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## *EDITORIAL*

At more than 53,000 words, this year's Red Rose is rather larger than usual. This is because 2001 is the 75th Anniversary of the opening of King George V School, and the current issue has been enlarged to commemorate this landmark. However, it covers a period beginning in 1920, when Southport Boys' Secondary School started at 'The Woodlands', six years prior to the origins of KGV in Scarisbrick New Road. In 1970, a Jubilee Red Rose book was published to mark 50 years of secondary education for boys in Southport, first at 'The Woodlands'; later at King George V School. To be accurate, this issue should have appeared in 1995, but the Association omitted to spot the significance of the date at the time. We take the view that it is better (six years) late than never and, at the very least, it has developed the editor's word-processing skills beyond recognition.

It should be noted that this is not an historical study of KGV, and those who expect to find a carefully-researched chronology of events will be disappointed. Rather, it is a scrap-book of facts, memories, extracts and pictures from those who have been kind enough to send contributions from their period at the School or the College, along with material taken from earlier editions of the Red Rose, The Georgian, the College Magazine and the Southport Visiter. These have been organised into five sections, each relating to the term of office of the appropriate Head Master or Principal. I must apologise to those who have sent photographs, but have not found them printed here. Their omission has been determined by cost and volume of material, rather than any lack of interest in the items themselves.

Alongside this Red Rose is an 81-minute video programme, 'KGV Remembered', which charts the period of 'The Woodlands' and King George V School from 1920 to 1979. It is divided into decades and is comprised of camera interviews with former pupils and staff, aged from 32 to 90, along with more than 250 contemporary photographs of sports teams and dramatic productions, as well as boys and teaching staff. It can be borrowed from Southport Library and purchased from the Red Rose or Broadhurst's Book Shop at £15. For those who would like to see KGV in 2000, the 'KGV Today' video is available at £8.

The next Red Rose magazine of this size, marking the Centenary of KGV, will be available in 2026. Order your copy now to avoid disappointment!

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