years out to work for a pharmaceutical company in Liverpool before undertaking a Physical Education degree at the university.

Michael Holroyd (P6 1984-85)

Michael is a self-employed part-time driving instructor in the Southport and Preston areas. He also works part-time for Lancashire Constabulary at Police Headquarters in Hutton, near Preston.

Cyril Ince (Woodham's 1929-35)

Cyril's letter to his contemporary Hubert Long appears in the Correspondence section. He recalls the staff of the period, as well as the Scout Troop, and mentions a teaching career which took him to a number of locations across the world.

Sir Miles Irving (Evans' 1945-53)

Miles retired from the NHS and from Manchester University in September 1999, but continues to work as the Chairman of Newcastle Hospitals NHS Trust, which is one of the largest teaching hospital trusts in the country. He has also been made Honorary Colonel of the 201 Field Hospital, requiring a return to uniform for the next five years.

Ray Jeffs

A former Chairman of the Old Georgians in 1994-95, Ray, who is well known for his dedicated work as Chairman of Queenscourt Hospice, was deservedly awarded the MBE in the recent New Year's Honours List.

Dr Colin Knowles (Evans' 1950-57)

Colin has returned to England in retirement after eighteen years in South Africa. In September 1998 he married Dr Rosalie M Lander (nee Turner), a former Southport resident and Head Girl at Southport high School for Girls.

Stephen Laycock

Stephen suggests an innovatory addition to the Red Rose in the Correspondence section.

Stuart Lister (AH 1997-99)

After gaining three As and a B at A Level, Stuart is now reading History at Newcastle University.

Martin Lockyer (1959-66)

Martin, Chairman of the Old Georgians Association in 1981, is President of Southport Rotary.

David Lonsdale (Spencer's 1973-80)

Film and television actor David, our Annual Dinner Speaker in 1996, is a regular member of the cast in the ITV programme, 'Heartbeat'.

Philip McLean (Spencer's 1949-56)

Just over a year ago, Philip retired as HM Ambassador in Havana, having moved from the post of Deputy Ambassador in Beijing, and now works for a London organisation devoted to Latin American affairs.

Craig Martin (1981-83)

Craig graduated in 1986 with a B.Sc Hons degree in Physiology from Liverpool University, where he spent a further three years working in the Department of Pharmacology. Since 1990 he has been working as a Research Biologist for Astra Zeneca in Loughborough.

Susan Martin - nee Wellard - (1982-84)

After leaving KGV, Susan spent thirteen years with the Halifax Building Society as a customer services assistant. Recently, she joined the Royal Bank of Scotland as a part-time customer adviser. She met Craig (see above) at KGV College and married him in 1990.

Tony Marriott (Grear's 1956-63)

Tony manages 12 hair salons and three training centres under the name 'Headlines'. He is Past-President of Southport Meols Rotary Club and recently conducted a malt whisky presentation, complete with samples, for the Southport Rotary Club.

Rebecca Mathison (AH 1996-98)

Rebecca is taking a year out before starting a degree in Media & Communication at Edge Hill University College. She is soon to take part in a production for the Sky Discovery Channel. During 1997-8 Rebecca was Co-Chairperson on the College Council.

Nick Milne (1997-99)

Nick is in his first year at Leeds University reading Medicine, after taking A levels at KGV last summer.

Stewart Neale (1989-91)

Stewart, who was Secretary of the KGV College Council, gained a Geography degree from Leeds University before undertaking a Master's Degree at Bournemouth and 6 months work experience at the Institute of Hydrology. He then worked in IT at Cornhill Insurance before moving to Watson Wyatt Worldwide as an IT Infrastructure Consultant in 1998, where he attained Microsoft Certified Engineer status.
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Debbie Paterson (MS 1997-99)

Debbie is now following a BA course in Food and Nutrition at the John Moores University, Liverpool.

Jonathan Pedersen (MS 1997-99)

Jonathan is taking a year out before applying for university next year.

Andy Pountney (MS 1997-99)

Andy is reading Medicine at the University of Nottingham.

David Raynor (Rogers' 1953-61)

David retired 18 months ago as Headmaster of Scarisbrick Hall School, and is even more vigorously involved in Christian work.

Peter Rigby (Leech's 1950-57)

Peter retired in April 1999 from his position as Policy Executive at the Liverpool Chamber of Commerce, a post which he held for twenty-seven years. Previously, he had served in a variety of commercial organisations.

Tony Rostron (1993-95)

Tony is in his final year at St Catharine's College, Cambridge reading Medicine. He wrote a paper for presentation at the 19th meeting in San Francisco of the Heart & Lung Transplant Society. For his elective he is going to the University of California Hillcrest Cardio-Thoracic Surgery Department.

Jocelyne Rostron (1986-88)

Jocelyne, who is lecturing in Oral Medicine, has gained her Fellowship in Dental Surgery.

John Sanders (Lunn's / P 1975-81)

John works as Purchasing Executive with British Aerospace Regional Aircraft at Woodford, Cheshire.
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Neil Stewart (Spencer's 1966-73)

Neil gained a BSc in Chemistry and Pharmacology at Sheffield University, before completing his PhD. In 1993 he was awarded the Turner Prize in Chemistry. He now lives in London and works in the legal department of Visa International.

Chris Stitson (1973-81)

Chris, a former Editor of the Red Rose and OG Committee member in the 1980s sent an e-mail from Southwell, Notts praising the OG website. e-mail: chrisstitson@compuserve.com

Peter Stott (Woodham's 1973-79)

Peter works for the Met Office at the Hadley Centre for Climate Prediction Research studying causes of twentieth century climate change and predicting future climate. He presented the UK's work at the Climate Conference held to negotiate the Kyoto Protocol, reducing greenhouse gas emissions. e-mail: pierrette@homet.freemove.co.uk

Gordon Sweeney (Mason's / M2 1977-84)

Gordon works at Suma Wholefoods, UK's largest workers' cooperative.

Debbi Tomlinson (MS 1997-99)

Debbi plans to join the Army as an officer in the Royal Logistic Corps, where she will undertake an in-service degree. She goes to the Regular Commissions Board in January, and is hoping to progress to the Royal Military Academy at Sandhurst in March 2000.

Robert (1977-84) & Anne-Marie Uffendell -nee Ryan- (1982-4)

Robert and Anne-Marie married in August 1991 and now have three children, Lucie, Chloe and Alexander.

Peter Vickers (Grear's 1950-57)

Two of Peter's achievements are gaining the Gold Medal for Blood Donation and getting married, for the first time, in 1994.

Stuart E Wilby (Mason's 1940-44)

Stuart has sent the Red Rose an interesting double-photograph showing himself and his brothers, Dennis and Keith, firstly as schoolboys in KGV blazers, and secondly as they are today. We plan to publish these images in the 75th Anniversary Red Rose. Keith lives in W. Australia, whilst Dennis and Stuart are in Surrey. Stuart occasionally visits Southport to see his KGV friend, Eric Newton.

Ian Williams (Evans' 1968-75)

Ian has rejoined the mailing list after being 'lost' for a few years. e-mail: Ian.Williams@ukgateway.net

Rev Colin Williams (1964-71)

Colin read Law at Pembroke College, Oxford before working for a Wigan firm of solicitors. He returned to Oxford for theological training at St Stephen's House, and was ordained in Liverpool in 1981. He served as assistant curate and team vicar in two parishes before moving to Blackburn in 1989 to become Chaplain to the Bishop of the city. He is a member of the General Synod, serves on the Meissen Commission and was recently appointed Archdeacon of Lancaster.

A T Williams (Evans' 1949-56)

After studying at the Universities of Cambridge, Ghana and Cranfield, Trevor spent eleven years in operational research consultancy before becoming Head of Futures Research at Stellenbosch University, SA, and then Director of the Henley Centre for Forecasting in London. He was a Senior Industrial Adviser to the Competition Commission from 1982-90 and, has been an adviser to companies in Europe, the USA and South Africa. He has been a visiting and honorary professor at the Universities of Cape Town, Sussex, Wisconsin and Hong Kong, at INSEAD and at the LSE. e-mail: A2000tw@aol.com

Frank Wilson (Leech's 1944-45)

Frank entered the ministry in England before leaving for Canada in 1967, where he now lives in retirement with his wife Dorothy. He would like to hear from any old friends. e-mail: fxwilson@telusplanet.net

Paul Wood (E 1985-87)

Paul is a technical computer draughtsman at a made-to-measure kitchen and bathroom company in Lyons, France, where he is installing the new computer program, adapting it to the company's requirements.

Alan Wright (Grear's 1956-63)

Alan lives in Caversham, Reading, and still works with Esso Petroleum, currently as the UK Lubricants Industry Manager. He is involved on the Badminton circuit as an International Umpire, an interest fostered in the old School Gymnasium, complete with hanging beams. He sends best wishes to those of his KGV era.

OBITUARIES

Len Barton (Spencer's 1944-50)

Although Len died in 1993, we heard of this only recently from brother George. Having won an Open Scholarship at KGV, Len graduated from Christ Church College, Oxford with a degree in Natural Sciences and went on to work at Windscale in Cumbria.

Roy Beckett (Grear's 1949-54)

After ten years in the Merchant Navy, Roy became well known for the efficient running of Southport HiFi in Princes Street, dispensing quality products and expert advice. As the business flourished, he opened further branches throughout the north west. Roy had planned to spend his retirement with his wife Pat at their house in France but, sadly, he died in April 1999 after bearing his short illness with considerable courage.

Elizabeth Craig

Headmaster's Secretary at KGV from 1921 to 1962. (see tribute)

Ben Hartwell OBE LIM (Woodlands - Mason's 1921-24)

Ben died in February 1999 at the age of 93. (see tribute)

Charles 'Barry' Holmes (1940s)

We apologise for failing to publish in last year's Red Rose the news of Barry's death on October 25th 1998. He spent twenty-five years working as a chartered marine/mechanical engineer for Sir Alexander Gibb & Partners, and had retired only just over a year before his death. Barry died in the Sue Ryder Home, Nettlebed, from mesothelioma, a rare cancer caused by frequent exposure to asbestos early in his working life. He is much missed by his wife, Jane, and by a son, a daughter, two step-daughters and two grandsons.

Ron Petty (1922-29)

Ron died in May 1999, aged 87. He was a staunch Old Georgian and was Chairman of the Association in 1974-5. He played Rugby as a winger for KGV old Boys and Southport RUFC. He worshipped at St Patrick's RC Church, Marshside, and was a member of the Churchtown Civic Society.

Peter Walsh

Since the last issue, we have heard from Peter's wife, Sylvia, that he died in May, 1994. Peter spent the last eight years of his life as Head of Home at the Leonard Cheshire Home in Freshfield.

Charles Ernest Woodward (1942-47)

Charles died at his home in Heswall, Wirral, in December 1999 at the age of 68. After leaving KGV he was apprenticed to Elder Dempster Lines, a shipping company serving W.Africa and N.America, with whom he gained his Master's Certificate. One of his last commands before retirement was the Barber Blue Sea vessel 'Barber Hector' in the late 1980s.

A Tribute to Ben Hartwell OBE LIM

Ben Hartwell, who died last year at the age of 93, was born in Southport where he spent all his working life. He was educated at The Woodlands, after which he was articled to a solicitors' firm. He took an external Law degree at London University in 1934 and became Master of Laws two years later. He was appointed Honorary Secretary of the Justices' Clerks Association of England & Wales in 1947, a post he held for twelve years and for which he received the OBE in 1959.

For his expert knowledge of the English legal system, Ben was appointed to the Home Secretary's Advisory Council on the Treatment of Offenders, advising four Home Secretaries. He served on the sub-committee of the Advisory Council to report on the after-care of offenders. For five years he studied theology, passing all the exams, which would have enabled him to be ordained had he so wished. He was appointed to the central council of the World Council of Churches, a rare honour for a layman. He was actively involved with the Boys' Brigade, and served on the governing body of King George V School.

Ben was principal speaker at the KGV Golden Jubilee assembly at the Floral Hall in 1970. His speech appears in the Jubilee Red Rose.

Arthur Pedlar

A Tribute to Elizabeth Craig

Miss Craig, who died last year aged 96, had a long association with King George V School. She arrived in January 1921 as Headmaster's Secretary and remained in this post until her retirement in April 1962.

Her family came from the Inverness area. This showed in all her work, to which she brought a Scottish thoroughness and accuracy. She was a very private person who lived quietly with her friend Miss Sharples in Roe Lane until well after her retirement. She was always known at school as 'Miss Craig'. Even two headmasters never dared to call her 'Elizabeth'! But she was not remote. She unfailingly put the School first and showed great pride and interest in the careers and success of all Old Boys. Her help and advice were of untold value to a new and inexperienced Headmaster in 1949. Personally, I shall be ever in her debt. Her life's work was in the service of the School.

In the Jubilee magazine of 1970, Miss Craig wrote: "...Over the years the kindnesses I received from the staff and Old Boys are too numerous to mention and were always appreciated. I wonder if you all realise how much pleasure you have given me".

Geoffrey Dixon

FIFTY YEARS AGO

The School Play in 1950 was Sheridan's 'The School for Scandal' which, for the first time, featured the School Orchestra. Billy Fuge paid tribute to the acting of Graeme Booth, David Isenberg, and R Kennedy, as well as to the Art Society for fine sets. The performance was sold out on all three nights.

The Red Rose in 1950 paid tribute to Elizabeth Craig, KGV secretary for most of her working life, who died a year ago: *It is fitting that we should express our deep gratitude to Miss Craig for her strenuous efforts during that first year (1921) and her unswerving devotion ever since. But for her tireless work we should never have kept our records so complete and accurate.*

The Mock Election for the 'Parliamentary Seat of Kew' was held at KGV in 1950 amidst much excitement. 98% of the pupils voted and the result was:

A C Wynne (Conservative)	256
J R Wignall (Labour)	205
J Levin (Liberal)	106
H D Silverton (Communist)	23

The School Scout Troop, which flourished for twenty-two years under the guidance of Mr W L Mayne, but fell into abeyance during the war, was revived by the efforts and enthusiasm of two masters, Mr Hubert Long and Mr Harry Liptrot.

Two long-serving teachers - 'Froggy' Charnley, Senior French master, and 'Bud' Payne, Senior English master - retired in 1950. Mr D W Shaw (Biology) and Mr C J Woodcock (English) joined the staff. 'Ike' Higham returned after illness.

The new 'General Certificate of Education' was soon to replace the 'School Certificate' as the main end of Year Five examination.

School records were broken by J B Whittaker (Gear's) 220 yds 28.4 secs, G Topping (Leech's) 440 yds 64.6 secs and Long Jump 15ft, J B Knowles (Leech's) Half-mile 2 mins 25 secs, F W Collins (Leech's) Discus 114ft, and N Slack (Gear's) Shot 37ft 9. J A Hoyles (Edwards') broke the 50 yds Breast Stroke record.

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

Captain Ralph Thompson (Mousie), formerly Housemaster of Leech's, and Head of Modern Languages, died in 1975. In WWI, he served in France, losing an arm, and was an intelligence officer in WWII.

Harry Smith (Rubberneck) retired after serving KGV for 28 years. He was Head of PE, later teaching Mathematics and was the Housemaster of Mason's. He promoted Gymnastics and Boxing at KGV, was a Liverpool Soc. Referee and played for Waterloo.

KGV won the Lord Leverhulme Shield for Lifesaving for the twelfth time in the past twenty years.

A weekend conference for all schools with hostels in the north-west was held at Long Rigg in liaison with HMI. It was generally agreed that KGV's hostel was better-equipped and more fully-used than any of the others.

M R Pearson, D J Riding, M G Davies, R V McDonald and A E R Waddington all won Open Awards to Oxford or Cambridge. Only six maintained schools in the country exceeded that number.

The School roll stood at 810 in October 1975.

The Spring Music concert featured works by Purcell, Correlli, Bach, Beethoven, Brahms and Warlock.

Martin Benedyk interviewed the Rt Hon Margaret Thatcher MP, Leader of the Opposition.

In his appraisal of the School Play, 'The Birthday Party' by Harold Pinter, K J Ward wrote: *"Finally, we actually had a real girl for the first time ever in a KGV play - Katy Dean who played Julie, a loose woman. As a lone girl, amidst a very ramshackle collection of boys, she did very well indeed and we thank her for taking the part and carrying through with conviction a character which bears no similarity to her own"*

The Chairman of the Old Georgians was S B Fletcher.

TEN YEARS AGO

Dave Sutton, Vice-Chairman of KGV Governors and Old Georgians Chairman in 1948, died in 1990. He was succeeded by Sir Christopher Hewetson. The Dave Sutton Award was set up to provide financial support for students facing particular difficulties in achieving their aims.

Two members of staff, John Clough and Eric Gale, who between them served KGV for almost 70 years, retired in 1990. John Owens (PE) joined the staff and Pauline Collier was promoted to the post of Assistant Principal.

The College drama production was 'Dogg's Hamlet, Cahoot's Macbeth' by Tom Stoppard.

A number of Old Georgians came to KGV to conduct mock interviews with students preparing for employment or higher education. One student remarked, *"I was pleasantly surprised by the depth and length of the interviews. They taught me that interviews at this level are difficult. I now feel better prepared."*

1990 saw the death at 87 of Hubert Evans (Little Taff) who taught French, Latin and English at KGV from 1929 to 1967. In addition to teaching, he coached swimming and Rugby, and was Grear's Housemaster from 1952. In his tribute, George Wakefield wrote, *"He was a man of great sense and good humour. Even to the last he had an astonishing memory for names, faces and events because he enjoyed life and made it enjoyable for others."*

New subjects introduced into the College's broadening curriculum were Law, Psychology, Sociology, Business & Industrial Studies.

Roger Mitchell, Senior Vice-Principal, conducted a survey into the part-time earnings of KGV students and found, to his amazement, that a total of £500,000 was earned in the twelve-month period. His findings were then published in the Times Educational Supplement.

The Chairman of the Old Georgians was P D Bagshaw.

REMINISCENCES OF KGV AND A CAREER

I struggled into IIB from Meols Cop Secondary Modern in 1949. After moves into the A and Trans streams, I left in 1954 to read Electrical Engineering at UMIST. Because Southport Education and KGV provided every opportunity for advancement, the need for comprehensives has always been a mystery to me. L C Hargreaves arranged after-care for many Old Georgians at St Anselm Hall where, apocryphally, the non-theological students provided its neophyte Anglican priests with their first 'hard cases'.

My contemporaries have rightly eulogised KGV's academic standards, although none appears to have mentioned Geoffrey Dixon's radical matriculation courses. Being minimal for university entrance, they enabled the introduction of more useful generic training. In particular, our individual one-year projects taught: literature search, assessment, criticism and structural report-writing. What a wonderful start to my various R & D industrial deployments in: defence servos, digital signal processing, fluid dynamics, wind-turbines and the explosive deformation of structures. An unusual career for an electrical engineer, but university lecturing in the halcyon 1960s allowed me to attend the undergraduate maths course; thereafter the relevant physics for each new job was easily acquired.

Teachers and Kitty (the cook) whole-heartedly supported our sports teams and, thankfully, healthy competition has now gained favour. Contemporary psychologists have also disapproved of corporal punishment, but we accepted it as well-deserved. Rather than carrying any animosity, there is amazement that the staff remain friendly. Perhaps our pranks were charitably seen as the expressions of active minds, but Sam Seal's casual acquaintanceship with red phosphorus stretches that hypothesis.

When Geoff Dixon heard I had chosen Engineering his response was "Come back and tell me when you've changed your mind". Whether he was right or not is debatable; and another story.

Brian Knowles

CORRESPONDENCE

Dear Mr Bagshaw,

I am always pleased to receive the Red Rose. My years at Woodlands were 1921-26 and, although I never attended KGV, I did use the changing rooms when playing for the Old Boys Rugby XV. As a holder of the Burma Star, I officiated during the installation at KGV of the War Memorial, which bears my name.

I was particularly interested in the original School Prospectus and the list of staff, whom I remember well. I was in Mason's House, became a prefect and won colours for First XV Rugby and First XI Cricket.

Life at Woodlands in those days was quite different from what it was at KGV. Games were played in Victoria Park where the Flower show is now held, and we changed in a shed.

In a few days time I shall be 89, and I still preach regularly once or twice each Sunday. I should be pleased to hear from any of my contemporaries.

Rev W A Holden
Glastonbury

Printed below is the letter from KGV Headmaster,
George Millward, confirming W A Holden's invitation:

TELEPHONE NO.
3103

KING GEORGE V. SCHOOL.

SCARISBRICK NEW ROAD.

SOUTHPORT.

June 20/49

My dear Holden,

I am glad to hear you can attend the War Memorial Dedication service on July 16th.

During the last few days I have been

busy completing arrangements for the service. There are two panels to be unveiled. One is being unveiled by a Squadron Leader who gained the D. S. O. The Trustees have asked me to invite you, as a very senior Old Boy who reached high rank as a Captain, to unveil the other.

I think it very fitting to have the Church represented in this way. There is no opportunity to use you in the actual service; local clergy are very anxious to participate. Hartwell, an old Georgian, will read one lesson, so you must honour us by doing an unveiling.

I hope you'll be able to confirm that you can, as soon as possible. Programmes have to go to printers by June 29th.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

G. A. Millward

Dear Paul,

Once again, congratulations on your splendid new edition of the Red Rose. It is surely going from strength to strength.

As always, it was a delight to hear of the achievements of many Old Georgians who had not been in touch for some time. Many memories came flooding back. I had often wondered about the career of Mike Alexander. He was a rather rotund and most cheerful and enthusiastic member of the School in his day. I was very sorry to hear of the death of Kenneth Knowles, though I knew his cousin J B Knowles better. I think I remember him incurring my wrath by jumping off the balcony of the Victoria Swimming Baths at the conclusion of the prize giving after the Swimming Sports one year. Boys will be boys! I had not heard from Mike Harris for many years. He and I share a little secret together. No hard feelings I hope, Mike!

Special thanks to Darrell Farrant for his article about the OG Mountaineering Club and the Thornley Society. Some of my most pleasant memories of my earlier days at KGV revolve round long days on the hills and the always excellent companions who went with me. Looking back we were lucky never to have any accidents. This is a great tribute to the steadiness and courage of those who were foolhardy enough to accompany me. The worst to happen was to John Allen who slipped on a horizontal piece of ice in the Alps and broke a little finger. I am sure if a Headmaster were to try such feats now he would be forbidden by the EEC!

But there is one who deserves the thanks of us all, and has done much to maintain and enhance communication between Old Georgians over these recent years. The name is Paul Bagshaw. Congratulations and thanks from us all, Paul. If you see fit to publish this letter, on no account are you to omit the above small paragraph. And that's an order from your former Headmaster!

Geoffrey Dixon
KGV Headmaster 1949-76

*As you may guess,
I'm still afraid of him!*

Dear Paul

I have received and read with continuing interest The Red Rose for 1999. One minor inaccuracy, however, has intruded into the memory of 'Fifty Years Ago'. The School Play in 1949 was not 'The Comedy of Errors'. This was the play in 1948, but was reported on only in 1949, when the School Play was 'School for Scandal'. (*sadly, the time error persists in this issue. PDB*)

Subsequent plays in my time were:

1950 St Joan - from which George Wakefield barred me in fear of my breaking voice. It would not do, as he said, for me to start a speech in one register of high treble only to end it in an, as yet, unformed bass!

1951 The Magistrate 1952 Hamlet

It was to George Wakefield, nevertheless, that I owe a lasting interest in, love of and some understanding of the works of Shakespeare, heightened by his producing me in Hamlet.

Chris Dyer
Saffron Walden

This is only an extract from Chris Dyer's letter. The main section, which consists of a tribute to KGV's founding headmaster, George Millward, will appear in the 75th Anniversary edition of the Red Rose.

Dear Editor,

In our house, where two magazines arrive in the same week, the competition for the Red Rose comes from Sutton Coldfield Girls School's 'Link' magazine. I am pleased to tell you that the Red Rose comes out the winner, both for its quality and the number of Old Georgians events arranged.

Bill Shorrock
Sutton Coldfield

The following letter was received by Hubert Long from his friend and contemporary, Cyril Ince.

Dear Hubert,

Here's my CV for you to use as you wish:

I arrived at KGV in September 1929, a recent recruit from East Anglia with a pronounced alien accent. Over the next six years in Woodham's I ran the gauntlet of 'Lad' Mason, 'Fat Bill', 'Wacker' Hardacre, 'Lofty' Hillman, 'Custard Lips' and all the other hazards. I survived and departed in 1935, to my shame, with two very mediocre claims to academic fame.

I was a contemporary of yours in Joe Mayne's Scout Troop, where we suffered a meagre diet on Friday tea-time and then became entangled in knotty problems under the eyes of 'Count' Massey, The Bard (your brother) and, of course, Joe himself, whom I liked and respected for his fair and low-key approach, which suited my temperament.

Other images emerge - The Pennell twins, Hopkinson, George Worsley, Fiteni and Henschel. I shared Woodham's private study annexe with Ginger Johnstone - he with his Greek and me with my miserable French. As 'Froggy' commented, "Ince, you will be lost in France!" I now manage to muster a few French words, for we spend un moitie chaque annee at our maison.

I followed the family to London and, four years later, gained a Teachers' Certificate in Art & Craft. In October 1939, I'm in HM Armed Forces until October 1945, when I married. My teaching career took me to Poole in Dorset, Singapore, where I tutored ladies of the Chinese Women's Association, Germany and Denver, Colorado.

I was washed up on the shores of this country in 1978, free to indulge my whims. Here I am after another 22 years, still making pottery, and hearing the faint strains of 'Now the song, boys...Come along, boys...' Happy memories.

Cyril Ince
Poole, Dorset

Hello Red Rose,

I would just like to say that I've just spent a very pleasant half-hour surfing the Old Georgians pages on the website, and I was delighted to see names and photos which brought back many happy souvenirs.

I have never officially joined the Old Georgians, though I recall Stan Rimmer discussing the possibility with me outside the staff room when, no doubt dreaming of my next ciggie, I declined his invitation. However, I would be delighted to subscribe now if you would send me the information.

Steve Brooks
StevenBrooks@pasteur-lille.fr

Dear Paul,

My father, Alan Edward Ball who left KGV in 1945, bemoans the fact that he didn't keep 1944 and 1945 school photographs. They were the traditional long photos of the whole school. Do you know where I can get copies?

Thank you in advance,

Pam Ball
pamball@netcom.co.uk

Can anyone help?

Dear Paul,

Having emigrated to Melbourne a couple of years back I was interested to find the OG's site whilst searching on 'Southport'. It was great seeing old pictures of the school and it brought back many memories. Maybe one day you'll have a page for e-mails.

Martin Grindley (Rogers 1970-77)
mdg@ozramp.net.au

Dear Editor,

Would you consider the creating of a page to enter OG's e-mail addresses so that contact could be made? This could well put a new spark into the Association.

Stephen Laycock
stevelaycock@skynow.net

In response to demand from several quarters, a Guest Book has been set up on the Old Georgians section of the KGV Website. The KGV e-mail address is admin@kgv.mernet.org.uk

Dear Paul,

By some extraordinary chance, my copies of the Red Rose from Autumn 1942 to Summer 1948 still survive in surprisingly good order and, if they would fill a gap in the archives, the Old Georgians would be very welcome to them.

I rarely get to visit Southport these days, the last surviving relative - an uncle in his '90s - having died a couple of years ago. While my wife still has a friend from Oxford days living by Hesketh Park, visits are more likely to be coincident with the Annual Flower Show than with Old Georgians' events. I have only once made it to the Dinner, but maybe the Millennium or the 75th Anniversary will spur me to another attempt.

John Flitcroft
Coventry

Dear Paul,

You may be unaware of the death of Captain Charles Woodward. (*see Obituaries*) I was most interested to read 'The Woodlands' Prospectus provided by Kenneth Stott (1924-31) in the 1999 Red Rose. The enclosed photocopy from the 1939 Prospectus may also be of interest, as it shows additional staff members.

(extract from 1939 Prospectus follows)

Philip Broadbent
Ontario, Canada

1939 TEACHING STAFF

HEADMASTER :

G. A. MILLWARD, M.A. (Cantab.), (formerly Scholar of Queens' College, Cambridge).

ASSISTANT MASTERS :

R. Billington, M.A., Queens' College, Cambridge (French and Latin)
H. Booth, M.A., Liverpool (History and Economics).

J. Charnley, M.A., Manchester (French).

G. L. Cooper, B.A., London (English).

*J. Edwards, M.A., Manchester (Geography).

H. Evans, B.A., Wales (English, French and Latin).

*I. Evans, M.A., LL.B., St. Catharine's College, Cambridge (English and History).

C. W. Hardaker, B.Sc., Leeds (Geography and Mathematics).

L. C. Hargreaves, B.Sc., Manchester (Science and Mathematics).

H. Higham, B.Sc., Liverpool (Chemistry).

H. H. Hillman, B.A., formerly Exhibitioner of Selwyn College, Cambridge (Mathematics and Science).

T. R. Hope, B.A., Hatfield College, Durham (English and History).

R. Jones, B.A., Wales (Physical Training).

R. N. Kirkby, B.A., formerly Scholar of Caius College, Cambridge (Classics).

A. G. Lessiter, M.A., Downing College, Cambridge (Mathematics).

*W. T. Marsden, M.A., formerly Exhibitioner of Exeter College, Oxford (History).

*G. C. D. Mason, M.Sc., Liverpool (Physics).

*W. L. Maync, M.A., Balliol College, Oxford (Mathematics).

†A. W. Payne, B.A., London (English).

T. Pye, B.Sc., London (French, Science and Mathematics).

*J. W. Rogers, M.Sc., Liverpool; B.A., London (Mathematics).

F. Rollinson (Manual Training).

B. E. Taylor, M.A., Liverpool, L.R.A.M. (French and Latin).

N. S. Taylor, M.Sc., Birmingham (Physics).

*R. J. Thompson, B.A., London (French and German).

*C. Woodham, B.Sc., Manchester (Chemistry).

VISITING MASTERS :

C. Thompson, A.R.A.M. (Music).

H. Merchant (Art).

* Denotes a Housemaster.

† Denotes a Librarian.

NEWS DESK

1999 Chairman's Weekend

Chairman Chris Threlfall chose Sedbergh as the venue for the 1999 Weekend. The group consisted of Messrs John Mercer, Adrian Brown, Craig Kersey, Russell Watkinson, Mark Day, Paul Morone, Martin Fearn, and Chris Threlfall, all of whom made their ways to Courtley Spout, the agreed meeting place, plus John Pilling and Paul Bagshaw who managed to get lost in somewhere called 'Gorse Cop' even before they had arrived!

Lunch was taken at the Dalesman's Arms before everyone moved to the Sporting Club to watch Rugby Union on television. An enormous dinner, followed by a good night's sleep at the Dalesman's, should have prepared the party for the exertions of the following day, but too much Robinson's Barley Water the previous night had clearly taken its toll.

The Chairman's planned Sunday walk, optimistically estimated to take about two and a half hours, lasted for just over five. He kept his (but not others') spirits up by instructing all to 'follow the contour lines', but it was clear that these had been worn away by the appalling weather. Despite the bedraggled state of the walkers, spirits might well have been restored by a hearty lunch at the Cross Keys, had it not been a *temperance inn!* Still, Ginger Beer does bring back memories. (Pass the Uncle Joe's)

1999 Annual Dinner

The 1999 Annual Dinner at Southport & Birkdale Cricket Club on Maundy Thursday was a great success. Chairman Chris Threlfall introduced the Guest Speaker, Alan Davies (Holland's 1974-80), Spokesman for Jubilee 2000 and also a campaigner for the cancellation of Third World Debt, who spoke on behalf of the guests. Hilary Anslow, President of the Association and Principal of the College, replied on behalf of KGV. The attendance was 115 and, by coincidence, the profits on both the meal and the raffle were £463, making a total of £926, a record sum. Once again, the success of the event was due principally to the tireless work of Stan Rimmer.

Legion d'Honneur

Speaking of Stan Rimmer, Old Georgians will be interested to learn that, in April 1999, his father Stanley, aged 104, received the Legion d'Honneur from the French Government in appreciation of his service in World War I.

Snooker Tournament

On Friday 29th October 1999 the Annual Snooker Evening was held at Southport & Birkdale Cricket Club, where a delicious hot-pot was provided by caterer, Margaret Anderson. 20 attended and the winners of the Main Event were Alan Bond and Russell Watkinson, with Martin Fearn and Mike Hansford, runners-up. The Singles Plate was won by Chris Parkinson, with Mike Halton runner-up. Chris also won the Darts Championship, with Alan Bond coming second. Appreciation is expressed for Martin Fearn's and Alan Bond's organising skills.

November Music Concert

This concert, given by a talented group of KGV students, was one of the finest in recent memory. All performers showed great skill, in particular the wind section, and the evening was much appreciated by a large audience, which included a number of Old Georgians. The dedicated efforts of Keith Matthews, Head of Music, was once again in evidence, and he deserves praise for maintaining a consistently high standard at these concerts year on year. By tradition, the Association offered wine and snacks to guests after the event.

Awards to Departments

Every year the Association makes small donations to a number of KGV departments, who are invited to submit bids. In 1999 sums of £100 each were given to Music, Maths, Chemistry and the Environmental Studies Project. Old Georgians Chairman, Mike Hyde, presented the cheques at the end of the November Music Concert.

Christmas Music Concert

On 15th December 1999 a large audience of staff, parents, students, friends, governors and Old Georgians attended the College Christmas Music Concert, consisting of readings, carols and instrumental music.

Old Georgians Internet Guest Book

Many OGs will be familiar with the Old Georgians section on the KGV Website (www.kgv.mernet.org.uk). By popular request, a Guest Book has been set up on the site so that members can send in messages, ideas and suggestions.

For those unfamiliar with the procedure:

Click on 'SIGN GUEST BOOK'
Leave Message (and name & e-mail address if you wish)
Click 'OK'

Simply to read: Click 'VIEW GUEST BOOK'

Red Rose of '98

The Library copy of the 1998 Red Rose has disappeared from the College archive, and there appear to be no spare copies around. If anyone has a spare, we should be grateful if it could be posted to the Red Rose Editor, 46 Lyndhurst Road, Southport PR8 4JT.

Honours List

We are delighted with the news that two Association members appeared in the New Year's Honours List. Hilary Anslow, Old Georgians' President and Principal of KGV College, received the OBE for services to Further Education, whilst Ray Jeffs, Old Georgians' Chairman in 1994-5 received the MBE for services to the Community of Southport and, in particular, his Chairmanship of Queenscourt Hospice. Both were informed of the awards last November, but were not allowed to reveal it until the New Year.

New Georgians

We greet 46 new members who have newly joined the OGs:

Susan Allison	Brian Anderson	David Bailey
Roberto Biondi	Steven Brooks	
Helen Carney	Laura Compton	
Christine Connolly	Paul Corbett	Lucy Cushion
Mike Davies	Heather Ellis	Natalie Evans
Jennifer Farrelly	Peter Farrer	Brian Grundy
Rebecca Hart	Amanda Haslinger	
Nicola Hollihed	Bob Hewitt	Gregory Kelly
Joanne Kenyon	Laura Kernahan	Jonathan Lister
Stuart Lister	Sarah McConnell	Tony Marriott
Rebecca Mathison	Laura Melvin	
Joanna Murgatroyd	Sarah Murgatroyd	
Debbie Paterson	Jonathan Pedersen	
Andy Pountney	Joanna Rainger	Jenny Rowland
Jenny Seaford	Julie Shadwell	Jane Simmons
Rose Thompson	Debbie Tomlinson	Derek Walsh
Catherine Willerton	Mark Williamson	
Christopher Wohlers	George Zhou	

Thanks again

Once more, the OGs are grateful to Sheila Curran for dedicated clerical work, to Geoff Milne for printing the Red Rose, and to Peter Harper and David Thornton for website technology skills.

MEUSIC MYSTRO PLESE!

Never minde the *Eclispe and the Minnellium! Look at meusical events in are lifethyme. It seams only yestedy that everione was singeing along with Byng Crosbie's 'Wight Cristmes' and Franck Sinatrer's 'Jung at Hart'. Then, all of a suddern, 'Blackbored Jungel' hit the screans with the song 'Roc arounde the Cloc'.

In this countrie, Clyf Ritchard's 'Live-in Dol' and Bily Furry's 'Harf Weigh to Parradigm' mirrored developments in the USA, were Elvice was unstoppabel with songs like 'Can you loan some tonight?' and 'Love me ten, dear'. The vilent deths of Budy Holy, Ed E Cockren and the Big Boper assuered there posteriors.

Then, two everibody's amaizement, the Beetles took the werld of meusic by stoarm, with albems sutch as 'Ruber Sole', 'Sargent Peper' and 'Abi Rhode', not to mension filmes like 'Hard Daze Nigt', 'Helpe' and 'Yell, O Submarene'. Meanwile, the Beech Buoyes prodeuced the serf sound with hits like 'Come Rhonnda', and Roy Aubie's son toped the charte with 'They think its al ovre'.

At the end of the Sixtys, Flour Pour led meusic and faschion, and probabley the moast amaizing clymax was in 1975 when Quean toped the chartes with 'Boheamien Rap' sung by Fredy Murkury. Piece, love and flaired trowsers were replaced by agrecion as Punc Roc arived, with Secks Pistles stars Jony Wroten and Syd Viscous. This inspiered far-write auganisations sutch as the Weston Front, the Nacional Trussed and Britisch Home Stoares.

Catchie teunes returnd to the chartes with songs like 'YMCA' by the Vilidge Poeple, and 'Vidio killed Ringo Starr' by Bugles. The next trenned was ledd by New Romantick grupes like Spadow Bali, but then came the buoy bandes Nue Hedds on the Bloc and Taik That. Laiter, Danse, Asid, Hip-hopp, Tecknoe, Gararge and Drumm & Base court the attension of the nacion's youthe.

As Oases, Buoyes' Own and the Spyce Girles give weigh to Robi Wiliems and Steppes, we can only gess what the next meusicle trenned will be. Purhaps Gilberto Sullivan, Don E Osmund, Ada Mant and Isac Newton-Jon will retern. Maibe their will be a revivle of Meusic Haul Songs. Howevre, it is harde two imagina a biger hitt than Vieira Linn's 'Whale Meat Againe'.

P D B

KGV MEMORABILIA

The items below are available at the Annual Dinner or from:
The Red Rose, 46 Lyndhurst Road, Southport PR8 4JT.
Tel: 01704 565075 e-mail: redrose @easicom.com
Please make cheques to: 'Old Georgians' Association'

'King George V School' oil painting by Nancy Dixon
A3 colour print (16.5" x 11.5") @ £10 post free

'King George V College' pastel by Paul Bagshaw
A3 colour print (16.5" x 11.5") @ £10 post free

Aerial view of King George V School (early 1950s)
A4 Black & White print (11.5" x 8.5") @ £5 post free

Aerial view of KGV School and KGV College (1980)
A4 colour print (11.5" x 8.5") @ £5 post free

Facsimile of King George V School Prospectus 1930
A5 Black & White booklet (8.25" x 5.75") @ £3 post free

Old Georgians Tie @ £8.50 post free

King George V College Video Programme 1999
@ £8 post free

King George V College Video Programme 2000
@ £8 post free (available from October 2000)

'KGV REMEMBERED' video programme featuring the
remiscences of Old Georgians from different periods
@ £10 post free (available from November 2000)

Orders for the Old Georgians Tie should be sent to
Mr P J Comfort, King George V College,
Scarlsbrick New Road, Southport PR8 6LR.

Orders for all other items should be sent to
the address at the top of the page.

COLLEGE MATTERS

March 1999

Geography Field Week was held at the YMCA National Centre, Lakeside, Windermere - A Level Languages students travelled to Valence for 10-day language exchange - Nia Murphy and James Monk spoke in the National final of the Cambridge University Debating Competition - Four students' poems appeared in the Young Writers publication.

April 1999

Outdoor Pursuits course at Coniston - History Department hosted visiting students from Sweden - European Studies students were hosts to students from Belgium, Ireland and Norway - College production of 'Pippin' was well received by audiences.

May 1999

The Biology Field Week was held at Borth in mid-Wales.

June 1999

481 students completed their studies at KGV College.

July 1999

David Porter (Geography Dept) left for Canada - Joan Derbyshire (Chemistry Technician) moved to Crewe and Alsager College to start a PGCE teaching course.

August 1999

Best ever A level pass rate of 96.6% - 17 subjects achieved 100% pass rate - 7 students won places at Oxford or Cambridge - 320 students gained higher education places.

September 1999

594 students started in the First Year at KGV - 493 on Advanced courses - 66 on Advanced GNVQ - 35 on Foundation (GCSE) - 383 students have 9 or more A-C grades at GCSE.

GNVQ students joined in team-building activities in the Lake District - Ian Rodmell, Head of Modern Languages and Staff Governor, took up an editorial post in Dublin - KGV successfully assessed for 'Investor in People' award - 225 adult students on evening classes for Computer courses; 99 enrolled on Adult Leisure courses.

November 1999

Nearly 1000 students were vaccinated against meningitis in response to Department of Health campaign - the college Concert was a great success - Old Georgians gave £400 to four Departments - College Open Day was well attended

December 1999

Christmas Music Concert - Recent Leavers' Reunion

January 2000

College Open Evening

A Level Reform

From September 2000 a new structure for A Levels comes into being. Most first year students will take 4 AS (Advanced Subsidiary) subjects, which will be assessed by external examinations at the end of the year. They will then choose 3 subjects to take at A2 Level in their second year. Together, the AS and A2 qualifications give them an A Level in the subject. In addition, they will be required to give formal evidence of key skills in application of number, communication and information technology. Also, most students will continue to prepare for, and sit, an examination in General Studies.

There are also major changes to the format and structure of GNVQ programmes. The new format will give greater breadth, and emphasises the skills elements of the courses. A Levels will still be the 'gold standard' for university admission. Much work in designing new specifications (syllabuses) has been progressing for over a year.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2000-2001

13 MARCH 2000 - COLLEGE MUSIC CONCERT

7.30 pm at the College. A selection of musical items performed by KGV students. Pay £3 at the door or book through Peter Comfort at the College - Tel: 01704 530601.

22 MARCH 2000 - COLLEGE MUSIC CONCERT

Times and details are as for previous Music Concerts.

25/26 MARCH 2000 - CHAIRMAN'S WEEKEND

This year's Weekend will be in Savoie, France. Information from Mike Hyde, 84 Bull Cop, Formby, Merseyside - Tel: 01704 876734.

11,12,13 APRIL 2000 - COLLEGE PRODUCTION

Book through Peter comfort at the College - Tel: 01704 530601

20 APRIL 2000 - OG ANNUAL DINNER AND AGM

The venue is Southport & Birkdale Cricket Club, Trafalgar Road. AGM starts at 7 pm, followed by a 3-course Dinner at 8 pm. This year's guest Speaker is John Hyde (Rogers' 1947-54). Tickets are available @ £16 from Stan Rimmer, 361 Liverpool Road, Birkdale, Southport PR8 3BT - Tel: 01704 576713. Book early.

18 MAY 2000 - ART EXHIBITION AND MUSIC CONCERT

A Level Art Exhibition (free) from 5 to 7 pm, followed by a Music Concert (£3) at 7.30 pm. As before, booking is through Peter Comfort - Tel: 01704 530601.

7 JULY 2000 - OLD GEORGIANS' BARBECUE & QUIZ

Barbecue, Quiz, Tombola, Swimming and Bar hosted by John and Christine Rostron, 33 Ryder Crescent, Birkdale. Tickets @ £7 from John Pilling, 372 Gravel Lane, Banks, Nr Southport PR9 9DB (Tel: 01704 226961). Event starts at 7 pm.

27 OCTOBER 2000 - OG SNOOKER & HOT-POT SUPPER

7.30 pm at Southport & Birkdale Cricket Club, Trafalgar Road. Entry fee of £5, including hot-pot supper and prizes, to Stan Rimmer (10704 576713) by early September.

14 NOVEMBER 2000 - COLLEGE MUSIC CONCERT

Times and details are as for previous concerts.

13 DECEMBER 2000 - CHRISTMAS MUSIC CONCERT

Christmas music and readings. Details as shown previously.

FEBRUARY 2001 - COLLEGE MUSIC CONCERT

MARCH 2001 - CHAIRMAN'S WEEKEND

MARCH 2001 - COLLEGE MUSIC CONCERT

MAUNDY THURSDAY 2001 - OG GOLF COMPETITION

Details will appear in the 75th Anniversary Red Rose.

MAUNDY THURSDAY 2001 - 75TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER

The Anniversary Dinner and OG Annual General Meeting will be held at a venue to be announced in the 2001 Red Rose. Early booking is advised. Enquiries to Stan Rimmer, 361 Liverpool Road, Birkdale, Southport PR8 3BT, Tel: 01704 576713.

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